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CHARLES BRIDGMAN FONDS

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**CHARLES BRIDGMAN FONDS. –1930. –1 cm of textual material.**

Rev. Charles “Charlie” Alfred Bridgman (1882-1978) was a missionary in West China who served there for thirty-five years. He was born in Winona, Ontario on March 20, 1882. He graduated from Victoria College in 1910. In 1912, he was ordained by the Methodist church and was appointed as a missionary in West China. He arrived in West China in 1913 and thereafter specialized in rural work where he ministered and also introduced new types of fruits and vegetables to the region. On June 20, 1917, he married Margaret Jean Modeland, a missionary nurse who specialized in child welfare. They had three children: Christy Jean, Donald Charles, and Elizabeth Ruth. He retired from missionary work in 1948 and returned to his hometown of Winona.

Fonds contains letter from Charles Bridgman in Fuling to his mother detailing his kidnapping, 1930.

*See bio file for articles and pamphlets on Charles Bridgman’s kidnapping.*

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2022.070C	TR	Letter from Charles Bridgman in Fuling to his mother detailing his kidnapping where he was taken by “bandits” with his college Pastor Din, the account appeared in the West China Missionary News	29 Apr. 1930