

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions/ United Church Board for World Ministries

Records, 1804-1994

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INTRODUCTION

There are many collections regarding the American Board/United Church Board. Harvard University holds the majority of ABCFM documents and records.

For more information on the ABCFM, see the Congregational Library card catalog. The Congregational Library holds a large collection of ABCFM printed pamphlets arranged by the country. The Congregational Library also has a microfilm copy of the ABCFM archives; see *Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions: Documents Administered by the Houghton Library of Harvard University. Guide to the Microfilm Collection* (Woodbridge, Ct. : Research Publications International, 1994) for a name and missionary substation index to the microfilm. Note that this index is a quick source of birth and death dates and missionary lists. The *Panopolist* and *Missionary Herald* periodicals printed letters and reports received by the ABCFM headquarters. Note that the Congregational Library maintains a fairly complete card personal name index to these periodicals and that each volume of the periodical contains an extensive personal name and geographic name index. For photographs of the ABCFM offices while they were located in Congregational House, 14 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass., see the American Congregational Association records (RG 0004), series M.

HISTORICAL NOTE

The American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions was organized by the General Association of formed in 1810 "for the purpose of devising ways and means, and adopting and prosecuting measures, for promoting the spread of the gospel in Heathen lands." The first missionaries sailed for Calcutta, India in 1812; since that date thousands of regularly appointed missionaries and shorter term workers have been sent out under Board auspices.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

4 out of 7 boxes contain missionaries' memoirs (Series A). The bulk of the dates range from 1900-1960, although there are a number of memoirs that range from 1804-1899. The dates may be a bit misleading, as they often reflect the lifespan of the missionary. If it was possible, the dates attached to the memoirs were those in which the missionary was abroad. The

majority of 19th century memoirs are from the 1870s-1890s. The folders are arranged in alphabetical order, according to the missionary's last name, regardless of who wrote the account.

Countries:

- China
- Turkey
- India
- Africa (specifically: S. Africa, Rhodesia, Angola, plus those about Africa in general)
- Philippines
- Bulgaria
- Japan
- Marshall Islands
- Korea
- States: Hawaii and Wyoming

Series B contains the records collected by Fred F. Goodsell. Goodsell was the Executive Vice President of the ABCFM (dates). There are four volumes of "Important Documents, 1930-1963" that Goodsell kept during his tenure as Executive Vice-President. Following these documents are histories and workbooks compiled by Goodsell.

Finally, Series C is records from the Congregational Christian Service Committee. The dates range from 1940-1964, plus a Library List from 1984. The first section of the series is minutes of meetings and annual reports. There is a file of the History of the CCSC, 1947 and a scrapbook from the "Heifer Project, 1959."

FOLDER LIST

Series A- Missionary Memoirs

Ballou, Earle Hoit China
Ballou, Thelma China, 1864-1903
Barnum, Henry and Helen Turkey, 1864-1903
Bauer, Alby A. India, 1926-1967
Beals, Mary (3) South Africa, 1938-1942
Beruit Missionaries, Bliss-Dodge-Jessup Genealogy 1827-1904
Buck, Theresa South Africa, 1948-1964
Bucher, Olive (6) China, n.d.
Bunker, Fred South Africa, 1892
Burling, Katherine White Turkey, 1900-1915
Cathcart, Lillie S. 1884
Carter, Minnie E. Africa, 1916-1956
Cary, Alice Hawaii, 1941-1944

Cary, Frank Manila/Philippines, 1945
Clapp, Sara China, ca. 1878-1889
"Love's Call to China," by Dorothea Smith Coryell, 1879-1923
Cook, Margit M. Vadala/India, 1956-1965
"I Married a Saint, What is a Saint?" (India) 1947-1982
Compton, Carl Turkey, 1913-1958
Cotton, Gertrude Jacobs Africa, 1889-1891
Copp, Charles Japanese internment camps, 1942
Coryell, Dorothea China, 1977
"Small Mouse Person in China", n.d.
"Recollections..." n.d.
Cross, Rowland, M. China, 1917-1953

Box 2

Dart, Ruth "From Rhodesia With Love," 1911-1917
Dille, Carl and Lois Angola, 1938-1966
de Vargas, Dora n.d. [in French]
Dirney, Helen China, 1920-1950
Donaldson, Franklin Rhodesia, 1974
Douglas, Leonone Bulgaria/Turkey, ca. 1911-1949
Downs, Lucille Japan, 1945-1947
Engstrom, Richard Marshall Islands, 1978-1986
Feierabend, Herman (2) 1889-1971
Galt, Edith J. Korea, 1955
Gilbert (16) China, 1925-1941

Box 3

Gillett, Clarence and Marron Japanese Relocation, 1941-1948
Gray, Mary W. Tyler South Africa, nd.
Hammaker, Margaret (4) India, 1933-1963
Hauske, Albert C. "In the Shadow of the White Pagoda" (China), 1920-1950
Heininger, Alfred China, 1922-1923
Heinrich, John "The Mission from Where I Sit" 1965
Hoisington, Nancy Lyman India/Ceylon, 1804-1878
Hollady, William "Is the Old Testament Zionist?" 1968
Houston, Lyda China, 1924-1950
"Adventure in Friendships, Fukien" China, 1932-1942
Howe, Annie Lyon Japan, 1887-1927
Husted, Edith India, 1942-1945
Iseley, Merrill Turkey, 1962
Judd, Walter China, 1920s
Kies, Lydia India, 1921-1937
Mathhews, Alden and Derrith China, 1982
Mellen, Laurana and Gracie (2) South Africa, 1851

Meyer, Hulda D. India, 1921-
Miller, Gene E. Jamaica, 1991
Palmer, Annette Ponape, 1884-1906
Porter, Lillian Dudley China, 1957
Reed, Alice C. China, 1916-1942
 • China, 1916-1948
Reuling, Eleanor Swanson (2 copies) "Springtime in Africa" 1920s-1940
Riggs, Grace Frederick China, 1916-1953
Robinson, Hugh and Olga China, 1925-1974

Box 4

Sano-Gerber, Anne "Getting to Know the Japanese"
Saunders, Minnie (4) West Angola, 1882-1891
Schneider, Anna M. "Power of God Unto Salvation." Japan, 1887-1941
Schroer, Gilbert and Cornelia "We Two" Japan, 1922-1972
Seabury, Ruth Africa, 1952
Shrader, Elizabeth (4) China, 1926-1932
Seybold, Theodore India, 1913-ca. 1947
Skog, Katharine (3) Japan, 1927-1963
Snyder, Grace China, n.d.
Stone, Seth B. South Africa, 1850-1875
Taylor, Alan B. Africa, n.d.
Whitener, Sterling H. China, 1950-1951
Whitaker, Burdette and Mattie "Mother and Daddy's Story," by Frances Riggs, China, 1994
Wiley, Martha China, 1900-1947
Wilson, Eleanor Marshall Islands, 1946-1949
Ussher, Clarence Wyoming, 1893
Wood, Agnes (2) Africa, 1929-1965
 • Africa, 1929-1984
Wright, Mary P. Turkey, 1881,1903,1906

Series B -- Records Collected by Fred F. Goodsell

Box 5

List of Missionaries, Near East n.d.
Master Roll of Missionaries, Near East 1820-1970
Goodsell Papers, Vol. I (4) 1820-1970
Goodsell Vol. II (4) 1930-1963
Goodsell Vol. III (4) 1930-1963
Goodsell, Supplemental (4) 1930-1963
Historical Sketches of Higher Educational Institutions Related
to the American Board (3) 1959
Workbook on Zulu Missions (2) 1962
History of the Near East Mission

of the American Board (2) 1976
Workbook on Southern Rhodesia 1955
Scrapbook, American University
of Beirut 1921-1922
Major Steps Toward the Fulfillment of our Christian World Mission, A History of the ABCFM (3)
1810-1960

Series C -- Congregational Christian Service Committee

Box 6

Executive Committee for the Assistance to War Victims, Minutes
1940-1943
CCSC, Minutes (2) 1947-1951
Board of Directors, Minutes (2) 1951
Executive Minutes 1952
Minutes/Financial Statements (2/year ea.) 1955-1961
By-Laws 1962
Minutes (2) 1963
Minutes (2) 1964
Allocations Committee (2) 1949-1952
Allocations (2) 1952-1954
Allocations 1953-1955
Audits 1941-1955

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History of the CCSC (2) 1947
CCSC in the 60s
Reports (2) 1960s
Development Foundation of Turkey 1978
Library List 1984
Scrap Book, Heifer Project 1959

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Architectural Drawings: Pearl Harbor Memorial Church (In flat file in RBR)