

The Frederick McCormick Collection of Korean Rare Books at the Claremont Colleges Library

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McCormick Collection: Provenance

Frederick McCormick (1870–1951)

- Journalist
- War Correspondent
- Book collector
 - On his own
 - With help of James Scarth Gale
- Connections to Claremont
 - Charles K. Edmunds
 - David P. Barrows
- Donation to the Claremont Colleges, 1952

McCormick Collection: Overview

- 128 titles, 808 volumes
- Wide variety of subject matters
 - Korean imprints of Chinese classics
 - Chinese classics with Korean annotations and commentaries
 - Historical and geographical resources
 - Literary works
- Wide variety of blocks and types
 - Movable metal types
 - Movable wooden types
 - Woodblocks
 - Manuscripts
 - Rubbings
- Collectors' seals of famous literary figures

McCormick Collection: Analysis by Year

Year	No. of Titles	No. of Volumes
1500-1599	1	20
1600-1699	16	119
1700-1799	29	244
1600-1849	28	173
1850-1899	28	165
1900-1923	13	48
Unknown	11	37
Total	126	806

Table source: *Frederick McCormick Collection*, p. 47

McCormick Collection: Analysis by Block Type

Block Type	No. of Titles	No. of Volumes
Movable Metal Type	17	194
Movable Wooden Type	13	86
Woodblock	68	451
New Lead Type	9	23
Manuscript	11	42
Rubbing	8	8
Total	126	806

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McCormick Collection: Analysis by Rarity

Holding Libraries	No. of Titles	No. of Volumes
In Claremont only	38	242
1 other library	51	401
2 other libraries	17	83
3 other libraries	10	64
4 other libraries	3	6
5 other libraries	7	10
Total	126	806

Data based on WorldCat search analysis, Nov.2016

尤菴先生文集
[우암선생문집],
Movable metal type,
1717.

A collection of literary
writings by Song Si-yeol
(pseudonym Uam, 尤菴), a
scholar in the late-Joseon
dynasty.



海東名將傳

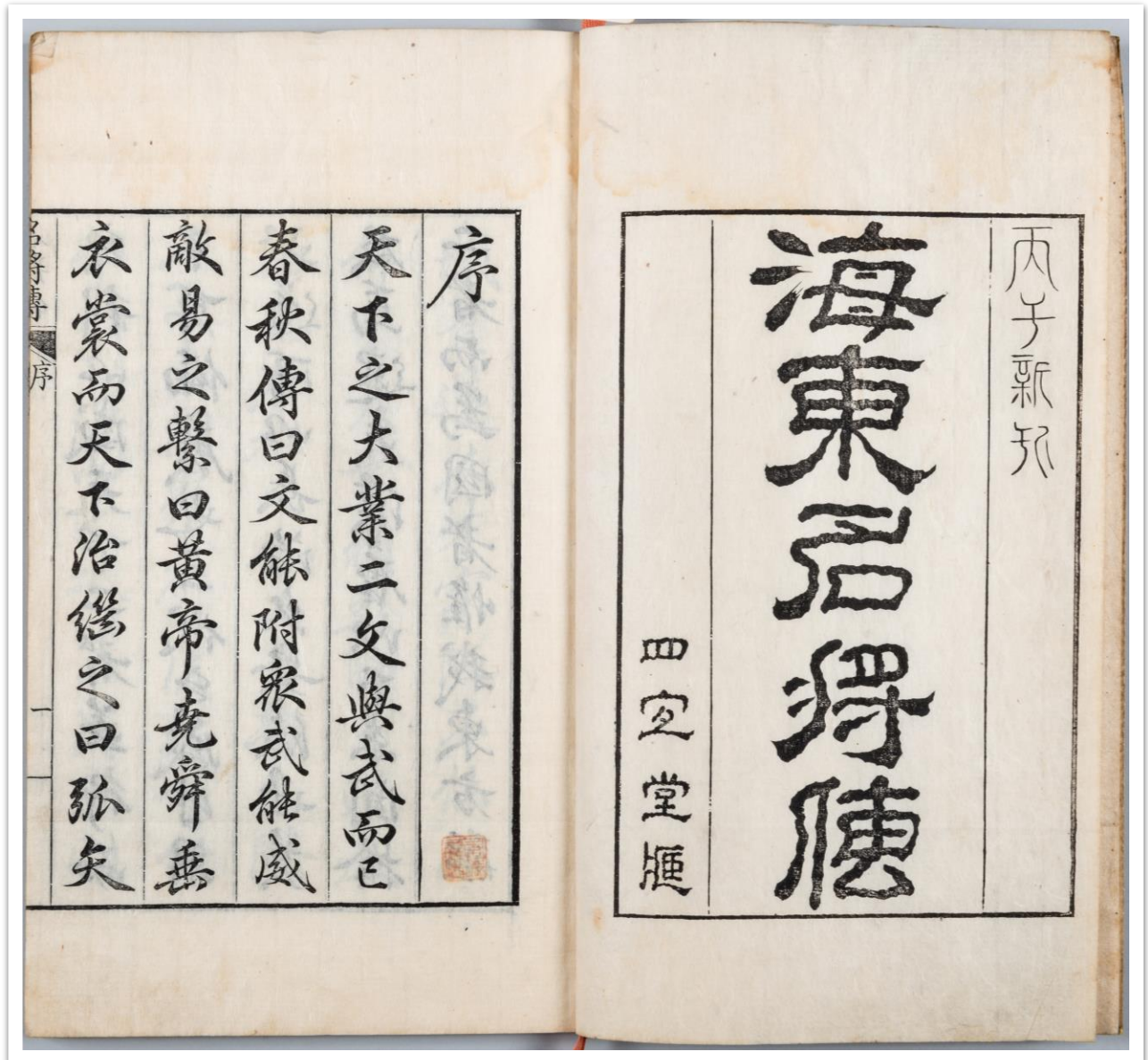
[해동명장전]

3 volumes.

Movable wood type.

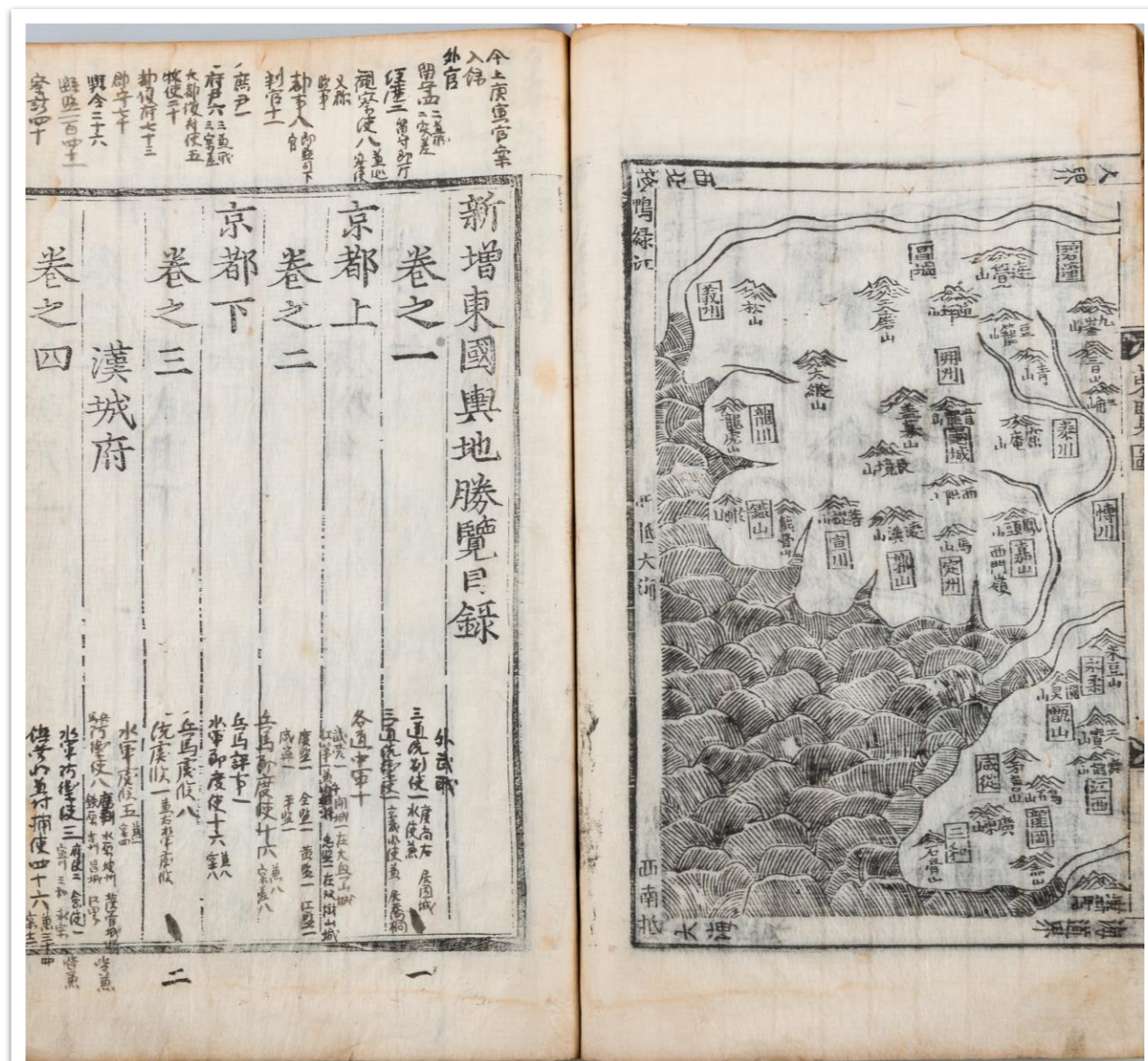
1816.

A collection of biographies
for eminent Korean generals dur-
ing the period from the
Three Kingdoms period to
Kong Injo (仁祖) of the
Joseon Dynasty.



新增東國輿地勝覽
[신증동국여지승람]
21 volumes,
Woodblock, 1816.

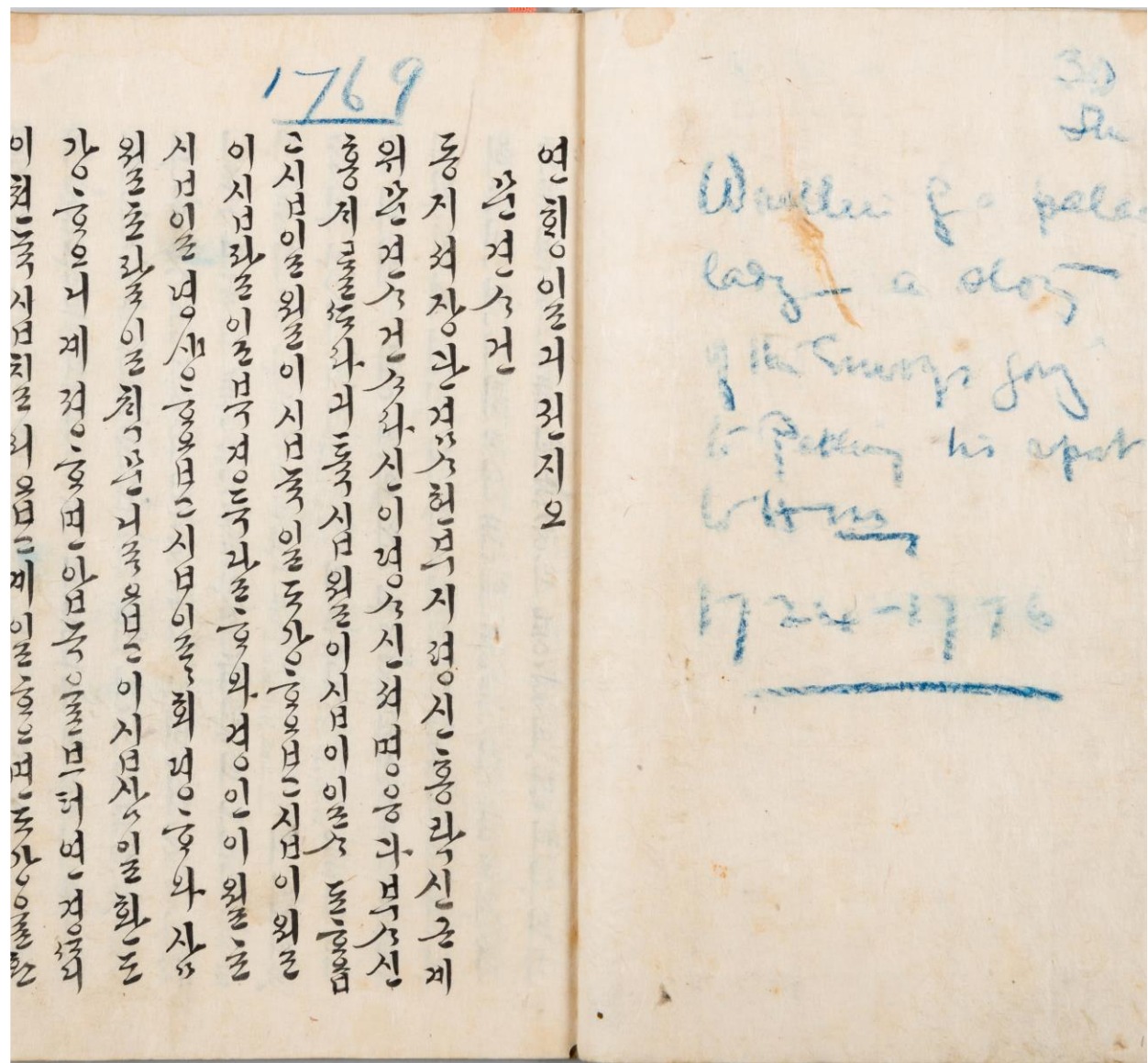
A representative work
of official geography
published in the early
Joseon Dynasty.



연행일기

1 volume. Manuscript,
1769.

A record of woman's
travel to Beijing in
1769 (45th year of King Y
eongjo's reign.)



關北各邑誌

4 volumes.

Manuscript.

Late 19th C.

A Chronicle of towns in
Hamgyeong Province.

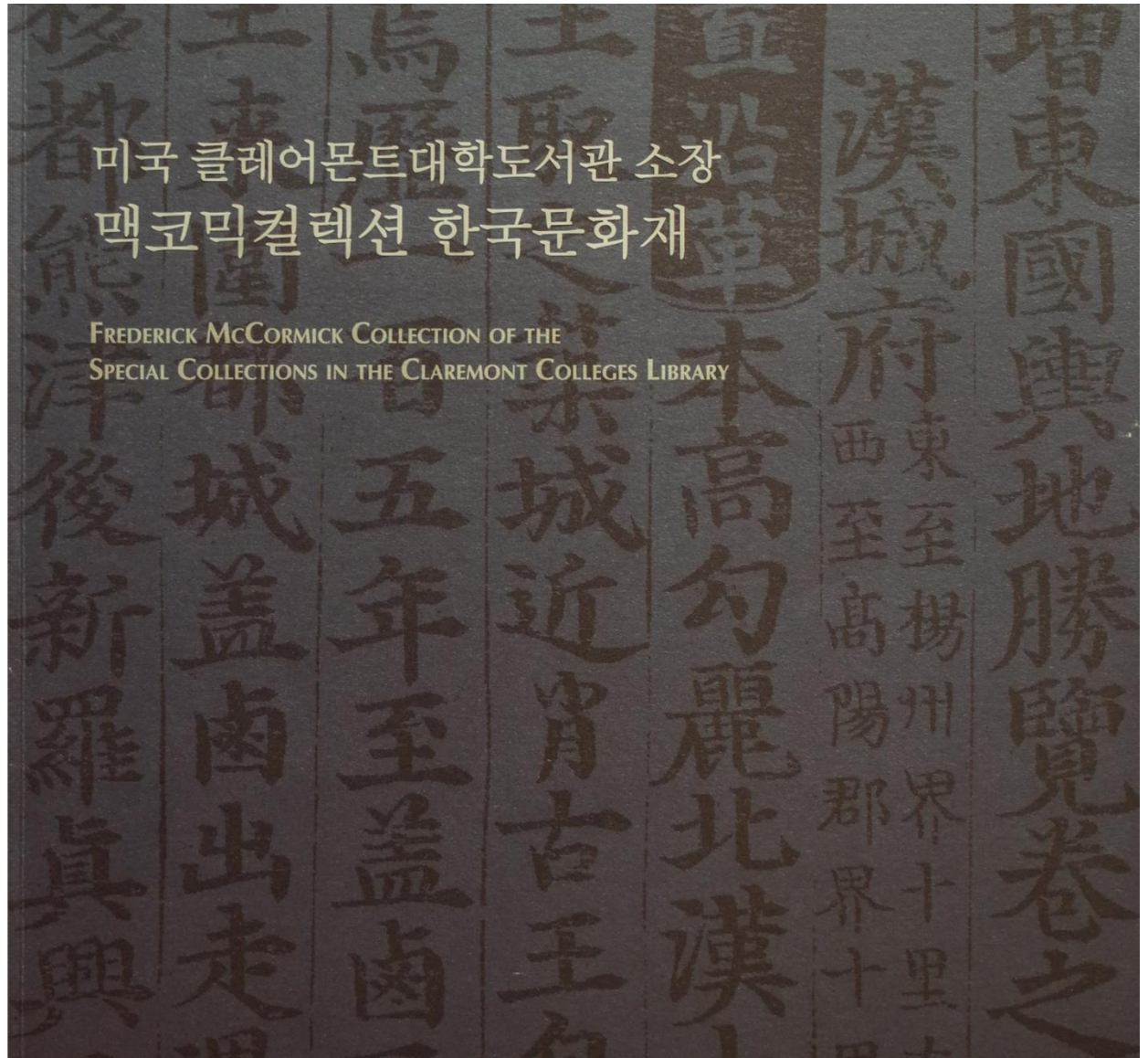
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道路	官職	壇廟	堤堰	驛院	烽燧	進貢	俸廩
山川	學校	倉庫	搬站	寺刹	孝子	糶糴	軍兵
風俗	公辭	物產	古蹟	旱田	田稅		



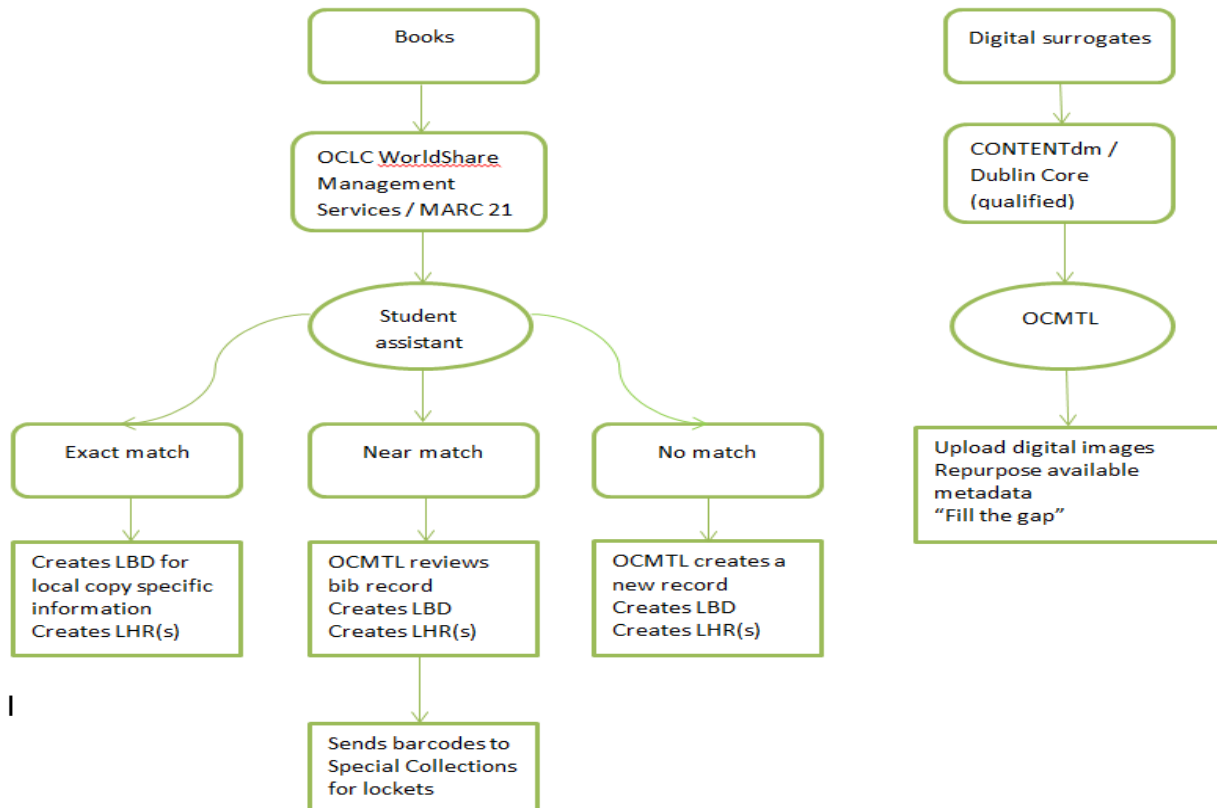
A descriptive catalogue and
a Korean-English report of
the on-site survey on the
collection, conducted by the
National Library of Korea,
and the Overseas Korean
Cultural Heritage
Foundation, 2015

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN THE CLAREMONT COLLEGES LIBRARY



Metadata Creation



Physical Item Record Example

Catalog record



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Detailed Record

三學士傳
Sam haksa chôn
by 羅繼烈
Sze, Siu-ke
Print book 1671
Held by: The Claremont Colleges

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Ⓢ Editions & Formats

Ⓢ Availability / Holdings

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Holding Summary

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Ⓢ HonoldMudd Special Collections McCormick Collection

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Local
bibliographic
data



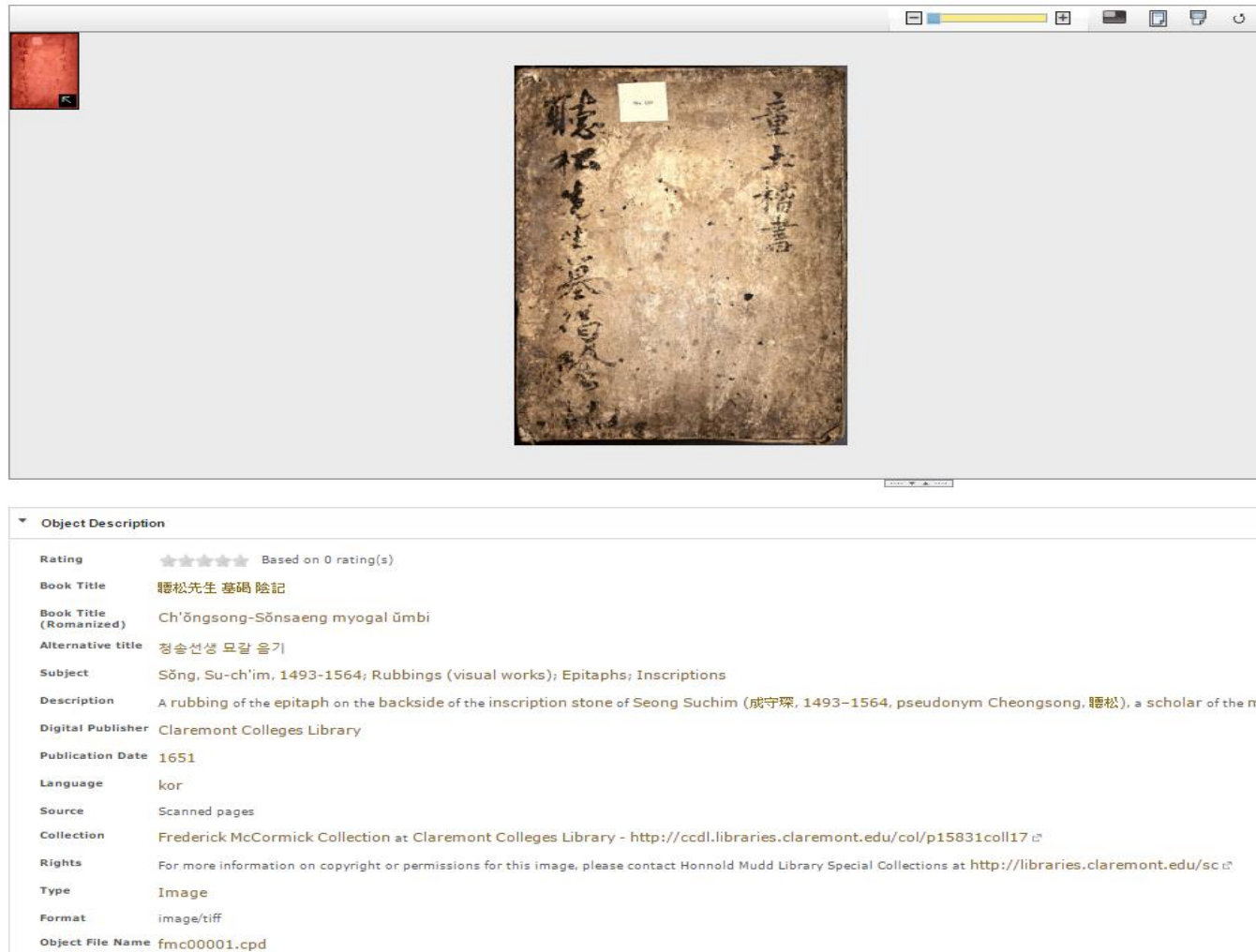
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Local holding
record



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Digital Surrogate Record Example



Object Description

Rating ★★★★★ Based on 0 rating(s)

Book Title 聽松先生 墓碣 陰記

Book Title (Romanized) Ch'öngsong-Sönsaeng myogal ümbi

Alternative title 청송선생 묘갈 옮기

Subject Söng, Su-ch'im, 1493-1564; Rubbings (visual works); Epitaphs; Inscriptions

Description A rubbing of the epitaph on the backside of the inscription stone of Seong Suchim (威守琛, 1493-1564, pseudonym Cheongsong, 聽松), a scholar of the m

Digital Publisher Claremont Colleges Library

Publication Date 1651

Language kor

Source Scanned pages

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Note: the images above represent only a small, random sampling of the items in this collection.

About this collection


Curated and donated by Frederick McCormick (1870-1951), the Frederick McCormick Collection at the Claremont Colleges Library comprises a total of 128 titles and 808 volumes of Korean rare books and manuscripts from the 16th century to the 19th century. This valuable collection not only provides great contents on the various aspects of early Korean society and cultural life, but also extremely fine and rare samples of early Korean book arts and typography. The collection also possesses considerable scholarly value as it includes a number of complete sets of rare books that are not easily found even in Korea. 23 titles and 225 volumes of literary works and anthologies were stamped with collectors' seals from famous literati figures. Some of the books also bear notes and signature of James Scarth Gale, the famous missionary and scholar of Korean Studies, making the provenance of the collection more interesting and fascinating.


Claremont Colleges Library would like to acknowledge our gratitude to the Overseas Korean Cultural Heritage Foundation and the National Library of Korea for their support for making this precious collection discoverable.

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汗青 隨筆 (volume 6)

汗青 隨筆 (volume 5)

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Plan for the Digital Collection

- Phase 1
13 unique titles: 40 volumes; 5393 TIFF images;
467 GB
- Phase 2
The rest of 115 titles: 748 volumes

Conclusion

Catalog records of physical items:

<https://ccl.on.worldcat.org/search?databaseList=239,1708,638,245,251&queryString=ut:Frederick%20McCormick%20Korean%20Collection>

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