

# **Guide to the Stahl Family Papers**

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### **Biographical Note**

Ruth Louise Stahl, Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Church Missionary, was born on April 8, 1887 in Somerset, Ohio to Clara W. Stahl. Her father's name is not known at the present time. Ruth is the sister of Minta May Stahl who later married A. W. Nagler. Osie Stahl is her other sibling. Stahl attended Canal Winchester High School, Ohio State University and Mount Union Conservatory where she earned a Bachelor of Music in 1909.

Ruth received her Women's Foreign Missionary Society appointment to China in November 1917. She set sail that same month. Upon arriving in China her assignment was to teach music at North China Women's College in Beijing. Later the college would become part of Yenching University. The school was closed by the Japanese in 1941. For the next two years Ruth was interned by the Japanese until repatriation in December 1943. Ruth then sailed back to the United States but returned to China in 1946 for two more years of service. Her official missionary retirement came in March 1951. Ruth died in July 1959.

Minta May Stahl, and Tirzah Marie Stahl were also missionaries who served in China between 1917 to 1945. They worked in various schools around China with students of all ages. Minta May Stahl worked in Tientsin, China and Tirzah Marie Stahl worked in Taianfu, Shantung, China.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection contains photographs, portraits, photograph albums, correspondence, higher education documents and artifacts from the missionary work of the Stahl family members. The numerous photographs and photograph albums contain images of former students including wedding photographs, other missionary workers and various landscapes in China.

### **Arrangement**

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Papers have been arranged by record type.

### **Related Material**

Microfilm Edition of the Mission Biographical Reference Files.

United Methodist Church (U.S.). General Board of Global Ministries. Women's Division.

### **Access Restrictions**

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### *Geographic Terms*

China  
Seoul (Korea)

### *Subject Names - Person*

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### ***Genre Terms***

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Autograph albums  
Books  
Clippings  
Correspondence  
Drawings  
Hymns  
Invitations  
Negatives  
Photograph albums  
Photographs  
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### ***Occupation Terms***

Educator  
Missionaries

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Methodist Episcopal Church

### ***Added Names - Persons***

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