

**Title:** The Doomsday Book of the Japan Mission, 1869-1974

**Creator:** [Cary, Frank, 1888-1973.; Downs, Lucille; Matthews, Alden E., 1921-]. There may be further and more significant contributors, however, such persons remain unverifiable.

**Dates:** 1869-1974

**Physical description:** 2 three ring binder clamshell boxes (0.21 cubic feet)

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**Abstract:** The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions sent Daniel Crosby Greene as the first American missionary to Japan in 1869. This manuscript documents the missionaries who served in Japan between 1869 and 1974.

**Acquisition Information:** Gift of Virginia Stow, 2001.

**Organizational History:** The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) sent Daniel Crosby Greene as the first American missionary to Japan in 1869 at the dawn of Japan rescinding their national Isolationism, which had lasted centuries. Notable missionaries include: Daniel Crosby Greene, Orramel and Anna Gulick, Jerome Davis, Sophia Davis, Francis Davis, Lucille Downs, and Otis Cary.

The ABCFM continued to serve in Japan for the next several decades. The greatest disruption came during World War II at which time the Japanese government instituted State Shinto. Additionally, Protestant religions were mandated to consolidate under one umbrella, the United Church of Christ in Japan. It bears a resemblance in name only to the current United Church of Christ. After World War II, mission work continued.

One of the longest lasting connections between the original American Board missionaries and modern life is through the thriving Doshisha University, which was founded by the Rev. Jerome Davis. Doshisha school children visit the Congregational Library & Archives on a yearly basis as part of their school program.

**Scope of Collection:**

The scope of the collection is limited to one manuscript divided by necessity into two 3-ring binders, which are embedded in archive-quality boxes. The title pages indicate that the book covers 1869-1960, however contributions continued up through 1974. The book has no known original creator. Known contributors include: Frank Cary, Lucille Downs, and Alden Matthews. The topics discussed in this book include names of missionaries, some missionary-based biographical information. There are hand-written notation, type script and copies of newspaper articles. This is not the original manuscript, rather a second generation photocopy. The original's whereabouts are not known.

**Arrangement:** This collection is essentially a manuscript book. The original order has been maintained.

**Related Material:**

Reports from the field / Deposited by United Church Board for World Ministries. Collection ID: RG 1200  
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Prudential Committee records, 1810-1966.  
Collection ID: RG 1304

**Access Terms:**

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions - Japan.  
Dōshisha Daigaku.  
Dōshisha Eigakkō.  
Greene, Daniel Crosby, 1843-1913.  
Davis, Jerome Dean, 1838-1910.  
Matthews, Alden E. 1921-.  
Downs, Lucille.  
Cary, Otis, 1851-1932.  
Cary, Frank, 1888-1973.

**Container List:**

2 clamshell boxes