

colleagues. I saw him off to the metro. We embraced each other cordially and he said, "Let's hope that in the garden of Allah there is a corner where orientalists can sit together and continue their scholarly conversations . . ." We both had tears in our eyes. And it is in the same spirit that I end this personal tribute by saying "Au revoir, Claude!"

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DOROTHY M. STEHLE
1914–1992

DOROTHY M. STEHLE, a former consultant for the Near East section of the Library of Congress, and principal editor of the Near East National Union list project, died of influenza on January 18 at a convent of the Basilian Sisters in Aleppo, Syria.

Stehle had lived in Aleppo since 1987, working as a volunteer at the Syrian Oriental Museum. When Stehle arrived the museum had not been cataloguing its books and she was asked to organize the piles of books in the museum. She had just finished translating the Syrian Oriental Museum Guide before she died.

Stehle joined the LC staff in 1942 in Shelflisting. But in 1943 she became ill with tuberculosis and was not able to return to Shelflisting until 1945. In 1947 she moved to Orientalia [now Near East Section].

In 1951 she studied at the University of Cairo, and set up a system to produce a flow of Arabic materials to the Library. At the end of her one-year stay, she decided to remain another two years and teach English at the Ibrahim University in Cairo.

In 1954 she returned to the Near East Section and was the first to start cataloguing Arabic items in the section. In 1955 she moved to the Descriptive Cataloguing Division as head of the Miscellaneous Section. There she did descriptive cataloguing for Arabic, Persian, Hebrew, and other exotic languages until 1978. She retired in 1978, but was rehired by the Near East Section as principal editor of the Near East National Union List (NENUL).

Born in Columbus, Ohio, on 26 June 1914, Stehle grew up in Montreal, Canada. She received her B.A. from the University of Chicago and her Ph.D. in Arabic studies from the University of Pennsylvania.

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