
Guide to the Daniel Clarence Holtom Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Daniel Clarence Holtom papers

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Creator: Holtom, Daniel Clarence, 1884-1962

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Abstract: The Daniel C. Holtom Papers include letters, published and unpublished articles, printed items, photographs, clippings, and manuscript writings.

Physical location: Please consult repository.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

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Collection open for research.

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Biography / Administrative History

Daniel Clarence Holtom was among the first American scholars to study Shinto in Japan. He was born in Michigan in 1884, earned degrees from Kalamazoo College, The University of Chicago, and Newton Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Baptist ministry in 1910 and went immediately to Japan as a missionary. In Japan he was professor of modern languages at Tokyo Gakuin, professor of church history in the Tokyo Japanese Theological Seminary, and professor of the history of religion and church history in the Kanto Gakuin of Yokohama. Dr. Holtom was dean of theology in the Aoyama Gakuin of Tokyo from 1936-1940. When he returned to the United States he was Haskell

Lecturer at The University of Chicago then lectured at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and taught Japanese language at Redlands University. He died in 1962 in San Gabriel, California.

The thesis he submitted to The University of Chicago in 1919 was later published as *The Political Philosophy of Modern Shintō, A Study of the State Religion of Japan*, by the Asiatic Society of Japan in 1922.

Sources: "Dr. Holtom, Missionary and Educator, Dies." *Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 18, 1962, pg. B8

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of 3.5 linear feet of personal and scholarly papers of Daniel Clarence Holtom, a scholar of Shinto religion in Japan in the early 20th century. Series one contains personal correspondence, family documents including his sons' schoolwork. Series two contains Holtom's scholarly writing including his notes, drafts, off prints of reviews by Holtom, and lectures by Holtom. Series three, the largest series, contains Holtom's research including notes, handwritten and typed drafts, artifacts, and many clippings and research articles for his publications on Shinto in Japan covering topics such as enthronement ceremonies, shrines, and religion and politics. Series four contains research and travel photographs and postcards and printed ephemera relating to Shinto shrines and temples.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Japan -- Religion

Japan -- Politics and Government

Related Material

Books by D. C. Holtom

The Political Philosophy of Modern Shinto, A Study of the State Religion of Japan. Tokyo, Asiatic Society of Japan, 1922.

The Japanese Enthronement Ceremonies; with an Account of the Imperial Regalia, Tokyo, Kyo Bun Kwan, 1928.

The Christian Movement in Japan Korea and Formosa: A Year Book of Christian Work. Tokyo, Japan: Federation of Christian Missions in Japan, 21st annual issue, 1923.

The National Faith of Japan; A Study in Modern Shinto. New York: E.P. Dutton, 1938.

Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism: A Study of Present-Day Trends in Japanese Religions. Chicago, Ill.: The University of Chicago Press, 1943.

Selected Articles by D. C. Holtom

"Konko Kyo: A Modern Japanese Monotheism" *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 13, No. 3. (July 1933), pp. 279-300.

"Japanese Votive Pictures (The Ikoma Ema)" *Monumenta Nipponica*, Vol. 1, No. 1. (January 1938), pp.154-164.

"The Meaning of Kami. Chapter I. Japanese Derivations" *Monumenta Nipponica*, Vol. 3, No. 1. (January 1940), pp. 1-27.

"The Meaning of Kami. Chapter II. Interpretations by Japanese Writers" *Monumenta Nipponica*, Vol. 3, No. 2. (July 1940), pp. 392-413.

"The Meaning of Kami. Chapter III. Kami Considered as Mana" *Monumenta Nipponica*, Vol. 4, No. 2. (July 1941), pp. 351-394.

"Some Notes on Japanese Tree Worship." *Transactions of the Asiatic Society of Japan*, Jan. 28, 1931

Personal correspondence and family documents

Box-Folder 1:1	Articles about DC Holtom
Box-Folder 1:2	Items printed and/or written in Japanese
Box-Folder 1:3	Holtom children's schoolwork and artwork
Box-Folder 1:4	Personal correspondence relating to Japan
Box-Folder 1:5	Personal: letters, pamphlets, photos, poetry
Box-Folder 1:6	Japanese book sale catalog and jade sales catalog
Box-Folder 1:7	Berkeley Baptist Divinity School – Correspondence 1942
Box-Folder 1:8	Article – Pacific Affairs – correspondence
Box-Folder 1:9	Starr – “Social Aspects of Japanese Problem” (fragment)
Box-Folder 1:10	Gerald Holtom

Scholarly Writing

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contains drafts of publications, notes, and other writings about Japanese religion and politics, written by D. C. Holtom.

Reviews by Holtom

Box-Folder 1:11	Book reviews by D.C. Holtom
Box-Folder 1:12	Book review: Kishimoto, Japanese Religion in the Meiji Era
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Box-Folder 1:15	Review of Shinto: The Unconquered Enemy by Robert O. Ballou for Review of Religion
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Lectures by Holtom

Box-Folder 1:18	Chapel Talks and briefs address--Japanese
Box-Folder 1:19	Shinto as the state religion of Modern Japan (lecture) – incomplete
Box-Folder 1:20	Japanese Charms (Lecture) and Notes
Box-Folder 1:21	Japanese Civilization – Some Permanent Values in – Lecture
Box-Folder 1:22	Town Hall program 1944 September 14 Thursday
Box-Folder 1:23	Haskell Lecture I: The Religious Foundations of the Japanese State
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Box-Folder 1:26	Yasukuni Jinja – Misc. Notes – Haskell Lectures
Box-Folder 1:27	Rauschenbusch Lectures I: The Japanese Mind (Nippon Seishin)
Box-Folder 1:28	Rauschenbusch Lectures: The Psychological Armament of Japan
Box-Folder 1:29	Rauschenbusch Lectures: Correspondence
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Articles by Holtom

Box-Folder 1:32	Articles published
Box-Folder 1:33	"Christianity in the Japanese Environment" 1938 October
Box-Folder 1:34	The New Republic: "The Japanese Mind" By DC Holtom 1945 May 28
Box-Folder 1:35	Work list for The National Faith of Japan
Box-Folder 1:36	"The National Faith of Japan" page one of typescript
Box-Folder 1:37	"The National Faith of Japan" – Business
Box-Folder 1:38	Shinto – Collier's 1947 May 1
Box-Folder 1:39	Article on Shintoism for Religion in the XXth Century
Box-Folder 1:40	"Moral characteristics, Japanese" article for Ency. Britannica 1946 March 29
Box-Folder 1:41	Shinto – non-Japanese Interpretations Life, page 115 1945 September 17
Box-Folder 1:42	"The New Status of Shinto" for the Far Eastern Survey
Box-Folder 1:43	Shintoism – article for Ency Britannica 1950 September 1 deadline
Box-Folder 1:44	"The Japanese Mind" New Republic (reprinted in Toronto StarWeekly) 1945 May 28
Box-Folder 1:45	"Japanese Christianity and Shinto Nationalism" Christian Century 1942
Box-Folder 1:46	"Shinto: The National Religion of Japan" for Princeton Publications
Box-Folder 1:47	"Japan – New" Grolier Society Lands and Peoples
Box-Folder 1:48	"Sir Ernest Satow" by DC Holtom

Scholarly Writing

Articles by Holtom

Box-Folder 1:49	Far Eastern Survey
Box-Folder 1:50	"The Foreign Scapegoat" Fragmentary typescript
Box-Folder 1:51	Some Notes on Japanese Tree Worship by DC Holtom
Box-Folder 1:52	Miscellaneous articles (for research and published)
Box-Folder 1:53	Manuscript letter to Holtom from the Baptist church in Mito City

Research by Holtom

Series Scope and Content Summary

Contains notes, handwritten and typed drafts, artifacts, and many clippings and research articles for his publications on Shinto in Japan covering topics such as enthronement ceremonies, shrines, and religion and politics.

Box-Folder 2:1	The Westminster Confession
Box-Folder 2:2	Japanese Kokutai – notes
Box-Folder 2:3	Notes on topics relations to Japanese religion (notecards)
Box-Folder 2:4	Fragmentary notes on Christian topics
Box-Folder 2:5	“A Study in Shinto Origin”, and notes; “A New Interpretation of Japanese Mythology” and incomplete copies of article
Box-Folder 2:6	Part 1: Chapter 2 The Japanese Looks at Himself
Box-Folder 2:7	Part 2: Chapter 2 The Japanese Looks at Himself
Box-Folder 2:8	Chapter II – Early and Medieval forms of Shinto
Box-Folder 2:9	Part 1: Chapter 3, The Son of Heaven
Box-Folder 2:10	Part 2: Chapter III The Son of Heaven
Box-Folder 2:11	Chapter 4 The Cult of the Sun Goddess (tentative outline)
Box-Folder 2:12	Chapter 5 Inspecting the Ancestors (tentative outline) and Chapter 6 Soldiers and Gods (tentative outline)
Box-Folder 2:13	Chapter 7 The Foreign Scapegoat (tentative outline)
Box-Folder 2:14	Chapter 8, The Japanese People and Enduring Peace (tentative outline)
Box-Folder 2:15	Chapter X Deities and Ceremonies
Box-Folder 2:16	Far East and World Peace
Box-Folder 2:17	Japan Post-war relations with Sansom
Box-Folder 2:18	Bushido and Christianity (general notes)
Box-Folder 2:19	Magazine articles – Bushido
Box-Folder 2:20	The Absolute State
Box-Folder 2:21	The Meaning of Kami--Notes
Box-Folder 2:22	Meaning of Kami – Worship areas
Box-Folder 2:23	Miscellaneous notes – Meaning of Kami – Chapter III Second copy
Box-Folder 2:24	Meaning of Kami I, II
Box-Folder 2:25	The Meaning of Kami II “private copy”
Box-Folder 2:26	Meaning of Kami -- III
Box-Folder 2:27	Part 1: The Meaning of Kami – Chapter III
Box-Folder 2:28	Part 2: The Meaning of Kami – Chapter III
Box-Folder 2:29	Early Japanese History (The Real Conflict)
Box-Folder 2:30	The National Faith of Japan
Box-Folder 2:31	The Edict of the Founding of the Japanese State (political texts)
Box-Folder 2:32	Notes on state and religion in Japan
Box-Folder 2:33	Magic
Box-Folder 2:34	Notes on Japanese Enthronement Ceremonies
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Box-Folder 2:36	Shrine problem
Box-Folder 2:37	Inari Shrines
Box-Folder 2:38	Clippings about shrines
Box-Folder 2:39	Shrine items (printed) – found in envelope titled “pictures, unsorted”
Box-Folder 2:40	“Shinto, Offspring of the Sun Goddess” table of contents and prologue
Box-Folder 2:41	Shinto and peace
Box-Folder 2:42	“The Shinto Dilemma”--1
Box-Folder 2:43	“Shinto Dilemma” – 2
Box-Folder 2:44	Shinto and Japanese Nationalism
Box-Folder 2:45	Shinto history notes
Box-Folder 2:46	Shinto history – Meiji period
Box-Folder 2:47	Shinto history – Edo period
Box-Folder 2:48	Shinto notes
Box-Folder 2:49	Shinto – Ethical content
Box-Folder 2:50	Shinto – Study of Special Terms

Box-Folder 2:51	Shinto – Phallic Worship
Box-Folder 2:52	Shinto – Purification
Box-Folder 2:53	The Idea of the Sacred in Shinto – U. of Hawaii
Box-Folder 2:54	Handwritten list of shrines, their deities, and addresses
Box-Folder 3:1	Shinto – Separation of Buddhism and Shinto
Box-Folder 3:2	Shinto Schools
Box-Folder 3:3	Shinto Sects – Misogi Ky■
Box-Folder 3:4	Shinto Sects – Kurozumi Ky■
Box-Folder 3:5	Shinto Sects – Mitake Ky■
Box-Folder 3:6	Shinto Sects – Shinri Ky■
Box-Folder 3:7	Shinto Sects –Fus■ Ky■
Box-Folder 3:8	Shinto Sects – Tikko Ky■
Box-Folder 3:9	Shinto History – Kamakura Period
Box-Folder 3:10	Shinto Sects – Shinsh■ Ky■
Box-Folder 3:11	Shinto Sects – Taisei Ky■
Box-Folder 3:12	Shinto Sects – Tenri Ky■
Box-Folder 3:13	Shinto Sects – Taisha Ky■
Box-Folder 3:14	Shinto Sects – Konko Ky■
Box-Folder 3:15	Shinto Sects – Sh■sei Ha
Box-Folder 3:16	Shinto Sects – Genreal Studies of Entire Group
Box-Folder 3:17	Shinto Sects – General Studies of Entire Group – Clippings 1930-1931
Box-Folder 3:18	Modern Shinto “The Official History”
Box-Folder 3:19	Modern Shinto The Worship of the Sun Goddess
Box-Folder 3:20	Modern Shinto The Parents of the Race
Box-Folder 3:21	The Three Sacred Treasures (Shinto – Ethics, Symbolism)
Box-Folder 3:22	Shrine Shinto – Post Surrender (the present state)
Box-Folder 3:23	The Control of Shinto: Our Shinto Policy
Box-Folder 3:24	Shinto – Miscellaneous (articles included)
Box-Folder 3:25	Magazine articles on Shinto (by others)
Box-Folder 3:26	Elementary Forms of religion
Box-Folder 3:27	Buddhism (notes, typed drafts and articles)
Box-Folder 3:28	Buddhism in Japan – outline and notes
Box-Folder 3:29	Non- Christian Religious Movements in Japan
Box-Folder 3:30	The Eight- forked serpent
Box-Folder 3:31	Japanese mythology – The land of the Gods
Box-Folder 3:32	Japanese Mythology – Sun, Moon and Storm
Box-Folder 3:33	Japanese Mythology: 1.) Beginnings 2.) The Original Parents 3.) Death and Transformation
Box-Folder 3:34	Confucianism in Japan
Box-Folder 3:35	Storm God theme
Box-Folder 3:36	Lightening – Swords and the subduing of the Land
Box-Folder 3:37	“The Japanese State” – notes
Box-Folder 3:38	Post Wheeler The Sacred Scriptures of the Japanese
Box-Folder 3:39	Japanese Nationalism – notes
Box-Folder 3:40	Notes and clippings and articles Christianity and Japanese Nationalism
Box-Folder 3:41	The Christian Movement in Japan
Box-Folder 3:42	“Christianity in the Japanese Environment” and “The Japanization of Christianity”
Box-Folder 3:43	Christianity and National Religion
Box-Folder 3:44	Japan – The Road by which They Came
Box-Folder 3:45	Clippings – The Emperor’s Funeral by GP Holtom
Box-Folder 3:46	Japanese culture, arts, and royal family--clippings
Box-Folder 3:47	Japan University controversy – clippings
Box-Folder 3:48	Istar and Tammuz
Box-Folder 3:49	Japan and Christianity
Box-Folder 3:50	Patriotic Organizations, Japanese
Box-Folder 3:51	Comparison of world religions -- notes
Box-Folder 3:52	Magazine articles – Japanese characteristics
Box-Folder 3:53	Notes: “The Japanization of Christianity”
Box-Folder 3:54	Militarism in the Japanese schools – clippings

Box-Folder 3:55	"The Fundamental Character of the Japanese National Economy" by Ishikawa-Koji (offprint)
Box-Folder 3:56	Clippings from "Japan Advertiser" 1937-1938
Box-Folder 3:57	Excerpt from the "Japan Advertiser" 1938 March
Box-Folder 3:58	Japanese history – articles by others
Box-Folder 3:59	Religion in Japan—fragmentary notes
Box-Folder 3:60	Post-war Japan—articles
Box-Folder 3:61	Article by Saki-Atsuharu "Kaibara-ekiken and 'onna- daigaki'"
Box-Folder 3:62	"Observations on the Report of the Appraisal Commission of the Laymen's Foreign missions enquiry" Tokyo – DC Holtom's copy heavily annotated 1933 January
Box-Folder 3:63	Bibliography – Japanese religions
Box-Folder 3:64	Hito no michi religion (article by Barnard)
Box-Folder 3:65	Magazine articles on Japanese folklore (by others)
Box-Folder 3:66	Japanese English
Box-Folder 3:67	Bibliography – Japanese, General
Box-Folder 3:68	Off-prints of articles by David C. Graham on China
Box-Folder 3:69	Excerpts from the letters of an American doctor in China
Box-Folder 3:70	"China – The Summing Up" address by Ernest B. Price, Commonwealth Club, San Francisco 1944 October 13
Box-Folder 3:71	Chinese language guides – and pronunciation key
Box-Folder 3:72	Clement: Chinese refugees of the 17th cent. (Asiatic Society of Japan)
Box-Folder 3:73	Spy prevention as a form of service behind the front
Box-Folder 3:74	Clippings and ephemera – World War II and US public policy topics
Box-Folder 4:1	Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism – clippings (acidic)
Box-Folder 4:2	Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism – corresp., clippings
Box-Folder 4:3	Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism: revised edition; business and reviews
Box-Folder 4:4	Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism Chapter VII "The New Shinto" (and info about revision)
Box-Folder 4:5	Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism revision Chapter VIII "permanent values" text

Photos, postcards, and printed ephemera from Shinto shrines and temples

Box-Folder 4:6	Charms – Unsorted
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Box-Folder 4:8	Two sets of photo prints of shrines in Japan
Box-Folder 4:9	Postcards of shrines and scenes in Japan
Box-Folder 4:10	Photo prints of shrines in Japan--7
Box-Folder 4:11	Photos of shrines
Box-Folder 4:12	Tree worship – photos and postcards; notes
Box-Folder 4:13	Postcards – California, Mexico, Vermont, Niagara Falls
Box-Folder 4:14	Souvenir photograph of Commodore Perry’s monument