

# Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

## Selma Moberg photograph collection

MSS P:336

**.5 linear feet (1 box and 1 oversized box)**

<b>Creator:</b>	Moberg, Selma Olivia (1869-1934)
<b>Dates of collection:</b>	1923-1970 (bulk: 1926-1933)
<b>Language:</b>	English (bulk), Chinese
<b>Access:</b>	The collection is open for research. A limited amount of photocopies may be requested via mail.
<b>Subject headings:</b>	Women missionaries--China Swedish Americans--Massachusetts--Brockton
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<b>Related collections:</b>	MSS P:332 Selma Olivia Moberg missionary to China collection
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### Custodial History/Provenance

Donated to the Swenson Center by Pippa Asker in 2014. Relation to creator unknown.

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### Biographical Sketch

Selma Olivia Moberg was born on October 3, 1869 in Sweden. She served as a missionary to China from 1903-1924 through the South Chihli Mission.

The South Chihli mission was an undenominational mission founded in 1896 by Rev. and Mrs. Horace W. Houlding from the United States. The mission was comprised of 14 missionaries, of 7 different denominations. It was considered to be entirely evangelical, with its main goal to bring the gospel to China. The South Chihli mission operated several stations throughout the Zhili (now Hebei) region south of Beijing. The mission headquarters was located at Tai-ming fu, with a farm, boys' school and

orphanage, and girls' school and orphanage. Selma lived at worked at the Wei Hsien station. The South Chihli Mission dissolved in the 1920s.

Selma died on December 14, 1934 in Brockton, Massachusetts and is buried in Melrose Cemetery.

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## **Content/Description**

Photographs of Selma Moberg, the Asker family and Selma's friends and coworkers in China. Some photographs may have been sent to Selma after she returned to Brockton, MA after being a missionary, and some may have been given to her during her time there. Many of the photographs are identified and have descriptions.

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## **Arrangement**

Series I - Documents

Series II - Photographs

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## **Inventory list**

Box 1

Series I - Documents

1. China Inland Mission "Famine and the Gospel" pamphlet
2. Letter from Ruth Asker to cousin Anna M. Bjork (1970)

Series II - Photographs

3. Portraits and photographs of Selma Moberg (ph1-7)
4. Photographs of Selma Moberg as a missionary in China (ph 8 -15)
5. The Asker family and Selma Moberg (ph 16-27)
6. Photographs of the boys' and girls' school and orphanage (ph 28-39)
7. Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China (ph 40-45)
8. Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China (ph 46-49)
9. Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China (ph 50-69)
10. Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China (ph 70-76)
11. Miscellaneous photographs (ph 77-79) and duplicates
12. Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China (ph 80-85)
13. Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China (ph 86-88)

Box 2 (oversized)

Photographs of Selma Moberg's friends and coworkers in China, Asker family portrait, Selma Moberg in her casket in Brockton, MA (ph 89-95)

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