Guide to the Nuelsen Family Papers
1865- 1913

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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection.
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Biographical Note

John Louis Nuelsen (1867- 1946), American bishop, scholar, and ecumenist. Nuelsen was born on January 19, 1867 in Zurich, Switzerland. He went to high school and junior college in Karlruhe and Bremen, Germany, and studied at Drew University where he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. Nuelson continued his study of theology at German Universities in Berlin and Halle. He began his minsterial work in Sedalia, Mississippi, and then taught classical languages at the Methodist College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He then taught exegetical theology for five years at Central Wesleyan College in Warrenton, Massachusetts. In 1899 he became theological professor at the Nast Theological Seminary in Berea, Ohio, where he taught German and English.

In 1908 Nuelsen was elected bishop and given episcopal supervision of the Omaha Area. He was sent to Europe in 1912 to succeed Bishop William Burt. Headquartered in Zurich, Nuelsen supervised the work of Methodism in Europe and North Africa. In 1925 he was appointed bishop of the Central European Central Conference. Nuelsen was known as a bridge builder between the two continents, was active in relief efforts during World War I, and was an accomplished scholar and author. He retired in May, 1939, ater the Uniting Conference held in Kansas City. Four years after he retired he died on June 26, 1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Scope Note

This accession contains items related to the Nuelsen family. There are several black and white photographs, mainly unidentified. One folder contains news clippings which are very fragile. Also included are three short manuscripts written by John N. Nuelsen. All are in German. A few letters are included. The bulk of this collection contains small albums from family members.

Other members of the family that are included in the collection besides John are Henry and Emilie. The bulk of the collection, however, is on John.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The papers are arranged by record type with no series structure due to size.

Related Material

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Subject Terms

Additonal Creators - Personal
Nuelsen, Henry.

Subject Names - Corporate
Methodist Episcopal Church

Subject Topics
Education, Higher.

Subject Geographic
Germany
United States.

Genre
Albums.
Clippings
Correspondence
Manuscripts
Photographs

Occupations
Bishop.
Minister

Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
2139-5-8:1	Family journals	Undated
2139-5-8:2	Family journals	Undated
2139-5-8:3	Family journals	Undated
2140-5-1:1	John Nuelsen Methodism Lecture	Undated
2140-5-1:2	John Nuelsen Methodism Lecture	Undated
2140-5-1:3	Newspaper clippings	Undated
2140-5-1:4	Photographs	Undated
2140-5-1:5	Family journals	Undated
2140-5-2:1	John Nuelsen Methodism Lecture and Letters	Undated
2140-5-2:2	Henry Nuelsen Letters	1890-1910
2140-5-2:3	Emilie Nuelsen Letter	1913
2140-5-2:4	Nuelsen Family Documents	1865-1900