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### Summary

Main Entry: Juliette Mather Collection

Date Span: 1922 – 1983

Abstract: Collection of materials related to Juliette Mather's service as a worker for the Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and as a volunteer international missionary. Collection primarily includes letters Mather wrote to her family and friends between 1957-1967 when she served as a missionary in Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan after her retirement from WMU. The majority of the letters are form letters containing news and updates on Mather's mission service work and include both typescript and handwritten copies of the letters. Juliette Mather wrote letters to her sisters Ruth and Harriet who typed the letters and mailed copies to Juliette's family and friends.

Size: .5 linear ft. (1 document box)

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### Biographical Sketch

Juliette Mather was born April 27, 1896 in Chicago, Illinois, to William Green and Juila King Mather. She spent her childhood years in Chicago and was converted and baptized into Windsor Park Baptist Church, Chicago, in 1908. In 1911 her family moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mather earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Arkansas in 1917 and 1918, and a bachelor of missionary training degree from the WMU Training School in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1921.

Mather worked as a field worker for the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas during the summers of 1919-1920. She served as Young People's Secretary for the national WMU from 1921-1948, and as WMU Editorial Secretary from 1948 until her retirement in 1957. After she retired from WMU, Mather volunteered as a missionary in Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. In Japan, she taught for two years at the Baptist University of Fukuoka. She worked with the Baptist Press of Hong Kong for 15 months, and taught for five years in Taiwan.

Mather developed and edited five missions' magazines for young people, including *World Comrades*, *The Window of YWA*, *Ambassador Life*, *Tell*, and *Sunbeam Activities*. She edited numerous leaflets and books including *Taiwan as I Saw It*, *Light Three Candles: History of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, 1874-1973*, *Telling You How*, and *Way of Missionary Education*; produced a motion picture film for Southern Baptists; and started annual Young

Woman's Auxiliary camps at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. She died July 5, 1983, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Juliette Mather Collection (15 folders, 1 document box) contains materials documenting Mather's service as a worker for the SBC Woman's Missionary Union and as a volunteer international missionary during her retirement years. The majority of the collection includes letters Mather wrote to her family and friends mostly between 1957-1967. Most of the letters are form letters containing news and updates on Mather's mission service work and include both typescript and handwritten copies of the letters. Mather volunteered as a missionary in Japan, Hong Kong, and Taiwan following her retirement from WMU in 1957. She wrote letters to her sisters Ruth and Harriet who typed the letters and mailed copies to Juliette's family and friends. The collection also contains materials from a scrapbook about Mather including photocopies of newspaper and magazine clippings about Mather's mission work from 1922-1982, copy of Mather's obituary, and photograph from a 1929 Y.W.A. camp at Ridgecrest.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order. Correspondence are arranged in chronological order.

### **Provenance**

Donated by Florence Wengerd, 1991.

### **Preferred Citation**

Juliette Mather Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Mather, Juliette, 1896-1983

Seinan Jo College (Japan)

Southern Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union.

Baptists – Hong Kong

Missions – Taiwan

Missions – Japan

### **Related Materials**

Una Roberts Lawrence Collection, SBHLA, AR 631.

Thomas L. Holcomb Papers, SBHLA, AR 795-98.

I.J. Van Ness Papers, SBHLA, AR 795-112.

W.O. Carver Papers, SBHLA, AR 76.

### **Container List**

- 1.1 Clippings, Undated
- 1.2 Clippings, 1922-1948
- 1.3 Clippings, 1952-1959
- 1.4 Clippings, 1965-1977
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1956-1957
- 1.6 Correspondence, 1958
- 1.7 Correspondence, 1959
- 1.8 Correspondence, 1960
- 1.9 Correspondence, 1961
- 1.10 Correspondence, 1962
- 1.11 Correspondence, 1963-1964
- 1.12 Correspondence, 1965-1967, 1982
- 1.13 Obituary – Juliette Mather, July 5, 1983
- 1.14 Photograph – Y.W.A. Camp – Ridgecrest, 1929
- 1.15 *World Comrades*, October-November-December, 1922