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Biography
Ruth Wiens was born 2 February 2, 1923 to John and Marie Wiens at Mountain Lake, Minnesota. She was baptized and became a member of the Mountain Lake Mennonite Brethren Church at an early age. After attending public schools she enrolled at Wheaton (Ill.) College, from which she received a B.A. in Liberal Arts in 1948. From 1948 to 1950 she taught school at the Post Oak Mennonite Brethren Mission in Indiahoma, Oklahoma. In August of 1950 she sailed to Kobe, Japan as the first Mennonite Brethren missionary to that country. In Japan Ruth Wiens was an instructor at the Osaka Biblical Seminary and coordinated the production of Christian education curriculum materials for the Japan Mennonite Brethren Conference. She spent forty years as a missionary there, retiring in 1990.

Wiens continued her education during furloughs from mission work. She took classes at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. She received an M.R.E. degree from the latter institution in 1965.

In June 1990, shortly after her retirement from missionary work in Japan, Ruth Wiens married Peter J. Funk. They lived in Fresno until her death from a stroke on 10 June 1992.

Scope and Content
This record group includes correspondence, a diary, articles and reports, clippings, photographs and other material relating to Ruth Wiens Funk’s missionary work in Japan

Languages Appearing in the Collection
Some material is in Japanese.

Letters to parents, 1950-1979
Letters from parents, 1972-1978
Letters from Japanese friends, early 1950s
Family round robin letters, 1959-1991
Other correspondence, 1950-1991
Prayer letters, 1950-1990
Christmas letters, 1978-1989
Diary, 1970-1973?
Articles and reports, 1950-1979
Clippings, 1982-1990
Other material
Photo print albums
Photographs