

MANGET, FRED PROSPER, 1880-1979.

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract: Consists of the papers of Fred P. Manget, a doctor and medical missionary to China.
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Biographical Note

Fred Prosper Manget was a doctor, public servant, and medical missionary. He was born on January 21, 1880 to Elizabeth DePass and Victor Eugene Manget of Marietta, Georgia. His parents inspired their children to devote their lives to the mission field. At the age of 12, Manget decided to become a medical missionary. His sister, Jennie Manget Logan, became a missionary in China in 1897. Fred Manget received his medical degree from the Atlanta College of

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Physicians and Surgeons (later Emory University School of Medicine) in 1906. He then interned at Grady Hospital in Atlanta, and completed further postgraduate work in New York and at Johns Hopkins University. Then, following in his sister's footsteps, he left for China in 1909. His first year he was stationed in Suzhou (Soochow), then went to Huchow (Chekiang Province) where he opened a dispensary in a rented home. After soliciting support from America, he opened a modern 200-bed hospital in May of 1924. Manget was the superintendent of the clinic and hospital from 1910 to 1941, except for 1918 when he served with the American Red Cross as Head Medical Officer in Siberia, evacuating sick and wounded Czech soldiers. For this service, he was decorated by Admiral Kolchak's government.

During World War II, Manget was asked to serve in the United States Public Health Commission as Senior Surgeon on Field Duty. During this time, he was in Burma and West China helping people with malaria. He was later transferred to Kunming, China, where he worked with General Claire Lee Chennault and the First American Volunteer Group of the Chinese Air Force known as the Flying Tigers. While working with Col. Robert Lee Scott Jr., Manget coined the term "God is my co-pilot" which became the title of Scott's autobiography detailing his exploits as a pilot during the War.

After returning to Georgia in the 1950s, Manget accepted the presidency of the Manget Foundation, an organization in Newnan, Georgia, founded in 1949 by his brother, Dan Manget. There Manget operated a clinic providing free medical care for patients unable to afford it. In 1952, LaGrange College conferred an honorary doctorate upon Manget in recognition of his Christian service to humanity. From 1953 to 1961, he ran a clinic out of the Christian Youth Church on Capitol Avenue in Atlanta where he provided medical care every Saturday.

Manget's first wife, Louise Anderson of Marietta, died in 1957 and he remarried Jennie Loyall Anderson of Macon, Georgia in 1959. After the Atlanta clinic was closed, they moved to Macon in 1964. In Macon, Manget opened a new clinic that tended to the medical needs of senior citizens. He received recognition from state and local organizations for his service to poor and elderly. His second wife passed away in 1976 and two years later Manget was admitted to Wesley Woods Health Center in Atlanta. Fred Manget died at the age of 99 on January 21, 1979.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the papers of Fred Prosper Manget, a medical missionary who served for forty years in China. In addition to biographical information about Manget (curriculum vitae, eulogies, awards and honors, and newspaper clippings), there is correspondence, papers from his service in China, publications written by Manget or collected by him, as well as memoirs of his father (Victor Eugene Manget), an autobiography of his sister (Jennie Manget Logan), and a couple of pieces pertaining to his grandfather (Victor H. Manget). The collection also contains photographs of the Manget family and a number of photographs from his missionary work in China.

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| 1 | 10 | The Red Barrel 23 (1943) containing an article on Robert Scott and Fred Manget, 1943 |
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| 1 | 18 | Photographs of family members, undated |
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| 2 | 1 | Photographs from China (bulk of Huchow Hospital), part 2, undated |
| 3 | 1 | Consulate General of the Republic of China, Presidential Award, 1967 |
| 4 | | Century English-Chinese Dictionary Unabridged, undated |
