



Collection Name:

Stolee family collection, 1893-2006

Collection Number:

P1702

Extent:

2.4 cubic feet (6 archives boxes)

Abstract:

(Ole) Michael Jakobsen Stolee (1871-1946) and Martha Knutson Stolee (1878-1957), missionaries to Madagascar, 1900-1911. Papers include glass negatives, photographs; letters to church officials, family and congregations who supported them. Also includes papers of Rev. Michael Stolee from the time he served as commissioner for the National Lutheran Council in France during World War I. As commissioner he aided people affected by World War I as well as armed services personnel and helped with the reconstruction of churches in France, Poland, and Russia. Michael returned to the U.S. and taught at Luther Seminary in St. Paul until his death.

Box	Folder	Description	Date	Range
1	1	Biography of Michael J. Stolee. Includes recollection of his days at St. Olaf; a page from the St. Olaf catalogue (1897-1898); "Roots of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF)" pamphlet (1957); article "Dr. M.J. Stolee - Missionary - Professor" written by Dr. Rolf A. Syrdahl for the Luther Theological Seminary Review (1971); Drew University Commencement [at which Stolee received his Degree as a Doctor of Theology] (1929); Augustana College Commencement documents (1893); St. Olaf College Commencement documents (1897); article "Three Great Missionaries" by Daniel Nelson in 'The Missionary' magazine (May 1947); article "Lutheran Field Workers to Air Problems at Conference" by Dr. Frank Nelson, publication unknown (1936); article "Foreign Mission Work Declared Road to Peace" by Dr. Frank Nelson, publication unknown (1936); Luther Theological Seminary Catalogue, with descriptions of courses taught by Stolee (1919-1920).	1893	1971
6	6	Photos: groups, non-native. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
1	5	Posthumous Correspondence with Family.	1998	2006



6	1	Paper copies of Stolee family photos. Paris, France and Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
6	2	Photos: buildings, interior and exterior, Paris, France and Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
6	3	Photos: children. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
1	6	Miscellaneous. Includes "Lutherans Working Together: A History of The National Lutheran Council" by Osborne Hauge (1943); "A Student's Prayer" by J. Theodore Mueller; a letter to Stolee from Rev. M. Saeterlie, in China (1914); added June 26, 2012: "Biography of Ingeborg Stolee," compiled by Dorothy Divers (ca. 1990, 11 pages typescript).	1914	1990
6	5	Photos: groups, Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
2	5	Publications: In Norwegian. Includes article "Fra Madagaskar" (Luthersk Børneblad, Feb. 1913) with photoclippping of Martha Stolee with Malagasy children.	1913	1913
6	7	Photos: Individuals and groups, native. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
6	8	Photos: Individuals and groups, native. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
6	9	Photos: Individuals and pairs of individuals, non-native. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
6	10	Photos: Outdoor scenes. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	0	0
6	4	Photos: children. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
2	9	General Madagascar Documents. Includes "Madagascar" by M.J. Stolee (date unknown); "The Wonderful Works of Jehovah in Madagascar" by M.J. Stolee (date unknown); "Our First Christmas in Madagascar" by M.J. Stolee (1901); "The Fantastic Box" (date and author unknown).	1901	1901
4	0	(binder) Manuscript of "Stolee Family History", which includes the writing of several different family members, compiled by unknown family member. (date unknown).	0	0



5	0	(binder) Paper copies as well as some prints of Stolee family photos. Also includes CDs of glass plate negatives and other photos.	1901	1909
2	3	Correspondence and Publications: 1938 Madagascar Jubilee Trip. Includes article "St. Paulite Tells of Mission Headway in Madagascar." (unknown date & publication); speech notes; letters between Mrs. Ray Mohn and Mrs. M.J. Stolee (1938); article "Jubilee" in 'The Messenger' published by the Madagascar Mission of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America (1938); letter from Mrs. M. J. Stolee in Madagascar published in the "Women's Missionary Federation" (1938); copy of "...Upon Them Hath the Light Shined" by Mrs. M.J. Stolee (date unknown).	1938	1938
2	10	Letters to Children from the Madagascar Jubilee Trip (1938)	1938	1938
2	1	Correspondence and Publications: Mission Work. Includes "Our Mission Schools in Madagascar" by Mrs. M. J. Stolee; photos (few) of the Stolees in both Paris and Madagascar; notes for speeches given by Martha Stolee (date & location unknown); article "After Many Years" by Mrs. M. J. Stolee in the "Women's Missionary Federation"; poem "Cleopas and I" by Martha J. Stolee, published in the 'Lutheran Herald.' (1955).	1900	1955
2	8	The Diary of Martha J. Stolee on the trip of the 50th Year Jubilee of the Mission to Madagascar, as edited and compiled by her grandson Michael J. Stolee (1997). Includes a few paper copies of photos from the trip. Original journal not in this collection.	1938	1938
2	7	Madagascar Letters from Martha. (1938)	1938	1938
2	6	Madagascar Letters from Martha, includes both original letters and transcripts. (1901)	1901	1901
6	11	Photos: Outdoor scenes. Ft. Dauphin, Madagascar. Prints made from glass negatives (Negatives are held in the NAHA Archives).	1901	1909
2	4	Translations (by Martha Stolee): Hymns and Prayers. Includes "Over de høie Fjelle," "Din, O Jesus, Din at vare," "Deilig er den Himmel Blaa," "I am glad on Christmas Eve," and "Ring out ye bells, o ring out ere the dawn of the morning!"	0	0
2	2	Transcripts: Letters and Notes. Includes letters written by Martha from Madagascar, as well as later notes on Martha's memories from Madagascar.	1901	1901
3		Folders 1-9: transcripts of Stolee letters and correspondence. Folder 10: Some original letters and correspondence.	1934	1937



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1	2	Correspondence: National Lutheran Commission. Includes paper copies of photos of Stolee (2); official and personal correspondence of the Lutheran Commission; report from Stolee of his work in France (1919); letters from Stolee to family and friends while he was in France (1919); financial records and letters, many regarding life insurance policies for Stolee (1919); article "The National Lutheran Commission for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare: As Revealed Largely Through the Official Correspondence" by Helen M. Knubel for the Concordia Historical Institute Society (1967).	1919	1967
1	3	1920 Journal: Trip to Europe. Michael J. Stolee's Journal of his trip to Europe, as edited and transcribed by his grandson Michael Joseph Stolee (1997). Also includes photos of M.J. Stolee and Ignacy Jan Paderewski (date unknown); postcard from unknown place. Original journal not in this collection.	1920	1920
1	4	Obituaries: M.J. Stolee. Includes obituaries from "The Parish Paper of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church"; "Lutheran Herald". (1946-1947).	1946	1947