

Histories of Agnes' sisters Susanna & Maria,  
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<p>Susanna T. Ratzlaff, b. Feb. 6, 1881. d. Apr. 19, 1925. at Ningling, Honan, China.</p> <p>She was born at Jansen, Neb., reborn in Nov. 1901, baptized Nov. 18th.</p> <p>In 1906 Aug. Anna Schmidt came to Jansen. She spoke of the Light &amp; Hope mission in Cleveland.</p> <p>Susanna felt the call to go there. Ex. 33:15-14 gave her the assurance of that call. She kept there 4 1/2 years. When 4 of the workers left for China her longing for the foreign field work revived.</p> <p>The tempter caused her to hesitate - "What do you want in China?" was his question. She read in the Bible &amp; found Phil. 2:13 &amp; the words, "All the way my Saviour leads me, what have I to ask beside?" This bro't perfect joy to go, altho' prepar' for the trip.</p> <p>July 31, 1911, she left for a short visit to the parents &amp; friends, &amp; on Sept. 19th she embarked arriving in China Dec. 6 of the same year.</p> <p>She worked at 4 stations and started 3 couples in work, superintending as a mother. Toward the last she did mostly outstation work at which she was exposed to small pox, came thru Paochuen &amp; we accompanied her to Tsaochow for farewell of Peter Ratzlaff, who left for Mongolia. We returned after having communion and * below (see below) *</p> <p>Maria T. Ratzlaff, b. Mar. 29, 1883. d. Graduate nurse &amp; deaconess near Hillsboro, Kansas for 35 years.</p>							

Susanna stayed overnite, gathered tracts, books & Bibles for further work & left with the words, "The Lord will help. Keep up your courage." She always left us after giving us some encouraging words. Her home was Ningling with Furks. She reported her safe arrival, but on Good Friday (1925) after a few days at home she suddenly took very sick. Agnes & Sister Regier left Sunday 9 AM. & arrived there at 4 PM. finding her with 104 fever. Dr. Travis also arrived Sunday & stayed till Tues. Thurs. we received notice of her severe sickness. We gathered for prayer. Apr. 18, 11:30. Sister Bartel was at our window announcing Susanna's death. Monday Bro. Bartel arrived with the coffin about 3 P.M. At six P.M. she was buried & services were held at 7:30. The brethren Fr. Willemus & Bartel spoke. Friday Apr. 24. We had a memorial service in the dining room at which I spoke, text, "She has done what she could." During her suffering she heard, "I will never leave thee" in Chinese, & "How firm a foundation" in American. She often made special trips to Tsaochuen on Christmas with gifts to the children.