"Through China's Gateway" film and booklet series
1986.1
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**Abstract**

In 1944, Kathryn Linden (1905-2000) was hired by Pearl S. Buck as Director of Audiovisual Education for the East and West Association, an organization founded by Buck and her husband dedicated to cultural exchange and understanding between Asia and the West. Linden selected films, directed film and lecture series, and created exhibitions for educational purposes, in addition to assisting with the production of the film series "Through China's Gateway". "Through China's Gateway" film and booklet series, 1947, consists of five filmstrips, five booklets, and a phonograph recording of "Through China's Gateway," an educational series written and narrated by Pearl S. Buck for the East and West Association and produced by Telefilm Corporation in association with the editors of *Look Magazine* in 1947.
Biography/History

Kathryn Linden (January 24, 1905-August 10, 2000) worked as an assistant in the Education Department of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York from 1937 to 1944. In 1944, she was hired by Pearl S. Buck as Director of Audiovisual Education for the East and West Association, an organization founded by Richard Walsh and Pearl S. Buck in 1942 dedicated to cultural exchange and understanding between Asia and the West. While working for the Association, Linden selected films, directed film and lecture series, and created exhibitions for educational purposes. Linden was a co-producer of the educational film series "Through China's Gateway" in 1947.

In 1949, Linden organized the American Nurses' Association's (ANA) film committee and helped put together film programs for ANA biennial conventions in 1950 and 1952. In 1953, Linden was hired as the director of the ANA-NLN Film Service, a cooperative effort between the American Nurses' Association and the National League for Nursing to coordinate film activities for both organizations that included developing and holding film programs at the ANA and NLN conventions, writing film reviews, involvement with film production and endorsement, and developing and administering a film library. She retired in 1970. Linden passed away in 2000 in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of five filmstrips, five booklets, and a 16 inch phonograph recording of "Through China's Gateway," an educational series written and narrated by Pearl S. Buck for the East and West Association and produced by Telefilm Corporation in association with the editors of Look Magazine in 1947.

The film series consists of the following parts:

- "In the Chinese Manner"
- "China's Children"
- "Food for China"
- "A Nation of Scholars"
- "China's Tomorrow"

The five booklets and filmstrips correspond to each of the five parts in the series. Although the booklets indicate the series was intended to be six parts, apparently only five were made. The final part, entitled "Arts of China" was not produced. The phonograph record is of Part Two: China's Children. It is recorded on a 16 inch NBC Orthacoustic record produced by NBC Radio-Recording Division, National Broadcasting Company, New York.
Administrative Information

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Sponsor
This preliminary finding aid was created as part of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories. The HCI-PSAR project was made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Access Restrictions
Contact Pearl S. Buck International for information about accessing this collection.

Use Restrictions
Filmstrips, text and recording are copyright 1947 by the Telefilm Corporation, 12 E. 44 Street, New York, Joun Q. Quigley, president. The corporation later changed its name to Visual Workshop Inc.

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note
Kathryn Linden donated these materials to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation in 1986.

Processing Information Note
Summary descriptive information on this collection was compiled in 2014-2016 as part of a project conducted by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania to make better known and more accessible the largely hidden collections of small, primarily volunteer run repositories in the Philadelphia area. The Hidden Collections Initiative for Pennsylvania Small Archival Repositories (HCI-PSAR) was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

This is a preliminary finding aid. No physical processing, rehousing, reorganizing, or folder listing was accomplished during the HCI-PSAR project.

In some cases, more detailed inventories or finding aids may be available on-site at the repository where this collection is held; please contact Pearl S. Buck International directly for more information.
Related Materials

Related Archival Materials Note
Pearl S. Buck International: Pearl S. Buck and Richard J. Walsh papers, 1890s-1972, Record Group 1. Pearl S. Buck papers, Series 2. Correspondence and Record Group 5. East and West Association records, Series 4. Administrative files.

Special Collections Department, Iowa State University Library: Kathryn Linden papers, 1953-1982, coll. MS-355.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

• East and West Association (U.S.)

Geographic Name(s)

• China

Personal Name(s)

• Buck, Pearl S. (Pearl Sydenstricker), 1892-1973

Subject(s)

• Personality and culture--China