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Abstract

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History

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50th Anniversary, 1939

American Mission Hospital: 100 Years of Caring, 1903-2003, movie (CD), 2003
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Bags for Baghdad Program, 1951
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Book, *History of the Arabian Mission*, by Dorothy Van Ess, n.d.
Booklets, n.d.
Brief Historical Surveys, 1962
Brochures, 1937-1963
Film, *al-Amrikani* (The American Mission) about the work of the American Mission hospitals in Kuwait from 1911 to May 1967, 2015 (DVD)
Kuwait, 1938-1980
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Pamphlets, 1928-1960

Box 2

Photograph Album Book, *Middle East Memories*, by Una Ratmeyer, 1989
Photographs, 1901-1929, n.d. (44 images)
Publications
 Board of Foreign Missions, ca. 1949-ca. 1956
 Department of Missionary Education, ca. 1928-ca. 1955
 Kuwait Before Oil: Memoirs of Dr. C. Stanley Mylrea, Pioneer Medical Missionary of the Arabian Mission, Reformed Church in America (written between 1945-1951)
 New Arabic Hymnal translations, n.d.
 Sketch of the Arabian Mission, 1901, 1907
 Who's Who in the Arabian Mission by Mrs. John (Dorothy) Van Ess, 1938
 Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, ca. 1937-1943
 Women's Missionary Work, RCA, 1950-1959
Slides, n.d. (12 images)
The Missionaries, 1940-1962

Oversized (See Oversized Cabinet)

Maps, n.d. (2 items)