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Finding Aid for the ELIZABETH GRAY VINING PAPERS, 1897-1989

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INFORMATION FOR USERS

The following is not a conventional finding aid, but rather a contents list. There is a list of correspondents available, although it may not be complete. In addition, there is a set of "See" and "See also" index cards that may help to navigate the collection.

RESTRICTIONS

As instructed by her will, scholars may read the restricted portions of the collection, but may not take notes on or publish materials in the collection. Restricted materials are in boxes 28-39.

ABSTRACT

The correspondence and other papers of a Quaker and author Elizabeth Gray Vining who devoted four years in the mid-20th century to tutoring the Crown Prince of Japan, which led to a lifetime connection to Japan and the Japanese Imperial Family.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Elizabeth Gray Vining (1902-1999) was the daughter of John Gray and Anne Moore Gray. She received a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College in 1923 and an M.S. from Drexel Institute School of Library Science in 1926. She was a prodigious author and received the Newberry Medal for her children's book *Adam of the Road*. When Japanese Emperor Hirohito was searching for an appropriate tutor for his son, Akihito, he wanted a Quaker and Vining was chosen. In 1946, she went to Japan and spent four years there teaching the young Crown Prince academic and social skills. During her time there, she met the whole Imperial Family and many other distinguished people, including the educator Shinzo Koizumi. Upon her return to the U.S., she published a work based on her time in Japan, *Windows for the Crown Prince*. Vining worked actively for the American Friends Service Committee.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

[Akihito, Emperor of Japan, 1933-](#)

[Hirohito, Emperor of Japan, 1901-1989](#)

Koizumi, Shinzo

[MacArthur, Douglas, 1880-1964](#)

Pickett, Clarence, †d 1884-1965

Sarton, May
Takahashi, Tane
Vining, Elizabeth Gray, 1902-1999

[Japan -- Social life and customs](#)
[Education -- Japan -- History -- 1945-](#)
[Society of Friends -- Education](#)
Society of Friends -- Japan

SCOPE AND CONTENTS

The collection consists of correspondence, articles, photographs and other materials which document the life of Elizabeth Gray Vining. Among her correspondents are Tane Takahashi, Shinzo Koizumi, Douglas MacArthur, Emperors Akihito and Hirohito, Clarence Pickett, May Sarton and many others.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

The materials are organized in series: Correspondence, Book Materials, Articles, Lectures and Addresses, Awards and Degrees, Clippings, Memorabilia and Photographs, Gray Family and EG Vining in Japan.

Series I: Correspondence

- Box 1 - Letters to Vining Abe-
Bulletin
- Box 2 - Letters to Vining Bungei –
Fisher
- Box 3 - Letters to Vining
Five - I
- Box 4 - Letters to Vining J - McKie,
E.
- Box 5 - Letters to Vining McKie, G -
Rees
- Box 6 - Letters to Vining Reuss -
Tajima
- Box 7 - Letters to Vining Takahashi -
Women's
- Box 8 - Letters to Vining
Wood - Yoshikawa & Uniden
- Box 9 - Letters from Vining
1928 - 1939
- Box 10 Letters from Vining
1941 - 1957
- Box 11 - Letters from Vining

1958 - 1970

Box 12 - Letters from Vining

1971 - 1976

Box 13 - Letters from Vining

1977 - 19?? and misc. family letters

Series II. Book Materials

Box 14 - Book Materials

f. 1 Adam of the Road reviews
f. 2 Windows for the Crown Prince preface f. 3 Virginia
Exiles research materials

f. 4 Friend of Life 1958 typescript.
f. 5 Friend of Life corrections
f. 6 Friend of Life Hoover chapter notes

Box 15 - Book Materials

Friend of Life note cards, A-L (1897)

Box 16 - Book Materials

Friend of Life note cards, L (1898)- Z and bibliography

Box 17 - Book Materials

Friend of Life note cards,

Box 18 - Book Materials

f. 1 Quiet Pilgrimage (1970) indexes
f. 2 Quiet Pilgrimage reviews
f. 3 Mr. Whittier (1974) typescript first draft
f. 4 Mr. Whittier research materials
f. 5 Mr. Whittier reviews
f. 6 Being Seventy 1978 typescript
f. 7 Being Seventy reviews
f. 8 Miscellaneous Book reviews
f. 9 Miscellaneous Royalty statements

Series III. Articles

Box 19 - Articles by Vining

f. 1 1915-1924
f. 2 1938-1944
f. 3 1945-1946
f. 4 1951-1958
f. 5 1959-1960
f. 6 1961-1964
f. 7 1967-1969
f. 8 1972
f. 9 1973-1975

f. 10 1979 f. 11 1980's

Series IV.: Lectures and Addresses

Box 20 – Lectures and Addresses

- f. 1 1944
- f. 2 1950
- f. 3 1952
- f. 4 1953
- f. 5 1954
- f. 6 1957 f. 7 1958
- f.8 1961
- f.9 1963
- f. 10 1967-1968
- f. 11 1970
- f. 12 1973
- f. 13 1975
- f. 14 1976
- f. 15 1977
- f. 16 1980
- f. 17 1982
- f. 18 1983
- f. 19 1985
- f. 20 no date.

Series V: Awards, Degrees, Honorary Degrees

Box 21 - Awards, Degrees, Honorary Degrees

- f. 1 Newbery Medal (1943)
- f. 2 Drexel University Graduate School of Library Science: citation created by Marguerite de Angeli in leather case
- f. 3 Various awards (no date and 1953-1980)
- f. 4 Bryn Mawr A.B. 1923: Diploma, clippings, record of studies
- f. 5 Various Honorary degrees (1951-1968): Vining's ts. list of all received, and various items for each, including diplomas, statements about Vining, clippings etc.

Box 22 - Ceremonial hood from Academic Robe for Haverford College honorary doctorate

Box 23 - Clippings, Memorabilia, Photographs

- f. 1 Clippings and Photographs of E. G. Vining her various homes , friends, etc.
- f. 2 Materials Concerning E.G. Vining's marriage
- f. 3 UNC trans. study tour
- f. 4 Photographs of Japan: The Crown Prince and other imperials, the MacArthurs (1946-1951)
- f. 5 Materials concerning Japanese imperial family
- f. 6 Scrapbook pages containing correspondence, clippings, photographs and memorabilia trip to

Japan (Fall 1957)

Miscellaneous: Account by Ada Sullivan of her meeting with EGV. [n.d., but ca. 1980s]

Series VI: Clippings, Memorabilia and Photographs

Box 24.- Clippings, Memorabilia and Photographs

- f. 1 D.C. Action]
- f. 2 Emperor and Empress U. S. visit
- f. 3 Translations of speeches by Crown Prince Akihito
- f. 4 ?

Note: See also HCHC photos- Campus Life I: EGV, Robert Togasaki and Crown Prince Akihito at Haverford (Roberts Hall), 1953
Letters of sympathy written on the death of EGV in 1999.

Box 25 - Photograph Album Imperial Family, primarily Crown Prince Akihito and his family circa late 1950's- late 1980's

Box 26 - Photograph Albums

- 1 Hand made album by Princess Suga (Takako), photos of imperial family.
- 2 Wedding Album of Crown Prince Akihito and Crown Princess Michiko (1959)
- 3 Printed book with Japanese text ; and photographs of the Crown Prince and Princess during the construction of their residence
- 4 Unboxed albums -
- 5 Slip case containing 3 sound discs

Series VII: Gray Family

Box 27 - Gray Family

- f. 1 John Gordon Gray: obituary clipping and memorabilia, including his firm, Queen & Co., The Scottish Memorial, (Edinburgh), The Andrew's Society (Philadelphia)
- f. 2 Photographs of Anne Moore IZARD Gray
- f. 3 Violet Gordon Gray: short written pieces (most published) and photographs.
- f. 4 Violet Gordon Gray: travel diaries, Europe, and England (1938 & 1955)
- f. 5 Violet Gordon Gray: Manuscript notes for novel on occupation in Japan.
- f. 6 Violet Gordon Gray: Typescript for unpublished novel.

Restricted Material

Series VIII: EG Vining in Japan

Box 28 - Elizabeth Gray Vining in Japan

- f. 1 Letters from EGV to VGG (Dec. 1946)
- f. 2 Notes , letters, and memorabilia
- f. 3 Clippings
- f. 4 EGV's 1947 contract

- f. 5 Articles and lectures (1947): typescripts and clippings
- f. 6 Letters from EGV to VGG (Oct. - Dec. 1946)
- f. 7 Letters from EGV, most to Elizabeth McKie (1946)
- f. 8 Letters from EGV to VGG (Jan. - March 1947)
- f. 9 Letters from EGV to VGG (April - June 1947)
- f. 10 Letters from EGV to VGG (July - Aug. 1947)
- f. 11 Letters from EGV to VGG (Nov. - Dec. 1947)
- f. 12 Letters from EGV to Elizabeth McKie (1947) f. 13 Letters from EGV to Nan Waring
Thompson, M. Stewart and others (1946-1949)

Box 29 - Elizabeth Gray Vining in Japan

- f. 1 EGV typed diary extracts concerning General MacArthur
- f. 2 Photocopied letters from chamberlains about Vining
- f. 3 History of Gakushuin (Peer's School), carbon
- f. 4 Diary entries, typescript. (Oct. Dec. 1946)
- f. 5 Introduction of EGV at Peeress School, [1946]
- f. 6 Various items (1946): Letters from Esther Rhoads, house plan.
- f. 7 Contract (1946)
- f. 8 Student essay on Atomic Bomb
- f. 9 Various Letters concerning Vining's appointment to
Japan
- f. 10 Clipping scrapbook made by VGG (VERY BRITTLE!)
- f. 11 Letter sent Dec. 1946 to EGV (missing as of 7/94)
- f. 12 Miscellaneous items concerning Hirohito
- f. 13 Articles (1946): clippings and carbon
- f. 14 Teaching memorabilia (Fall 1946)

Box 30 - Elizabeth Gray Vining in Japan

- f. 1 Student diary extracts, manuscript and typescript
- f. 2 Letters from EGV to Elizabeth McKie (1948), with some notes
- f. 3 Letters from EGV and other to VGG (1948)
- f. 4 Diary (1948): typed copy
- f. 5 Letters from VGG to EGV (Nov. 1948)
- f. 6 Notebooks (1948 - 1948)
- f. 7 Letters from EGV to Marjorie Stewart (1948)

Box 31 - Elizabeth Gray Vining in Japan

- f. 1 Contract (1948)
- f. 2 Clippings (1948)
- f. 3 Articles (1948)
- f. 4 Clippings about Japanese constitution
- f. 5 Clippings about Emperor Hirohito (1948)
- f. 6 Bound volume of autobiographies (1948)
"English Club"
- f. 7 Japanese music: clippings and memorabilia
- f. 8 Letters to EGV (1948): from various including
Imperial Household

f. 9 English lesson materials (1948): typescript and
manuscript

f. 10 Letters from EGV to VGG (Jan. - March 1948)

f. 11 Tokyo occupation phone directory (1948)

Box 32 - Elizabeth Gray Vining in Japan

f. 1 Contract (1949)

f. 2 English lesson materials (1949)

f. 3 Letter from Mme. Des Rogiers

f. 4 Diary (1949), and some Letters and notes

f. 5 Notebooks (1949)

f. 6 Letters: (1949): from various concerning Akihito's Karuizawa visit

f. 7 Clippings (1949): concerning Emperor Hirohito

f. 8 Letters (1949): from various chamberlains

f. 9 Letters (1949 - 1950): Yoshida to EGV

f. 10 Letters from EGV to Elizabeth McKie (1949)

f. 11 Letters from EGV to M. Stewart (1949)

f. 12 Letters from VGG to Elisabeth McKie

f. 13 Letters from VGG to several friends (Oct. 1948 - 49) f. 14 VGG diaries (1949)

Box 33 - Elizabeth Gray Vining in Japan

f. 1 Letters from EGV and VGG to M. Stewart (1947)

f. 2 Assorted letters (1947)

f. 3 Letters to and from Jiro Shimizu (1947)

f. 4 Miscellaneous memorabilia (1947)

f. 5 Imperial Poetry Party: clippings and notes

f. 6 Letters from Princesses Kazuko (Taka) and Atsuko (Yori) (1946)

f. 7 Letters from Imperial Household (Aug. - Dec. 1947)

f. 8 English lesson materials (1947)

f. 9 Notes on talk with Kantaro Suzuki (1947)

f. 10 New York Herald Tribune Forum trip (1947): Letters and typescript

f. 11 New York Herald Tribune clippings

f. 12 New York Herald Tribune letters from Tatsuo Takaki

f. 13 General clippings (1947)

f. 14 Diary (1947): typescript copy

f. 15 Japan: maps

f. 16 Letters from Prime Minister Yoshida

f. 17 Letters from Empress Nagako via T. Takaki f. 18 Notes on War crimes Trials

Box 34 - Elizabeth Gray Vining later Japan Related Material

f. 1 English lesson materials (1950)

f. 2 Palace Pass (1950)

f. 3 Clippings (1950)

f. 4 Letters from Ga,kushuin students (1950)

f. 5 Clippings (1950)

f. 6 EGV articles (1950), with letter from Shinzo Koizumi

f. 7 Letters and notes concerning departure from Japan (1950)

f. 8 Letters from Koizumi to EGV (1950)

f. 9 Letters from Imperial Household to EGV

- f. 10 Article about EGV by Shiro Sumikura (1950)
- f. 11 Letters from EGV and VGG to M. Stewart (1950)
- f. 12 Copy of Far East Fanfare (1950)
- f. 13 Clippings about General MacArthur
- f. 14 Assorted correspondence, memorabilia, typescript notes (1950)
- f. 15 Lecture texts (1950)
- f. 16 Notebooks (1950)
- f. 17 Windows for the Crown Prince: deleted fragments
- f. 18 Letters from VGG to several Friends (1950)
- f. 19 VGG notebook and diary material (1950)

Box 35 Elizabeth Gray Vining later Japan Related Material

- f. 1 Letters from Tomi Koizumi (circa 1966- 1978 and no date)
- f. 2 Clippings sent to EGV by Shinzo Koizumi
- f. 3 Letters from Shinzo Koizumi (1950 1955) photocopies
- f. 4 Letters from Shinzo Koizumi (circa 1954-1966) photocopies
- f. 5 Letters from various and clippings about death of Shinzo Koizumi: 6 Letters and articles by EGV about Koizumi (tss.)
- f. 7 Letters and memorabilia about Koizumi
- f. 8 Extracts from Koizumi's diary: typescript
- f. 9 Letters from Kayo Koizumi Akiyama (1966 - 1979)
- f. 10 Original letter and postcard from Koizumi
- f. 11 Letters from Tane Takahashi on death of Koizumi
- f. 12 Letter concerning Koizumi "album"
- f. 13 Koizumi photos (various periods)
- f. 14 Letters from EGV to Koizumi (1951)

Box 36 Elizabeth Gray Vining later Japan Related Material

- f. 1 - 5 Letters concerning Akihito's 1953 trip to the U.S.
- f. 6 Assorted letters about Akibito (1950s - 1960s)
- f. 7 Letters and clippings about Akihito's coming of age (1952)
- f. 8 - 12 Letters from Akihito (1948 - 1951) not in order
- f. 13 Letters and memorabilia about Akihito's U.S. visit (1953)

Box 37 Elizabeth Gray Vining later Japan Related Material

- f. 1 - 2 Clippings and notes about Akihito's U.S. visit (1953)
- f. 3 Copy of Mainichi Graphic: about Akihito's U.S. visit (1953)
- f. 4 5 Letters from Akihito (1954 - 1958)
- f. 6 Letters concerning Akihito's engagement
- f. 7 Marriage of Akihito (1959): schedules, diary, journal, notes.
- f. 8 Marriage of Akihito: letters and photographs

Box 38 Elizabeth Gray Vining later Japan Related Material

- f. 1 Clippings (1959): most about engagement and marriage of Akihito
- f. 2 Letters from Akihito (1959 - 1964)
- f. 3 Memorabilia: 1960 U.S. visit
- f. 4 Letters and clippings about birth of Prince Hiro
- f. 5 Letters concerning possible overseas schooling for Prince Hiro
- f. 6 Information on U.S. Visit of Prince Hiro

- f. 7 Letters from Princess Michiko
- f. 8 Letters from Princess Michiko with pamphlet of poetry translations
- f. 9 Letters from EGV to VGG, 1959
- f. 10 Notes and Memorabilia concerning Akihito in Miami (1967)

Box 39 Elizabeth Gray Vining later Japan Related Material

- f. 1 Typescript copies of journal entries, April 1959
- f. 2 Letters from Crown Prince (1966 - 1969) (with some copies of out going letters).
- f. 3 Letters from Crown Prince (1970 - 1975) (with some copies of out going letters).
- f. 4 Letters from Crown Prince (1976 - 1984) (with some copies of out going letters).
- f. 5 Letters from Crown Prince (1985) (with some copies of out going letters).
- f. 6 Material concerning Crown Prince visit to Philadelphia (1978)
- f. 7 Miscellaneous letters from chamberlains of Imperial household (various dates)
- f. 8 Envelopes from Imperial Family and/ or household

N.B. Five videocassettes on Elizabeth Gray Vining and Emperors Akihito and Hirohito added to microforms May 1992 (acc. #5576)

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