Biographical Note:

James W. Hawkes was born in 1853 in Montezuma, Indiana, but spent his formative years in nearby Rockville, Indiana. Hawkes spent two years at Wabash College before transferring to Princeton College, which granted him his undergraduate degree; he attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City in order to be trained as a missionary. In the early 1880s Hawkes began his career as a missionary in Persia. He married in 1884 and had a son a year later, which died shortly after birth. While doing missionary work in Persia, Hawkes' wife died from typhoid fever; but he remained abroad and undertook the writing of the Persian Bible Dictionary and revisions of the Persian language Bible. Hawkes also founded the American School for Boys in Hamadan, Persia where he spent most of his missionary years. He died in 1932 at the age of seventy-seven.

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Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains two correspondences from Hawkes to Anna Bales, a photograph of a church that Hawkes built while serving as a missionary in Persia, a newspaper article about Hawkes' work in Persia, an obituary of Hawkes, and a financial note to George Bales, father-in-law of Anna Bales.

Item Listing:

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1840 Aug. 3 Emmons, Aaron to George Bales, ANS.
1929 July 21 Newspaper clipping
1929 Oct. 7 Hawkes, James W. to Mrs. (Anna) Bales, TLS.
1930 Feb. 13 Hawkes, James W. to Mrs. (Anna) Bales, ALS.
Undated Black and white photograph of mission church

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