

# Guide to the Harriet Hess Papers 1901-1916



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## Harriet Hess Papers

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### Biographical Note

Harriet Rutherford Hess (? - ?), Wesleyan Methodist Church Missionary, was born in Millbank, Ontario. Hess went to China in 1889 to teach in a Peking mission school. During the 1900 Boxer Rebellion, Hess fled to the British Legation where she and her colleagues were rescued. Hess returned to Wuchow, China, in 1902 where she met Isaac Hess, superintendent of the Alliance Mission work. They married in 1908 and worked together until Isaac's death in 1923. Hess left China in 1925 under the threat of Communist occupation. Hess did deputation work in the United States for the rest of her career. She eventually moved to Glendale, California at the age of 85. Hess lived to be more than 100 years old.

### Scope Note

The main attraction of this small collection is Hess' combination diary and notebook whose entries span from 1912 to 1916. Her life and ministry in China are well documented during this period. Besides diary entries, the researcher will find lessons, short biographical vignettes of native Chinese Christians and a small bibliography. Stories of healing and conversion can be found in loose handwritten or typed sheets of paper. There are clippings about Hess' 100th birthday and how to study the Bible. The June 22, 1901 Christian and Missionary Alliance magazine is dedicated to the Siege of Peking.

### Arrangement

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## Index Terms

### *Subject Topics*

Christian education  
Missions-China

### *Subject Geographic*

China

### *Genre*

Clippings  
Diaries  
Essays  
Publications

### *Subject - Corporate Names*

Wesleyan Methodist Church

## Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
2143-4-2:1	Diary	1912-1916
2143-4-2:2	Documents	1901

