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Collection Summary
Title: Maria Wolters papers
Dates: 1874-1959
Collection Number: 41000
Creator: Wolters, Maria.
Collection Size: 5 manuscript boxes, 1 oversize box (3 linear feet)
Repository: Hoover Institution Archives
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Abstract: The collection includes materials related to famine and earthquake relief and welfare in Japan, and consists of writings, correspondence, photographs, clippings, and memorabilia.
Physical Location: Hoover Institution Archives
Languages: English, German, Chinese, and Japanese
Access
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Related Materials
Herbert Hoover subject collection, Hoover Institution Archives
Stanley K. Hornbeck papers, Hoover Institution Archives
American National Red Cross records, Hoover Institution Archives
Biographical Note
Maria Wolters was a German-American relief worker in Japan from 1904 to 1959. She organized a fundraising drive in the U.S. that raised millions for farmers and victims of earthquakes. She also donated large sums out of her savings for child welfare in Japan.
Scope and Content of Collection

The papers relate to the life of Wolters, documenting her fundraising campaign for relief efforts in Japan in 1904-1959. The collection includes some biographical information on Wolters, correspondence file, drafts and typescript of Wolters's memoir "The Power of Love," as well as other writings on her relief efforts in Japan. The papers contain a set of Relief work files with a variety of collected material such as "The Food-Blockade Petition Book," a scrapbook, financial records, and printed matter. In addition, the collection contains photographs depicting Wolters and her Japanese colleagues and friends.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
International relief.
Child welfare--Japan.

Box: 1

Biographical File, 1874-1959

Scope and Content Note
Includes identification documents, letters of reference, photographs, and Wolters's will.

Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically by physical form

Box/Folder: 1 : 1-2
Identification documents, 1922-1936
Box/Folder: 1 : 3-4
References, 1882-1891
Box/Folder: 1 :
Photographical prints of Wolters, her family, and friends, 1874-1956
Box/Folder: 1 : 12
Will and testament, 1959

Scope and Content Note
Includes drafts and copy of letter to Herbert Hoover

Box/Folder: 1 : 5-11

Box: 1-3

Correspondence, 1903-1959

Arrangement
Arranged in two groups: General and alphabetical, the latter by name of person or organization

General, 1905-1958

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1903-1958

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American schools, 1931-1936
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Board of Education, Los Angeles, 1934-1954
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Boy Scouts of America, 1932
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Brownell, H., 1933-1956
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### Writings, 1903-1959

**Scope and Content Note**
Consists of appeals, petitions, poems, and books

**Arrangement**
Arranged chronologically except for the memoir, which is at the end

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**Scope and Content Note**
Includes manuscript, typescript, and binder's copy

### Relief Work Files, 1904-1959

**Scope and Content Note**
Contains correspondence, contacts, financial documents, printed matter, scrapbooks, and clippings

**Arrangement**
Arranged alphabetically by subject

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**Scope and Content Note**
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