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**TITLE:** Khogendra Das Clippings and Photographs Collection

**CREATOR:** Perkins School for the Blind

**DATE RANGE:** Circa 1960-1973, bulk 1964

**CALL NUMBER:** AG 121

**ABSTRACT:** The Khogendra Das Clippings and Photographs Collection is comprised of photographs and copies of clippings of and about the Chan Poh Lin, her aid Wong Shui Sin, and her speech teacher Khogendra Das. One of the clippings is about the 1963 made for television movie, *Journey of Pho Lin*, while the other is about the marriage of Wong Shui Sin and Khogendra Das in 1964. The photographs feature Das, Poh Lin, and Shui Sin off campus and in the classroom.

**EXTENT:** 1 half size manuscript box (.25 linear feet)

**PROVENANCE:** Donated to the archives in 2016.

**LANGUAGE:** English

**PROCESSED BY:** Jen Hale, 2016

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Chan Poh Lin (1943-2016), later known as Theresa Chan, was referred to as the Helen Keller of Asia. Born in Singapore, Poh Lin became deaf and blind as a teenager after contracting meningitis. In 1960 she came to the United States to acquire an education at Perkins School for the Blind. She was a student at Perkins off and on until she returned to Singapore permanently

in 1973. There she taught at the Singapore School for the Blind until 1990. Poh Lin received international media attention during her lifetime. She met Helen Keller in 1961 and attended Keller's funeral in 1961. Poh Lin is the subject of a 1963 television drama titled "Journey of Poh Lin," and In 2005 Poh Lin was featured as herself in the 2005 Singapore movie, "Be with Me."

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

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**CREDIT LINE/CITATION:**

Khogendra Das Clippings and Photographs Collection, Perkins School for the Blind

**KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:**

B1:F1 = Box 1: Folder 1

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS:**

This collection documents the education of Chan Poh Lin at Perkins School for the Blind, her relationship with aid Wong Shui Sin and her speech teacher Khogendra Das, and media coverage about Poh Lin, and the marriage of Shui Sin to Das in 1964. The collection consist of 6 black and white photographs, circa 1960-1973, that feature Poh Lin, Shui Sin and Das. Xerox copies and print outs of digital scans feature a newspaper article about the television movie *Journey of Poh Lin* and a newspaper clipping and photograph related to the marriage of Shui Sin and Das.

**ARRANGEMENT:**

1 box arranged by format and chronologically within.

**CONTAINER LIST:**

**Box: 1**

B1:F1: Photographs, circa 1960-1973

B1:F2: Copies of clippings and photograph, circa 1963-1964

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Chan, Theresa.

Deafblind women.

Perkins School for the Blind.

Perkins School for the Blind--History.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

AG11 Perkins Film Collection, Perkins School for the Blind

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AG151 Nella Braddy Henney Collection, Perkins School for the Blind

Annual Report of Perkins School for the Blind Reports on the Internet Archive:

1957-1962, Volumes 126-131

<https://archive.org/details/annualreport126131perk>

1962-1966, Volumes 131-135

<http://www.archive.org/details/annualreportofpe3135unkn>

1967-1971, Volumes 136-140

<http://www.archive.org/details/annualreportofpe3640unkn>

Photographs in Archives, Perkins School for the Blind

<http://www.perkinsarchives.org/photographs.html>

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/perkinsarchive/6022858688/in/photolist-abdJ4b>