
Western Theological Seminary
Abstract

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Container List

Box 1

Christmas cards, n.d., 1915, 1919, 1925, 1933
Community Church of Shanghai, n.d., 1929
Correspondence (arranged chronologically)
   In Dutch, 1894
   Henry and Susan Huizinga, India, 1896-1899, 1900
   Ben, Gary, Indiana, 1911
   Henry Huizinga to Mother, 1915
   Susan Huizinga to Lizzy, China, 1919
   Antvelink, Mrs. G. J., (mother of Susan Huizinga), 1922-1923
   Henry and Susan Huizinga, Coming to America, 1924
   Henry Huizinga to Family, Christmas, 1924, 1925
   Susan Huizinga to Mother, 1924-1925
   Miscellaneous, 1926, 1930, 1931
   Albert Huizinga to Aunt Lizzie, 1926
   Mary Huizinga to Aunt Lizzie, 1926, 1932
   Henry Huizinga to children, 1927, 1929, 1930
   Susan Huizinga to Mrs. G. J. Antvelink, 1927, 1930
   Susan Huizinga to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Zevalkink, 1928, 1931
   Shanghai College Reports, 1930-1934
   Henry Huizinga to children, 1931, 1933
   Susan Huizinga to Mr. & Mrs. Zevalkink, 1933
   Henry Huizinga to children, 1934
   Ruth Huizinga to Aunt Lizzie, 1934
   Susan Huizinga to Mr. and Mrs. Zevalkink, 1934
Susan Huizinga to Mr. and Mrs. Zevalkink, 1935
Henry Huizinga to children, 1935, 1936
Susan Huizinga to Mr. and Mrs. Zevalkink, 1936
Henry and Susan Huizinga to children, 1944
Susan Huizinga to Lizzie and John, 1945, 1947, 1950-1958
Marriage, Henry and Susan Antvelink Huizinga, 1896

Photographs
Gerrit Huizinga and Kate Telder, n.d. (4 images)
Henry and Susan Huizinga in India, n.d., 1913 (10 images)
Unidentified, n.d., 1938 (9 images)

Photograph Albums
Dorothy Huizinga, n.d., 1911 (282 images)
“Scenes in Peking”, China, n.d. (13 images)

Poem by Henry Huizinga, “The Old College Pump,” ca. 1893
Post Cards, China and India, 1914, 1925 (3 images)
Shanghai College, Yearbook, 1920
Wedding dress, cloth samples, 1896
Wedding Invitations of Family Members, 1903, 1909, 1925-1927

Box 2

Large Scrapbook, Dorothy Huizinga, n.d., 1913-1938 (174 images)