Finding Aid for

Sarah S. Andrews Papers, [1916 - 1961]

Summary Information

Creator: Sarah S. Andrews, 1892 - 1961
Title: Sarah S. Andrews Papers
Inclusive dates: [1916 - 1961]
Bulk dates: [192? - 193?]
Abstract: Independent missionary to Numazu City, Japan, 1916-1961; Photographs, Correspondence regarding Photographs
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Phone: 212-851-5612
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Email: archives@uts.columbia.edu
Administrative Information

Provenance: The letters in folder #2 detail the provenance of the photographs. They were discovered in the drawer of a desk donated to Goodwill in Nashville, TN around August, 1977. They were sent to Charles Deweese, of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, who forwarded them to the MRL in September, 1977. The MRL (then part of the UTS library) acknowledged receipt of the “photographs and memorabilia” in January, 1978.

Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by phone, fax or email archives@uts.columbia.edu, as far in advance as possible.

Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials however are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.

Preferred Citation: Item description, MRL 7: Sarah S. Andrews Papers, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library Archives (Columbia University Libraries) at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Biography

Andrews was born on November 26, 1892 in Dickson, Tennessee. Her parents had started a congregation in their home, and at an early age she had heard J. M. McCaleb (1862-1953), on furlough from missionary work in Japan, speak on his work in Japan. Andrews studied at Dickson College and Peabody College before arriving in Japan as an independent missionary on January 16, 1916. During her mission work she supported the building of churches in Shizuoka, Shimizu, Okitsu, and Numazu. She was imprisoned during the Second World War and suffered from tuberculosis. She was saved by a soldier who had arrived with MacArthur’s occupation force in 1945. Her tomb was established with the help of Oiha, an orphan who had been cared for by Andrews like a mother.

One of the materials in the collection is a photograph of Andrews’ tomb in Numazu City, Shizuoka prefecture, Japan. The card containing the photograph includes a transcription of the tomb inscription as well as a translation into English. An article in the on-line magazine Carolina Messenger by Hugo McCord relates some information that the author learned while in Dickson, TN in 1962.

Collection Scope and Content Note

None of the photographs are dated, although a few have names of “Japanese helpers” photographed with Sarah S. Andrews. One is given as Iki Naemura, another as Oiki. This was possibly the “Oiha” mentioned in the McCord article. One photograph shows Andrews with a woman identified as “Miss Cypert.”

As of the date of this Finding Aid, no further papers of Andrews have been traced to archival repositories elsewhere.
Processing
Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Photographs were placed in Mylar enclosures, new acid-free folders and box.

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