

Collection #
M 0372

**MARGARET YANDES HOLLIDAY
PAPERS, 1883–1982 (BULK 1883–1920)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Margaret Yandes Holliday (1844-1920), known as Grettie, was born in Indianapolis, the daughter of a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, Reverend William A. Holliday and the sister of John H. Holliday, founder of the Indianapolis News and the Union Trust Company. She lived at home until the death of her mother in 1881. A short time later she petitioned the Board of the Northwest, a Presbyterian organization, to become a missionary and was accepted. She traveled through London, Rotterdam, Berlin, and Odessa before reaching her destination of Tabriz, Persia on November 6, 1883. She was sponsored by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis for her 37 years of service in Persia. She made only three trips home to Indianapolis during her service and died during her third furlough on March 17, 1920, in Indianapolis.

Sources: Material in the collection
Indianapolis News, 19 March 1920, p. 6.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of letters, letter fragments, a photograph, transcripts (completed in 1982) of the letters, including some not found in this collection, and a diary. The original order is unknown, so the collection is filed in chronological order. The letters were written between 1883 and 1919 and are mostly correspondence between Margaret Y. Holliday and her brother and his wife, John H. and Evaline (Evie) Holliday. She also wrote many letters to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, others in missionary service, as well as her niece Lucia S. Holliday, and other family members.

The letters relate Margaret Holliday's experiences as she traveled through Europe (1883) and the Middle East (1906) and as a missionary and show concern for her family and friends, health and social welfare. The letters also relate the difficulties of life in Persia during WW I.

Other correspondents in this collection include: William and Alice Holliday (brother and his wife) and Dr. Bradford.

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