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Record Group George B. McFarland  
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Introduction This is a small record group consisting of 1 box. It takes up 0.5 linear feet. These records were given to Payap University Archives by Dr. Ronald D. Renard. The records include correspondence, transcripts and articles.

Biography Mr. George Bradley McFarland was born on December 1, 1866 in Bangkok during the pioneer of period of Thai missionary history. His father was Samuel Gamble McFarland. His mother was Jane Hays McFarland. He had two brothers and one sister. In 1896 he was married to Marie Ina Root in the United States of America. Mrs. McFarland died on October 20, 1923. Mr. McFarland thereafter married again, being married to Bertha Blount. He had no children.

Education  
1883 High School at Suan Anand School,  
Bangkok.

Education (continued)

- 1885 - 1887 Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
- 1890 Graduated from Western Pennsylvania Medical College in Pittsburgh, U.S.A. with the degree of Doctor of Medicine
- 1891 Graduated from Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons and Simultaneously from the Chirurgical College of Dentistry in Baltimore

Employment

- 1883 - 1885 Taught at Suan Anand School, Bangkok.
- January 1, 1892 Superintendent of the Siriraj Hospital.
- November, 1892 Opened a dental Clinic near his father's home at Sunandalaya College. After that he moved to Sikak Phya Sri building.
- In 1897 Opened typewriter store not far from his dental clinic, putting a Thai man in charge. This store became the McFarland Typewriter Company, Ltd.
- In 1915 King Rama VI gave him the title of Phra Ach Vidayagama
- In 1924 He reprinted the E. B. Michel's Siamese English Dictionary. Then he bought the rights of the best from the author.
- McFarland also established the girls' school at Sapan Sawang which he gave to the Presbyterian

Employment (continued)

Mission as a memorial to his mother, namely Jane Hays' Memorial School. He also restored the Phet Buri Mission Church which his father built. Furthermore, he gave hand to Wattana Wittaya Academy as a memorial to his first wife (Marie Root McFarland). He died at Chulalongkorn Hospital on May 3, 1942.

Comments

The inclusive dates of the records are from 1906-1976, but most of them fall in the years 1906 and 1950-1951. These records include only 1 folder. Their original order and the names of the original folders are not known. Therefore, the Archives assigned an order and gave them headings. The records are divided into 3 types: correspondence, transcripts and articles. The correspondence is arranged by date.

Readers will find these records useful for the studying Thai diplomatic relations with England, and France (The making of Treaties); Missionaries' lives and roles in the reigns of Rama III and Rama IV; and the life of Samuel Jones Smith. Furthermore, these records also contain correspondence of Mrs. Bertha Elount McFarland.

For Other sources of information related to George B. McFarland see:

1. Research Papers of Maen Fongudom RG 029/79

- Comments (continued)
2. McFarland, George Bradley. McFarland Family. 1942.
  3. McFarland, Bertha Blount. McFarland of Siam: The Life of George Bradley McFarland, M.D., D.D.S. afterwards Phra Ach Vidyagama [c.1958]
  4. McFarland, Bertha Blount. Our Garden was so Fair: The Story of a Mission in Thailand. 1943.

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Folder List

Box Number 1

Folder	1-2	Incoming Letters	corr	1950 - 51, 1976
	3-4	Outgoing Letters	corr	1911, 1919, 1923, 1932, 1934, 1936
	5	Smith, Samuel Jones. - The Olden Days of Bangkok.	transcripts	1906
	6	McFarland, Mary Clark. - A Revival at Bamboo Root	article	[ca. 1932]
	7	McFarland, Mary C. - Doors of Embroidery	article	[1932?]
	8	A True Story of a Recent Experience of One of the Siamese Pastors	article	[n.d.]
	9	Curious Ancient Siamese Beliefs	article	[n.d.]
	10	Establishment of the Church of Christ in Siam	article	[1934?]
	11	Houseboat and Elephant	article	[1934?]