

Guide to the William Henricks Wiser and Charlotte Viall Wiser Papers

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CALL NUMBER: RG 128

CREATOR: Wiser, William Henricks, 1890-1961

TITLE: William Henricks Wiser and Charlotte Viall Wiser Papers

DATES: 1836-2000

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 13 linear feet (32 boxes + 1 portfolio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: William and Charlotte Wiser were Presbyterian missionaries in North India, appointed in 1915, and were active in the development of India Village Service, a demonstration project for the improvement of village life. These papers document the work of the Wisers in North India, particularly their involvement in rural reconstruction and their interest in Indian folklore.

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b.	box
f.	folder
	item barcode

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

William Hendricks Wiser and Charlotte Viall Wiser Papers (RG 128), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

William Henricks Wiser was born in Pennsylvania in 1890. He went to India under the auspices of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. in 1915 after his graduation from the University of Chicago. Charlotte Viall joined him in India and they were married in Allahabad. William Wiser served on the staff of the Allahabad Agricultural Institute and as professor of rural sociology at the North India Theological College, Saharanpur. He also directed students in practical work in nearby villages. Charlotte Wiser also taught courses at the Allahabad Agricultural Institute.

Charlotte was born at Chicago, Illinois in 1892, and graduated from University of Chicago. She was sent as a Presbyterian missionary to India in 1916. She married William H. Wiser and they had three sons — Arthur, Alfred, and Edward. During their first term the Wisers were based in Allahabad. During their second term (1925-1930), they worked in Mainpuri, and lived in the village of Karimpur, near Agra.

While on furlough in 1933, William Wiser completed a Ph.D. in rural social organization at Cornell University. Charlotte Wiser received a M.S. degree in nutrition from Cornell.

From 1945 to 1960 the Wisers were instrumental in the formation and direction of India Village Service, a demonstration project for the improvement of village life. William Wiser died in 1961 and Charlotte Wiser returned from India in 1970. Charlotte Wiser died in December 1981.

Scope and Contents

This collection provides valuable documentation of Presbyterian mission activity in North India. Much of the correspondence, writings, diaries and printed material is related to rural India and the efforts of missionaries like the Wisers to improve the quality of village life.

As an avocation, William Wiser collected Indian folklore stories and songs. These stories and songs were told to native clerks who transcribed them in devanagari script. These transcripts were then copied in romanized Hindi, and finally translated into English.

Charlotte Wiser's active life as a woman missionary in rural India is well documented.

The first addendum (2010) includes material that Prof. Susan S. Wadley of Syracuse University used in her research regarding north India.

The second addendum (2104), which overlaps significantly with the early collection, provides additional documentation, particularly of the life and writings of Charlotte Wiser, and valuable early photographs and slides of India.

The series structure of the original collection has been changed to reflect the substantial additions.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1924-1976
- II. Material related to India Village Service, 1934-1959
- III. Material related to Indian folklore, n.d.
- IV. Writings, 1836-1970s
- V. Indian language material, n.d.
- VI. Diaries and notebooks, 1912-1977
- VII. Collected Material, 1877-1979
- VIII. Biographical Documentation, 1915-1981, n.d.
- IX. Audio-visual Material, 1913-1970s

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1924-2000

Original collection		
b. 1, f. 1	Letters Correspondence is arranged chronologically. It includes letters from World Dominion Movement, International Missionary Council and Dorothy Parker, a missionary colleague (1951, 1952). Many of the letters describe village work during the time Dr. Wiser was director of India Village Service (1945-1960). Letter from Maurice L. Sill (1951) includes enclosure, "Colleagues in Action". Letters exchanged between Norvin Hein, Professor of Comparative Religion at Yale Divinity School, and Charlotte Wiser (1973, 1976) give information regarding the collection.	1924-1976
Addendum 2010		
b. 8, f. 1	Letters to/from the Wisers and others, including re. Peace Corps, school, writings. One letter to Gardner Murphy from L.W. Bryce re. Conference on Social Tensions	1939-1958
Addendum 2014		
b. 16, f. 1	Family correspondence	1964-1981, no date
b. 16, f. 2	Personal letters between CVW and friends incl. re, CVW trip to India and return	1971-1972
b. 16, f. 3	Personal letters between CVW and friends	1973-1981
b. 16, f. 4	Circular letters of Wisers	1946, 1950
b. 16, f. 5	Circular letters of others including from missionaries, including regarding CVW	1972-1979
b. 16, f. 6	About <i>Four Families</i> book and filmstrips to/from CVW and Jean and Don Johnson	1973-1978, no date
b. 16, f. 7	About <i>Four Families</i> book to/from CVW and Susan Wadley	1977-1981
b. 16, f. 8	About <i>Viability in Village of North India</i>	1978-1981
b. 16, f. 9	Regarding work and continued involvement of CVW in India, incl. trip to India, speaking tour, financial support and legacy in village.	1958, 1971-1976
b. 16, f. 10	Correspondence regarding village guesthouse project.	1972-1981
b. 16, f. 11	Correspondence from Indian friends and villagers and others re. India	1971-1980
b. 16, f. 12	Correspondence incl. re. research assistance, letters from public, women's organizations, from Susan Wadley	1949-1981, no date
b. 16, f. 13	Correspondence regarding Yale Divinity Library Wiser Papers Collection includes 1961 correspondence from UNC Chapel Hill collection of Wiser papers	1961, 1967, 1973-1981

Addendum 2014 (continued)

b. 16, f. 14	Notes and draft correspondence	
b. 16, f. 15	Correspondence of others	1942, 1972, 1981, 2000
b. 16, f. 16	Letters to/from William Wiser	1934-1950

Series II: Material regarding India Village Service, 1934-1959

b. 1, f. 2-4	Reports, outlines, and notes relevant to the formation and development of I.V.S.	1934-1959
b. 1, f. 5-6	231 issues of "India Village Service", a bulletin issued by Wiser	1934-1959

Series III: Material regarding Indian folklore

Folders 7 through 20 contain transcriptions of Indian stories and songs; the originals are in Oversize, Drawer 3.

Original collection		
b. 2, f. 8-14	Stories narrated by village people	no date
b. 2, f. 15	"The Mantras"	no date
b. 2, f. 16	Miscellaneous songs	no date
b. 2, f. 17-19	The Songs of Wazarin the Dancing Girl	no date
b. 2, f. 20	Khel Ke G t (eight songs in English translation); "The Story of Krishna" as told by a Kachhi (68 years old)	no date
b. OVd3	Originals of materials relating to Indian folklore	no date
Addendum 2010		
b. 12, f. 73-76	Songs and poems (transcribed and some translated by William Wiser)	no date
b. 13, f. 77-89	Songs and poems (transcribed and some translated by William Wiser)	no date

Series IV: Writings, 1836-1970s

Original collection

Writings by the Wisers

b. 3, f. 21-30	Includes published and unpublished material, articles, reports, manuscript drafts, and two typescript copies of <i>Behind Mud Walls in India</i> , a study of a typical North Indian village which was later published in book form.	1925-1953, no date
b. 6, f. 45-46	Copies of published works by the Wisers: <i>Behind Mud Walls</i> (with reviews), <i>For All of Life</i> , <i>The Hindi Jajmani System</i> , <i>Four Families of Karimpur</i>	
b. 3, f. 25	Copy of the prologue to <i>The Four Families</i> which gives biographical information about the Wisers.	

Writings by others

b. 4, f. 39-41	Includes reports, statistics, minutes, newspaper clippings, all related to India (including on status of women).
b. 6, f. 47	Two papers by Prof. Susan Wadley of Syracuse University based on source material in the Wiser papers.

Addendum 2010

Writings of Charlotte Wiser

b. 8, f. 2-17	Drafts, notes and copies of the Prologue and chapters of <i>Four Families of Karimpur</i> (by Charlotte Wiser, published by Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 1978)
b. 9, f. 18	Drafts and notes related to <i>Four Families of Karimpur</i>
b. 9, f. 19-26	"Brahmins" - drafts and notes, incl. stories of Ganesh; Ram Dayal (priest); Ramesh Lal (priest); Panditji's wife
b. 9, f. 27-29	"Brahmins of Karimpur"
b. 10, f. 30-37	"Farmers (Kachhis)" - the family of Parbat
b. 10, f. 38-43	"Oil Pressers (Telis)" - the family of Narayan; the sons of the Hakim (Rem Kishen)
b. 11, f. 44-46	"Oil Pressers" - family of Narayan
b. 11, f. 47-53	"Carpenters" - carpenters and the Jajmani system; the family of Devi and Balram; transcripts of tapes 1-5 and drafts
b. 11, f. 54	Crafts and other services
b. 11, f. 55	Festivals, incl. the Ramayan; Sivrat; the Holi Bonfire
b. 11, f. 56	Festivals, incl. Baksha - Bandhan; Tesu; notes on gods and festivals
b. 11, f. 57	Village stories - incl. "A Hindu Village Home in North India"; "Bahus"

Addendum 2010 > Writings of Charlotte Wiser (continued)

b. 11, f. 58	Village stories - incl. "Bajrang Pulls His Family Up"; "Ganga Kshnan(Soron); "A Village Wrestling Match"	
b. 12, f. 59-61	Drafts and notes on India incl. re. Moslems, industries, the people, Delhi, British rule, nationalism, food problems of a north India village, sanitation	
b. 12, f. 62-63	"The Present Generation; the Younger Generation"	1965-1968
b. 12, f. 64	"Their Children's Children"	1957
b. 12, f. 65	Narration script for slides - "Behind Mud Walls"	1925-1975
b. 12, f. 66	<i>The foods of a Hindu village of North India</i>	1936
b. 12, f. 67-69	Miscellaneous drafts and notes	
Writings of others		
b. 12, f. 70-71	Student papers in Indian language	
b. 12, f. 72	<i>India Village Service</i> (pamphlet)	
Addendum 2014		
Writings of William Wiser		
b. 17, f. 1	By-Products of a Village Survey	c. 1925
b. 17, f. 2	How Village Christians Live	1925
b. 17, f. 3	The Need for a Christian Economic Liberties League	no date
b. 17, f. 4	Jamanji (1)	1932
b. 17, f. 5	Jamanji (2)	1932
b. 17, f. 6	Social Institutions of a Hindu Village in North India: An Abstract of a Thesis	1933
b. 17, f. 7	The Economics of Poverty	1937
b. 17, f. 8	Research Studies in the Economic and Social Environment of the Indian Church A Study of 23 Christian Rural Groups in the Urbnited Provinces; A Study of 31 Urban Churches in the United Provinces.	1938
b. 17, f. 9	Building the Social and Economic Foundations for an Indigenous Church in the United Provinces	1940
b. 17, f. 10	Financial Foundations For the Church in Rural Areas	1941
b. 17, f. 11	other writings "A Palace Wedding," "The Missionary in Relation to Social Organizations," "Community Life With A Christian Bias": unpublished, excerpted, and/or date unclear.	

Published writings of Charlotte Wiser

Addendum 2014 > Published writings of Charlotte Wiser (continued)

b. 17, f. 12	The Passing of a Faithful Disciple	1929
b. 17, f. 13	The Foods of a Hindu Village of North India Thesis, original	1933
b. 17, f. 14	The Foods of a Hindu Village of North India (Copy)	
b. 17, f. 15	Presenting "For All of Life" in Your Society original and carbon copy with notes	1943
b. 17, f. 16	Veteran Observer of Rural Life Watches Generation Gap Touch Families in Her Indian Village essay by Charlotte Wiser as told to Betty Baird	1970
Writings of William and Charlotte Wiser		
b. 17, f. 17	May We Come In? Charlotte Wiser's reflections/report on first year survey later incorporated into Behind Mud Walls	1926
b. 17, f. 18	Behind Mud Walls (copy)	1930
b. 17, f. 19	Behind Mud Walls Publishing Contract and Copyright	1930, 1943
b. 17, f. 20	Behind Mud Walls drafts for second edition by C. Wiser	
b. 17, f. 21	Behind Mud Walls notes and fragments for second edition by C. Wiser	
b. 18, f. 1	Indian Village Service: Retrospect and Prospect	1958
b. 18, f. 2	Indian Village Service: Retrospect and Prospect (source documents) Director's Reports outlined (1-49; #29 missing, #5 "Roundtable Discussion"); "A New Village Project for India" (1944); IVS circular letter (1946); correspondence regarding continued support for IVS (1947); drafts.	1940s, 1950s
b. 18, f. 3	Reports on their work Including annual report written from the perspective of the Wisers' car.	1939, 1940, 1949, no date
Unpublished writings/drafts of Charlotte Wiser		
b. 18, f. 4	Creative Writing assignments, English 4 & 5	1923
b. 18, f. 5	The Wedding of Ilachi and Ralla Ram (a play) includes programme, draft with notes, Sanskrit language materials.	1923
b. 18, f. 6	Creative writing/narrative nonfiction drafts includes correspondence from C. Wiser to Martha Smalley/Yale Special Collections (1980) and several drafts of "All For a Son" and other pieces. Gives clues into genre (fiction/nonfiction) and writing process.	1920s

Addendum 2014 > Unpublished writings/drafts of Charlotte Wiser (continued)

b. 18, f. 7	Narrative nonfiction includes later creative writing course (Extension 122) with urgent reflection on purpose of writing ("having been out of the country for so long, it's hard to know what readers care about... it is a serious matter for us now. I must write to sell, if I can". A later piece makes reference to retirement cruise.	no dates
b. 18, f. 8	Festivals	1960s
b. 18, f. 9	My Indian and American Family drafts, reflections, notes on family	1960s, 1970
b. 18, f. 10	Village Life and Simple Living	no date
b. 18, f. 11	Viability of the Village in Contemporary Society notes, AAAS symposium presentation (February 1978) and paper (1979)	1977-1979
b. 18, f. 12	Viability of the Village in Contemporary Society notes, AAAS symposium presentation (February 1978) and paper (1979)	1977-1979
b. 18, f. 13	Excerpt of report re. missions	1931
b. 18, f. 14	Notes for Fulbright orientations	1957, 1960s
b. 18, f. 15	Notes for Peace Corps orientations	1960s
b. 18, f. 16	Women's Association presentation notes	1960s
b. 18, f. 17	Notes for presentations	1960s-1972, no date
b. 19, f. 1	Four Families key terms Actual and fictitious names used in Four Families and on slides; draft references, glossary, summary of families.	c. 1978
b. 19, f. 2	Four Families Introduction (draft) With corrections. Found with letter to Dr. Hein (Oct 74) and letter to Dale Ward making reference to "carbon copy of introduction".	1974
b. 19, f. 3	Four Families Introduction (earlier drafts) "superceded by later versions"	
b. 19, f. 4	The Family of Parbat, Farmer (bound)	
b. 19, f. 5	The Family of Parbat, Farmer (mimeographed copy)	
b. 19, f. 6	Farmers (draft) likely for editor/publisher with original photographs (not in book)	
b. 19, f. 7	Carpenters (draft) missing first page	
b. 19, f. 8	The Oil Pressers (final draft)	

Addendum 2014 > Unpublished writings/drafts of Charlotte Wiser (continued)

b. 19, f. 9	Brahmins (draft)	
b. 20, f. 1	Farmers, crop chart	
b. 20, f. 2	Farmers, first draft	
b. 20, f. 3	Farmers, draft includes family tree	
b. 20, f. 4	Farmers, draft	
b. 20, f. 5	Farmers, draft	
b. 20, f. 6	Farmers, draft	
b. 20, f. 7	Farmers, draft 30 years later, 1969, consolidation	
b. 20, f. 8	Farmers, draft 1969, consolidation	
b. 20, f. 9	Farmers, editor's notes	
b. 21, f. 1	Carpenters, draft	
b. 21, f. 2	Carpenters, draft	
b. 21, f. 3	Goldsmiths, and other sketches re. village life includes family tree	
b. 20, f. 4	Oil Pressers, draft	
b. 21, f. 5	Oil Pressers, draft	
b. 21, f. 6	Brahmins, draft	
b. 21, f. 7	Brahmins, source documents census, correspondence, information on wedding and notes	1969
b. 21, f. 8	Brahmins, notes	
b. 21, f. 9	Bards notes, "village general", "village viability"	
b. 21, f. 10	Four Families, mixed drafts	
b. 21, f. 11	Four Families, mixed drafts	
b. 21, f. 12	Four Families, diary notes, typed	1957-1967
b. 21, f. 13	Preface, draft by Susan Wadley	
b. 21, f. 14	Stories re. Dana, Umesh, Ovais, notes, and correspondence	no date

Notes/fragments by Charlotte Wiser

Addendum 2014 > Notes/fragments by Charlotte Wiser (continued)

b. 22, f. 1	Maloja Parish Council Rules for Scavenger Hunt program bulletin with notes	
b. 22, f. 2	notes re Hinduism and language	
b. 22, f. 3	notes re Tagore	
b. 22, f. 4	notes re calculation of horoscope	
b. 22, f. 5	notes re Sanskrit vocabulary lists	
b. 22, f. 6	Hinduism and Sanskrit practice notebooks	
b. 22, f. 7	Hinduism and Sanskrit practice notebooks	
b. 22, f. 8	notes re craft of writing	
b. 22, f. 9	notes re India, villagers	
b. 22, f. 10	other notes	
Writings of others		
b. 23, f. 1	Journal of Lady Fanny Parks (typed excerpt)	1836
b. 23, f. 2	Letter by American Missionaries exploring N. India	1836
b. 23, f. 3	Writings by Prem Chand Lal, President, Mayo College Ajmer Two original documents; personal reflection on experience as president of college and an exegesis of the 23rd Psalm	
b. 23, f. 4	Unpublished essay/letter by Prem Chand Lal and colleague on America, no date American Missions	
b. 23, f. 5	Writings re missions Indian, other, general One Hundred Years by Arthur Judson Brown (excerpt); "A Vital Village Church," by Janki Parshad (essay, original); book reviews published in The Christian Century (original) (with handwritten notes by C. Wiser); Without the Camp (pamphlet) by The American Mission to Lepers, Inc Missionary Study Outlines for use with "For All of Life" and "We Who Are America" (pamphlet, original); Christian Missions and Point IV by Division of Foreign Missions NCCC (includes article re Wisers) (newsletter, original)	1936, 1937, 1941, 1944, no date
b. 23, f. 6	Communications in Village India (book) by Selden C. Menefee and Audrey G. Menefee handwritten on cover, "For Charlotte Wiser from [co-author] Selden Menefee"	1964
b. 23, f. 7	India Through Literature (pamphlet) by Donald and Jean Johnson	1973
b. 23, f. 8	Four Families book reviews	1978
b. 23, f. 9	Presentations by Douglas Ensminger	1980, 1981

Addendum 2014 > Writings of others (continued)

b. 23, f. 10	YMCA of Delhi Report re Jaffarpur Women's Cooperative Industrial Society original including letter of explanation to Gov't of India Ministry of Social Welfare (1981)	1980, 1981
b. 23, f. 11	Presentations by Susan Wadley Sent to Charlotte Wiser; "Deceitful and Faithful-- Cunning and Victimized: Contrasting Images of Karimpur Women" "Cunning in the Courtyard: Women in Karimpur Folktales", "The Katha of Sakat: A Study in North Indian Narrative Strategies"	1980, 1981, no date
b. 23, f. 12	Presentations and publications by Susan Wadley Sent to Edward Wiser with related correspondence (1982-2000)	

Series V: Indian Language Material

b. 4, f. 42-43	"Nur Duniya men Aya"; story with translation
b. 4, f. 42-43	"The Story of Krishna" as told by a Kachhi (68 years old) (see Series III)
b. 4, f. 42-43	Four Posters; including political campaign poster in Hindi language, poster representing Christ, replication of wall painting.
b. 4, f. 42-43	Booklets used in literacy classes in urban Service work in Karimpur

Series VI: Diaries and Notebooks, 1912-1970s

Original collection		
b. 6, f. 48	Diaries and Notebooks of Charlotte Wiser	1934, 1942-1945, 1947, 1964, 1967, 1970, n.d.
b. 5, f. 44	Diaries of Charlotte Wiser	1912-1916, 1927-1928, 1948, 1965, 1967-1969, 1971, 1976-1977
b. 15, f. 107	Diaries and Notebooks of William Wiser	1934, 1941-1945, 1947, 1949, 1950, n.d.
b. 4, f. 31-38	Karimpur Diaries; Journals and notes	1927-1929, 1948 n.d.
b. 6, f. 49	Notes for talks given by CVW	n.d.
Addendum 2014		
b. 24, f. 1	Pocket diary, fieldnotes, houses #1-58; #59-117; #118-166	1926-1927
b. 24, f. 2	2 Pocket diaries, socioanthropological notes, study sheet music	1927
b. 24, f. 4	Pocket diary, socioanthropological notes	1935
b. 24, f. 3	Fragment of diary, re first village tour	1939
b. 24, f. 5	Day planner, incl re IVS visits, work, travel	1946
b. 24, f. 6	Fieldnotes, Census of Karim Ganj, 1969	1969
b. 24, f. 7	Excerpt from diary, 1970 Typed excerpt from diary (Jan-Aug 1970) incl. re retirement and continued work in America and India	1970
b. 24, f. 8	Notebook, notes incl re village life	1972
b. 24, f. 9	Day planners, personal	1962, 1973, 1975, 1978, no date
b. 24, f. 10	Excerpts from diaries, re village life	1920s-1960s

Series VII: Collected Material, 1877-1979

Original collection

b. OVd3	Large Indian fan made of cloth	
b. 7, f. 50	Indian fan made of cloth	
b. 7, f. 50	3 models of Indian implements	

Addendum 2010

Related to Presbyterian mission in north India

b. 13, f. 90	Incl. statement by William Wiser; names and addresses of Mission board members; document in Indian language	1926-1945
b. 13, f. 91	Minutes of Annual Meetings (North India Mission)	1945-1946
b. 13, f. 92	Minutes of United Provinces Christian Council	1947 Nov
b. 13, f. 93	Minutes of 90th Annual Meeting; the Synodical Board	1948 Jul
b. 14, f. 94	Minutes of Executive Committee; Annual Meeting, Christian Council	1949
b. 14, f. 95	Incl. minutes of Annual Meeting	1950
b. 14, f. 96-98	Minutes of miscellaneous committees	1943-1950

Collected material

b. 14, f. 99	Agricultural glossary	
b. 14, f. 100	Memorandum on Agriculture in the District of Cawnpore	1877
b. 14, f. 101-103	Delhi Training and Orientation Centre for Foreign Technicians in India - catalogs	1955-1958
b. 14, f. 104	Miscellaneous	

Addendum 2014

Collected materials

b. 25, f. 1	The Gist of the Lesson: A Concise Exposition of the International Sunday School Lessons for the Year 1918 (book) by R.A. Torrey	1918
b. 25, f. 2	The Lady of the Lake (book) cloth-bound book, handwritten inscription, "Loch Katrine Aug. 30, 1923, The Wisers".	1923
b. 25, f. 3	The High Clerc Cookery Book ("Sold by the Principal, High Clerc School for Missionaries' Children, Kodaikanal, Madras Presidency.")	1924
b. 25, f. 4	Dance performance programs	1924, 1940
b. 25, f. 5	Telephone directory, United Provinces Circle, with advertisements, services, local contact listings	1942

Addendum 2014 > Collected materials (continued)

b. 25, f. 6	Our Educational Emphasis in Primitive Perspective by Margaret Mead (article originally printed in The American Journal of Sociology, Vol. XLVIII, No. 6, May, 1943)	1943
b. 25, f. 7	Quotation of a statement sent to Dr. Speer on Sept. 25, 1925 by Dr. Sam Higginbottom (recorded by R.K. Sorabji)	1944
b. 25, f. 8	Indian and American nutritional education	1944-1946
b. 25, f. 9	Peace Corps Training Program, Biographical Sketches, with handwritten notes by C. Wiser	1966
b. 25, f. 10	Documents regarding religion in India news clippings, pamphlets, typed notes, pictures of symbols	1904, 1967, no dates
b. 25, f. 11	American Women's Club of Delhi, member directories	1969-1970, 1971-1972
b. 25, f. 12	Some Reflections on Runaways by Margaret K. Rosenheim (Occasional Paper Number 8 August 1977, Univ. of Chicago School of Social Service Administration)	1977
b. 25, f. 13	Brochures of charitable organizations in India two brochures with note by C. Wiser, "Institutions I should like to help"	1979
b. 25, f. 14	Indian newspaper (Sanskrit)	
b. 25, f. 15	Scroll icon of Indian Jesus; scroll showing Indian gods	
b. 25, f. 16	Artwork, incl iconography, socioanthropological, religious; professional and self-taught by friends and others; booklet on Christian Art in India	
b. 25, f. 17	UNESCOPE (book) - poetry and artwork on peace	no date
b. 25, f. 18	Booklets published by The Educational Resources Center, New Delhi: "Motion Pictures for the Study of India", "A Village of Northern India", "India Through the Ancient Classics", "They Live in India"	
b. 31, f. 1	Artifacts: Blocks for printing "The Wiser Trail - 25th Anniversary"	1936
b. 31, f. 2	Artifacts: Blocks for printing illustrations	no date
b. 31, f. 3	Artifacts: Indian paper money, tikas, embroidered cloth	no date
b. 31, f. 4	India Village Service note paper	no date
b. 31, f. 5	Indian language booklet published at Rasalpara Christian High School Press	no date
b. OVd3	Sketch of Wisers' house in India	no date
b. OVd3	Large colored poster with Indian language and symbols	no date

Series VIII: Biographical Documentation, 1915-1981

Addendum 2010

b. 14, f. 105	Lists of memorable dates, personal records	
b. 14, f. 106	Paper by Susan Snow Wadley: "William and Charlotte Wiser: Missionaries as Scholars and Development Officers"	no date

Addendum 2014

b. 26, f. 1	Important dates, 1915-1934; description of activities 1930-1932; certification of William Wiser as father of Alfred Roswell Wiser; Christmas card showing Wiser family typed, third-person, author unclear	
b. 26, f. 2	50 Years in India, Peace Corps Tribute letters, program	1966
b. 26, f. 3	The American Women's Club of Delhi Tribute Certificate of Life Membership, Annual Spring Lunch and Fashion Show programme listing C. Wiser as guest of honor	1970
b. 26, f. 4	Other tributes - letters and poems, English and Sanskrit	1941, 1970s, 1981
b. 26, f. 5	Behind Mud Walls tour - schedule, news clippings, letter of thanks	1974
b. 26, f. 6	Guestbook	1966-1975
b. 26, f. 7	Documents from United Presbyterian Church USA - death notices, annual reports, directories of retired missionaries	1972, 1978-1979
b. 26, f. 8	Cash ledger	1930
b. 26, f. 9	4 cash ledgers	1967-1968, 1970, 1971, 1975
b. 26, f. 10	11 correspondence ledgers	1968-1981
b. 26, f. 11	Documents and notes re travel and activities in retirement Including re. Egypt, Greece; visa application, passport photo, vacation slides and souvenirs, correspondences regarding travel logistics	1968-1972
b. 26, f. 12	Wall calendars	1969, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981

Series IX: Audio-visual Material, 1913-1970s

Original collection

b. 7, f. 51	2 video tapes of talk by Charlotte Wiser, Syracuse University	1978
b. 7, f. 51, ■■■■ 39002052077576	Talk by Mrs. Charlotte Wiser, Syracuse University (with Susan S. Wadley, Bruce W. Derr), Tape #1 <i>1 videotape (.5")</i> Discussion of village "Kalimpur" Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1978 October
b. 7, f. 51, ■■■■ 39002052077584	Talk by Mrs. Charlotte Wiser, Syracuse University (with Susan S. Wadley, Bruce W. Derr), Tape #2 <i>1 videotape (.5")</i> Discussion of village "Kalimpur" Use of originals is restricted. Reference copies may be requested. Consult Divinity Special Collections staff for further information.	1978 October
b. 7, f. 52-53	Two photograph albums about India Village Service, with accompanying scripts	
Addendum 2014		
Photographs		
b. 27, f. 1	Indian individuals: portraits and shown at work with various crafts and other activities	1916-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 2	Indian individuals: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 3	Indian individuals: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 4	Indian individuals: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 5	Indian individuals: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 6	Indian groups: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 7	Indian groups: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 8	Indian groups: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1949, no date
b. 27, f. 9	Indian groups: portraits and scenes of daily life	1920s-1970, no date
b. 27, f. 10	Indian groups: portraits and scenes of daily life, interactions with missionaries	1916-1930s, no date

Addendum 2014 > Photographs (continued)

b. 27, f. 11	Indian groups: including school groups and family portraits	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 12	Indian groups: villagers, family portraits	1920s-1930s no date
b. 27, f. 13	Indian groups: scenes of village life, school classes, interaction with missionaries	1916-1930s, no date
b. 27, f. 14	Indian groups: scenes of village life	1920s-1930s, no date
b. 28, f. 1	Portraits of miscellaneous Western adults and children	1916-1960s, no date
b. 28, f. 2	Portraits of miscellaneous Western adults and children	1920s-1970s
b. 28, f. 3	Western groups: including scenes in India	1920s-1940s
b. 28, f. 4	Western groups: including families, missionaries	1917-1940s, no date
b. 28, f. 5	Western groups: families	1920s-1960s, no date
b. 28, f. 6	Western groups: families, missionaries	1912-1940s, no date
b. 28, f. 7	Western groups: including children at Annual Meeting of North India Mission, Landour	1928, no date
b. 28, f. 8	Portraits of Charlotte Wiser	1940s-1970s
b. 28, f. 9	Portraits of William Wiser	1913-1951
b. 28, f. 10	Portraits of Charlotte and William Wiser	1933, 1950s
b. 28, f. 11	Charlotte Wiser with various individuals, including in India	1960s-1970s, no date
b. 29, f. 1	Wisers' home in Lucknow	1948-1951
b. 29, f. 2	Buildings and scenes in India, with identification	1915-1919
b. 29, f. 3	Buildings and scenes in India, with identification	1920s
b. 29, f. 4	Buildings and scenes in India, with identification	1943-1950, 1971
b. 29, f. 5	Buildings and scenes, primarily in India	no date
b. 29, f. 6	Buildings and scenes in India	no date
b. 29, f. 7	Buildings and scenes, primarily in India	no date
b. 29, f. 8	Buildings and scenes, primarily in India	no date
b. 29, f. 9	Buildings and scenes in India	no date

Addendum 2014 > Photographs (continued)

b. 29, f. 10	Sequence of photos showing hands of Indian woman and some custom or ritual	no date
b. 29, f. 11	Postcards, primarily depicting India	no date
b. 29, f. 12	Photos removed from album, primarily of children in India	1920s?
b. 29, f. 13	Photos removed from album, primarily of women in India	no date
b. 29, f. 14	Photos removed from album, primarily individuals and scenes in India	1920s-1930s
b. 29, f. 15	Proof sheets of photographs suggested for Charlotte Wiser's book, Four Families	no date
b. 29, f. 16	Three albums of negatives including some prints, including photographs of children in India, agriculture	no date
b. 29, f. 17	One album of negatives, several envelopes of negatives, some identified	no date
b. 30, f. 1	Envelopes of negatives, some identified	no date
Slides		
b. LS1 (Slides 1-65), LS2 (Slides 66-125), LS3 (Slides 126-149)	Glass lantern slides (149 slides in 3 boxes) RG128:LS1-LS3(Slides1-149): 2024-03-27-	ca.1916-1929
b. 30, f. 2	35 mm slides: several boxes and packets, some identified, including slides for presentation on India Village Services	no date
Filmstrip		
b. 30, f. 3	Two copies of filmstrip titled "Looking Behind Mud Walls"	

Selected Search Terms

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Subjects

Folklore -- India
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Wiser, Charlotte Viall
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