

Finding Your Family Roots In The Evangelism & Missions Archives

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I want to thank all of you who came today to hear about on the Genealogical Resources of the Archives of the Billy Graham Center.





My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they were there to meet the boat. - Will Rogers

The kind of ancestors we have had is not as important as the kind of descendants our ancestors have. - Anonymous



If you can't find an ancestor who was a missionary, pastor, Christian worker, church member, etc. then you should check the resources of the Archives in the Manuscripts Reading Room.

Here you will find records of organizations, papers of individuals, oral history interviews, files of congresses and conferences. Materials of particular interest to genealogists or family historians include correspondences, diaries, personnel files, church membership files, periodicals, microfilm, oral history interviews, photographs, photo albums, etc. If your ancestor or collateral relative is found among these records, you will gain a more complete picture of their life and times. More than just finding dates and places of birth, marriage, and death for an ancestor is to be able to put meat on the bare bones of your research. The Archives may be able to help you do just that through the resources that are available. There is no fee to do research in the Archives' reading room.



The Archives collects materials on North American Protestant nondenominational efforts to spread the Christian Gospel (missions and evangelism). There are over six hundred collections in the Archives ranging from one thin file folder to over hundreds of boxes. For each collection there is a guide, prepared by the Archives' staff, to assist you in finding the materials you need. These guides are on the Archives' collection database at www.archives.wheaton.edu. Some of the microfilm collections also have published guides that give an in-depth view of their contents. Consult these guides and the Archives online searchable database for the individual you are searching for.

As a genealogist and family historian, since I was in high school, and a Reference Archivist, for the last ten years, I understand the needs of genealogists to have access to records and the need of the archivist to preserve documents while at the same time making them available for research. Bringing these two roles together I am in a unique position to meet the needs of both. From this perspective I will describe some of the genealogical resources found in the Wheaton College Billy Graham Center Archives.

Africa Inland Mission

Founded in 1895 by Peter Cameron Scott
Collection 81

- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Reports
- Personnel files
- Photographs

Africa Inland Mission was founded in 1895 by Peter Cameron Scott (1867-1896). The records of the AIM, International (Collection 81) contain **correspondence, minutes, reports, personnel files, photographs**, slides, audio tapes, etc., relating to the mission's work in Africa from its founding. Documents describe the process of recruiting and training missionaries, contacts between the AIM boards in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, South Africa, and other countries. There are over **seven hundred personnel files** which document the lives of missionaries with AIM. A variety of materials are found in these folders and may include applications to AIM, medical reports, photos, references, correspondence between the missionary and mission representatives, etc.



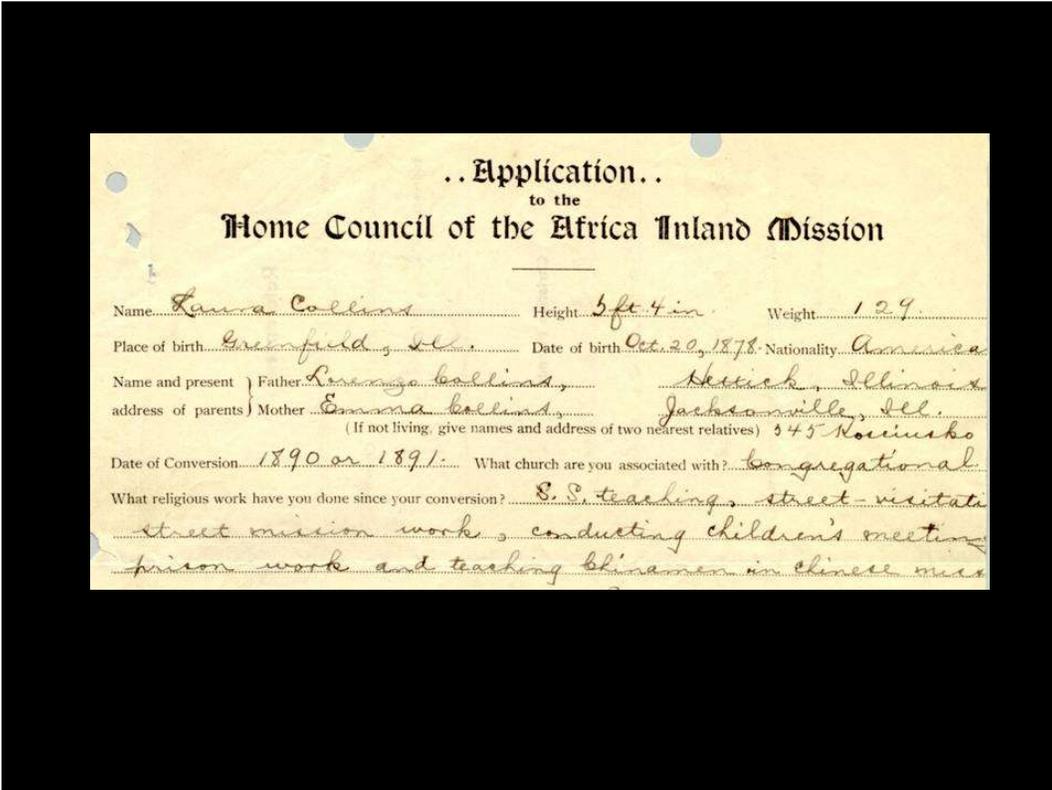
Laura Collins was a missionary with AIM in Kenya where she worked as a teacher and evangelist for forty-five years until her death in 1952.

.. Application ..
to the
Home Council of the Africa Inland Mission

Name Laura Collins Height 5 ft 4 in Weight 129
 Place of birth Greenville, S.C. Date of birth Oct 20, 1878 Nationality American
 Name and present address of parents: Father Emma Collins Chicago, Illinois
 Mother Emma Collins Jacksonville, Ill.
 (If not living, give names and address of two nearest relatives) 343 N. Main St.
 Date of Conversion 1890 or 1891 What church are you associated with? congregational
 What religious work have you done since your conversion? S. S. teaching, street visitation, street mission work, conducting children's meeting, prison work and teaching blind men in Chinese mission
 Have you been used to lead souls to definite acceptance of Christ? Yes, but not a great one
 What educational advantages have you enjoyed? Public school, one yr. at college.
 Rating in class, averages, or I ranked first in my class as a rule
 What business or work have you been engaged in? School-teaching, music-teaching.
 Are you married? No. Does your wife join heartily with you in this step?
 Are you engaged to be married? No. If so, when? Does your fiancée join heartily with you in this step?
 Is your health good? Comparatively so. Is your family history good? Yes.
 Do you believe you are called of God to work in Africa? Yes. Why? I feel called to the foreign field yet to no especial field. I am willing to go to Africa and feel it is His will.
 Are you wholly free from all debt or financial obligation to anyone? Yes.
 Do you after careful consideration believe that you are clearly called of God to trust Him for the supply of all your temporal needs? Yes.
 Have you had clear testing in this line? No. I have always made my own money by teaching yet I trusted God for health &c.
 Have you received anything toward your going out? No.
 Have you read the Constitution of the Africa Inland Mission carefully? Yes.
 Do you heartily agree with all its Doctrines, rules and provisions, and will you be governed thereby? Yes.
 Could you spend a few weeks at one of our homes, and are you able to pay all or part of your board while there? Yes.
 Give on back of this sheet names and address of (1st) your present Pastor; (2d) of two earnest christian men who know you and your past history well.
 Date Nov. 26, 1906 Present Address 230 La Salle Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 After completion, please forward direct to
 HOME COUNCIL, AFRICA INLAND MISSION
 Office of the Secretary
 300 THOMPSON SQUARE, PHILA., PA.
Send Thank you

Laura Collins AIM Application

Her personnel folder in Collection 81, box 19, folder 21 contains many documents including the AIM application she filled out in 1906.



Laura Collins AIM Application, details

In it she stated that she was born 20 October 1875 in Greenfield, Illinois, the daughter of Lorenzo and Emma Collins, 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 129 pounds, not married, converted at age twelve or thirteen, the reasons why she wanted to become a missionary, etc. According to a medical report dated 26 November 1906 she had had “scarlet fever” but had “fully recovered.” When asked about church membership she wrote:

“My [church] membership is at Chesterfield, Ill. A little town of a population of about 500. My parents have moved away now. I have had no permanent home of late as I taught school the last two yrs. Before coming here to the institute [Moody Bible], so have not moved my membership.”

Hettich, Del.
Mar. 1, 1928.

Dear Mr. Campbell: - Mr. Lanning's communication rec'd yesterday.

I now wish to tell you that I would like to sail for Africa the first wk. of Apr. if this meets your approval, ^{in the} best interests of the work.

My father is now quite well, and is quite willing and glad for me to go. Mr. Lanning may have told you that I wrote for his advice re using a nice box instead of trunk. I wanted to know his ^{thought} re our little Uganda's Railway allowing it to go on train with me. My father, however, on hearing of ^{the matter} it, ordered a trunk. He is helping me in so many ways.

Yesterday after receiving Mr. Lanning's letter I asked him if he is perfectly willing for me to go and he answered so nicely ^{that he is} that he is.

Our roads have been bad and the other day he walked four mi. to our little village of Hettich then in an hr. or two the four mi. back, and was not very tired. He had just ret'd from a long walk this morning, works every day, so I feel he doesn't need me now. He was so pleased to have me come home ^{last yr.} at time my mother's death two yrs. previous, he had been much desiring me to do so, but now he feels I should be back in the work as my heart prompts.

I have funds ready to send on at any time. Mr. Lanning says that I shall first make arrangements with you then send the funds.

If there is no one else going at that time I do not mind travelling alone. I came across the Atlantic alone last yr. and got on quite well.

Awaiting your wishes re me, ^{and wishing you this} richest blessings in your service for Him, I am, your truly,
Laura Collins

In a 1907 letter, Laura Collins gave the names and addresses of friends and relatives she wishes to receive AIM magazine *Hearing and Doing*. Laura indicated she had two brothers and two sisters on a medical examination report filled out in 1922. On 1 March 1928 she wrote:

“I now wish to tell you that I would like to sail for Africa...My father is now quite well, and is quite willing and glad for me to go...I feel he doesn't need me now. He was so pleased to have me come home last yr. As since my mother's death two yrs. previous, he had been much desiring me to do so, but now he feels I should be back in the work as my heart and I believe the Lord prompts.”

Hellick Hill.
RE Mar. 9, 1928
MAR 12 28
ANB'D

Rev. H. D. Campbell,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Campbell:—In reply to your letter of Mar. 5 rec'd yesterday will say that I'm sorry that I have written as though I was, myself, trying to set the date for my sailing. I should, I know, simply have told of my willingness and readiness to go the first of Apr., or there-a-bouts.

On Apr. 2 last yr. I reached my home here and that is the reason I have mentioned that date as time of leaving.

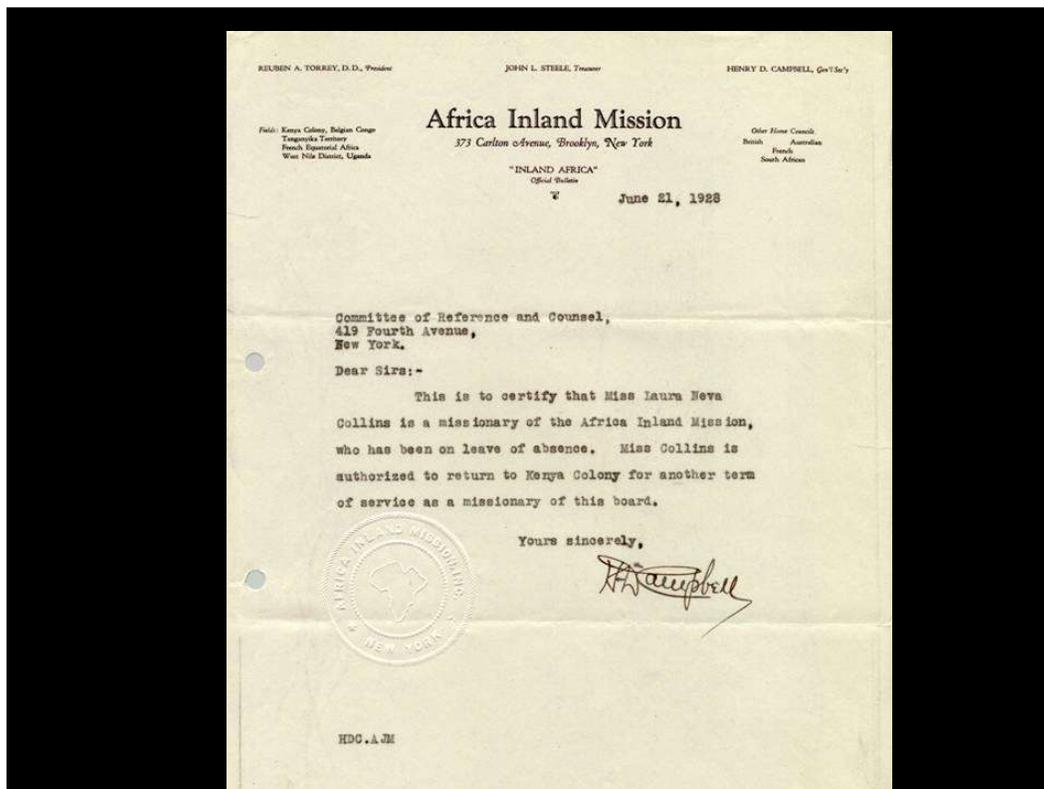
I know you have much to consider re our return and I sincerely ask your pardon if I have seemed to be officious in writing as I have. I have not meant to be. Believing, as we do, that the Lord leads you we should trust all to you. This I certainly want to do.

Re money I have in hand for sailing I have about \$875 (eight hundred and seventy-five). Five hundred and twenty-five of this is money that my father placed in savings deposit for me from my mother's estate and interest and income therefrom. The bal. is residue from money that has been given me since my return as I've gone about speaking of Africa. I feel quite sure I will have more before leaving. I inclose a clipping from a letter rec'd yesterday. I rec'd another much the same.

I wish to tell you, too, that I feel sure I will never need to receive anything from Gen'l fund after returning to the field (if I go) as I have a little income of my own since my mother's death.

Yours sincerely,
Laura M. Lakin

Eight days later she again wrote “...money I have in hand for sailing have about \$875 (eight hundred and seventy-five). Five hundred and twenty-five of this is money that my father placed in savings deposit for me from my mother’s estate...”



Three months later a letter from AIM stated that “Miss Laura Neva Collins...is authorized to return to Kenya Colony for another term of service as missionary of this board.”

AFRICA INLAND MISSION
373 CARLTON AVENUE
BROOKLYN, N. Y.

JUN 4 1946

Please fill in the following and return to Headquarters as soon as possible.

In case of need or emergency, information concerning me should be sent to one or more of the following persons:

#1 Name *Mrs. John T. Phillips* Relationship *Sister*
Address *Hartish, Illinois, U.S.A.*
Phone _____

#2 Name *Mrs. S. John Phillips* Relationship *Brother*
Address *Murrayville, Illinois, U.S.A.*
Phone _____

#3 Name *Mrs. John B. Phillips* Relationship *Brother*
Address *Palmyra, Illinois, U.S.A.*
Phone _____

#4 Name *Miss Stella Phillips* Relationship *Sister*
Address *Palmyra, Illinois, U.S.A.*
Phone _____

#5 Name *Mrs. Frank Seely* Relationship *Cousin*
Address *734 Broadway, Westfield, Mass. Gardner, U.S.A.*
Phone _____

#6 Name *Mrs. J. E. Seely* Relationship *Cousin*
Address *195 So. Rowland Ave., Temple City, California, U.S.A.*
Phone _____

Passport No. *3* Issued at *Nairobi, Kenya, Africa*
Date of issue *Jan. 31, 1947*. Registered with Consul at *Nairobi, Kenya*
Date *Feb. 26, 1946*. Signature *Laura J. Collins*
Address *Nairobi, Kenya, Africa*

In 1946, Collins sent AIM a list of names and address of her brothers, sisters, and two cousins to notify in case of emergency. A letter to these individuals was sent by AIM informed them of the death of Laura on 21 June 1952. Just from a few documents in one personnel folder a considerable amount of information on an individual was obtained.

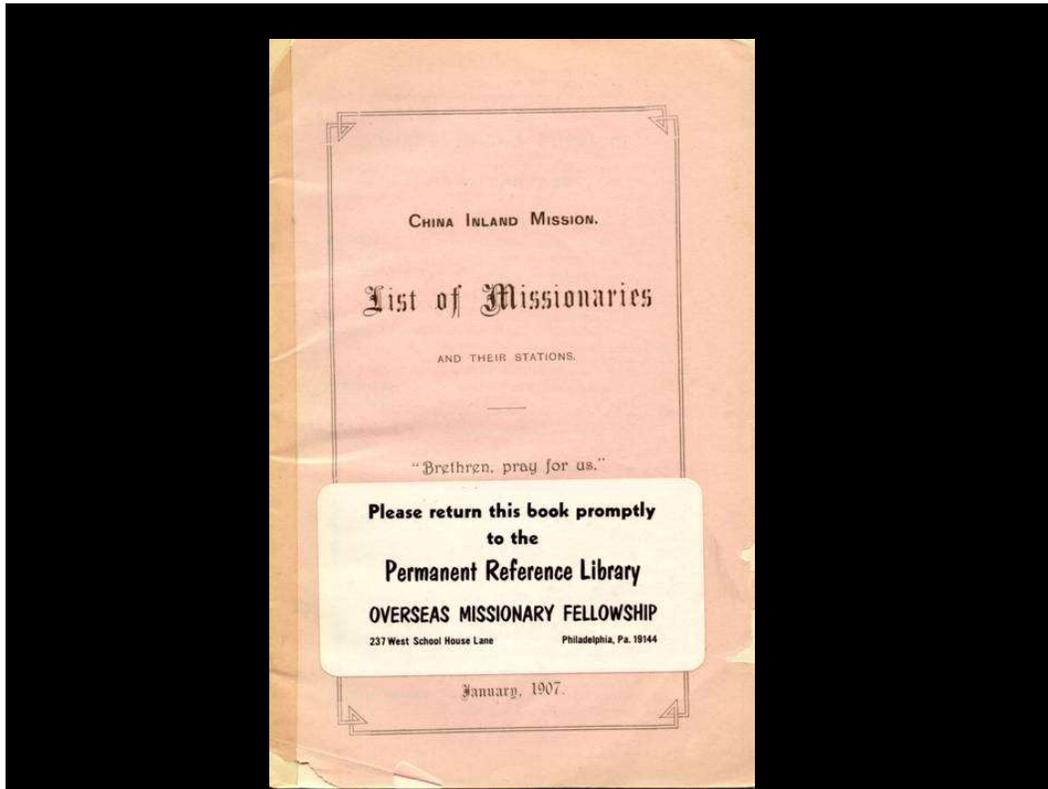
With the information from her personnel file, I was able to locate other information from sources outside of the Archives. The 1880 U.S. Census reveals that Laura was living with her parents, L.C. and E.R. Collins and sister B. Collins in Macoupin Co., Illinois. Laura appears in the 1900 Census with her parents and brothers, Charles and Willie, and sister, Stella, living in Barr Township, Macoupin Co., Illinois. When I checked the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, I found the marriage of Lorenzo C. Collins and Emma Brooks occurred on 11 November 1875 in Greene Co., Illinois. By using the resources of the Archives, I was able to connect her with her family in census and marriage records.

China Inland Mission

Founded in 1865 by James Hudson Taylor
Collection 215

- Correspondence
- Minutes
- Directories
- Personnel cards
- Photographs

China Inland Mission was founded by James Hudson Taylor in 1865. It was reorganized in 1951 as the Overseas Missionary Fellowship. The Records of the United States Home Council of Overseas Missionary Fellowship (Collection 215) contain **correspondence, minutes, directories**, newsletters, brochures, **photographs**, book manuscripts, slides, photo albums, and other materials which document the origins of the mission's North American branch; its church planting, evangelistic, medical, educational and literature work in China up to the time of the mission's expulsion in 1951; its work since 1951 in Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Japan and other countries. The first ten boxes of this collection have been microfilmed and may be borrowed by inter-library loan.



Directories which list CIM missionaries are a very important tool which help identify them and stations they served at in China. These were published from 1900 to 1990. Later directories included information on members of staff in the different home countries, CIM workers who had died in China, members of the headquarters staff, retired workers, furloughed workers, workers from other missions under CIM direction, schools and seminaries supported by CIM, the personnel at each mission station and the date of the founding of that station.

LIST OF C.I.M. CHILDREN
Children of Members of the China Inland Mission under
eighteen years of age, December 1947.

Adeney, D. H. and Mrs.			Ayton, E. W. and Mrs.		
Rosemary Joy	Jan.	1, 1939	Ruth Beatrice	June	23, 1942
John Arthur	July	16, 1942	Robert Ward	Oct.	3, 1943
Michael David	Apr.	7, 1945	Margaret Anne	May	6, 1945
Adolph, Dr. P. E. and Mrs.			Bailey, G. W. and Mrs.		
Harold Paul	Dec.	11, 1932	Geoffrey Harold	July	18, 1939
Robert David	Dec.	14, 1938	Winston John	Sept.	28, 1941
Allen, A. B. and Mrs.			Bailey, H. R. L. and Mrs.		
Grace Irene	Jan.	8, 1924	Colin Stanley	July	27, 1944
Rosaline Mary	July	18, 1937	Graham Stewart	Aug.	4, 1948
Allen, W. A. and Mrs.			Baumann, E. F. and Mrs.		
David March	Aug.	16, 1924	Brightie Gertrud	Nov.	30, 1941
Ruth Louise	Dec.	4, 1936	Anemarie Rose	May	17, 1943
Gordon Howard	Dec.	15, 1938	Rudolf Emanuel	July	31, 1944
Dorothy Lucile	July	7, 1942	Gertrud Emma	Aug.	13, 1947
Ament, R. F. and Mrs.			Bazire, R. V. and Mrs.		
Robert Ian	Apr.	20, 1940	Peter	Nov.	2, 1930
David Stanley	July	27, 1941			
Colin Douglas	Feb.	25, 1944			
Amos, N. J. and Mrs.			Beck, J. W. and Mrs.		
Helen Irene	Feb.	9, 1928	Murray John	May	7, 1940
Ian Jeffrey	Feb.	6, 1938	Gwenda Ruth	June	19, 1941
Alison Constance	Jan.	29, 1941			
Anderson, Dr. A. C. and Mrs.			Bell, G. A. and Mrs.		
David James	July	5, 1945	George Donald	Feb.	25, 1939
			Edith Joyce	Oct.	11, 1931
Anderson, Mrs. D. G.			Alfred Clement	Apr.	1, 1936
Marjorie Ina	Jan.	24, 1936	Grace Lois	Oct.	12, 1938
Alison Margaret	July	27, 1938	Stephan Godfrey David	Nov.	17, 1942
Andrews, T. H. and Mrs.			Bell, J. and Mrs.		
Dorothy Eleanor	Jan.	10, 1931	Kenneth James	Jan.	13, 1932
Mabel Christina	July	4, 1932	Dorothea Grace	Sept.	22, 1936
Austin, W. F. C. and Mrs.			Bentley-Taylor, D. and Mrs.		
Diane Annie	Nov.	30, 1945	Michael Martin	Sept.	3, 1942
Judith Helen	Jan.	21, 1947	Arthur John	May	17, 1946
			David Andrew		

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Later directories included lists of children of CIM missionaries along with their birth dates.

- Paoki, 寶鷄 1936**
 樊錦新 S. C. Frencham - - - - 1930
 Mrs. Frencham, S.R.N. (née Wheatley) 1930
- Fengsiang, 鳳翔 1888**
 紐益新 A. M. Nilson - - - - 1932
 巴輔勝 T. Fischbacher - - - - 1934
 Mrs. Fischbacher, B.A. (née Huston) 1936
- Meihsiên, 廊縣 1893**
 夏文佑 H. E. Fisher - - - - 1926
 Mrs. Fisher, R.N. (née Binnie) 1928
 司 Mrs. T. J. Small (née Artibe) 1932
- Chowchih, 整屋 1893**
 步傳經 Miss R. J. Begbie - - - - 1917
 何志英 Miss E. J. K. Betteridge - - 1929
- ‡ **Siking, 西京 1893**
 (Sian 西安)
 義恩桐 W. England - - - - 1933
 Mrs. England (née Johansen) 1922
 廷恩上 Miss A. Jensen - - - - 1903
 孫祖康 J. W. S. Bergström - - - - 1928
 Mrs. Bergström (née Beckman) 1930
- ‡ **Siking North, 西京北 1921**
 (Sian)
 劉樂夫 A. O. Ratzliff - - - - 1935
- ‡ **Lantien, 藍田 1895**
 (Vacant)
- ‡ **Yinkiahwei, 引駕迴 1895**
 P. O. Siking 西京
 安得生 J. E. Hoivaag - - - - 1919
 Mrs. Hoivaag (née Douzette) 1918
- ‡ **Hingping, 興平 1893**
 芬蘭柱 Miss E. V. Edlund - - - - 1911
 葛爾橋 G. R. Gustafson - - - - 1930
 Mrs. Gustafson, R.N. (née Nelson) 1930
 葛爾橋 Miss J. DeVries - - - - 1936
- ‡ Scandinavian Alliance Mission
- ‡ **Sangchen, 桑鎮 1894**
 (Sangkiachuang)
 P. O. Wukung 武功
 (Vacant)
- ‡ **Wukung, 武功 1903**
 李玉蘭 Miss A. Swanson - - - - 1891
- ‡ **Lichüan, 醴泉 1903**
 費紹英 E. W. Fisch, Ph.B. - - - - 1933
 Mrs. Fisch, R.N. (née Woosley) 1930
- ‡ **Pehtunchen, 北屯鎮 1917**
 (Vacant)
- ‡ **Kienhsien, 乾縣 1894**
 楊志勝 G. Ahlstrand - - - - 1891
 Mrs. Ahlstrand (née von Malmberg) 1898
- ‡ **Pinhsien, She, 郿縣 1905**
 蘇禮遜 O. W. Beckon, B.A. - - - - 1918
 Mrs. Beckon (née Severson) 1918
- ‡ **Changwu, 長武 1914**
 楊錦新 N. C. Jacobsen, Lut.S.B. - - 1911
- ‡ **Lunghsien, 隴縣 1893**
 蘇森德 J. A. E. Nelson, B.A. - - - - 1915
 Mrs. Nelson (née Sandell) - - - - 1926
 蘇森德 Miss E. W. Nelson - - - - 1915
 諾遜魯 H. N. Johnson - - - - 1940
 奧立生 O. A. Olson - - - - 1940
 貝依聲 E. H. Peterson - - - - 1940
- ‡ **Kienyang, 汧陽 1897**
 蘇輔學 A. Fred Nelson, B.A. - - - - 1935
 Mrs. Nelson, R.N. - - - - 1935
 孟德生 V. Mortenson - - - - 1939
 Mrs. Mortenson - - - - 1939
- ‡ **Huhsien, 郿縣 1913**
 蘇樂德 Miss A. Nelson - - - - 1923
 蘇潤生 Miss M. E. Nelson, R.N. - - 1938
- ‡ **Lungchuchai, 龍駒寨 1903**
 蘇錦文 Miss L. M. Syltevik - - - - 1919
- ‡ **Shanyang, 山陽 1921**
 (Worked by Chinese)
 z Norwegian Alliance Mission

The April 1947 directory lists Theodore and Olive Fischbacher as working in the town Paoki, Shensi Province.

Davis, E. J. and Mrs.				Frame, R. W. and Mrs.			
Grace Elaine	Nov.	8, 1937		Katherine May	May.	18, 1941	
				Raymond William Jr.	Nov.	26, 1944	
Derbyshire, A. S. and Mrs.				Fraser, Mrs. J. O.			
Irene Joyce Myrtle	Jan.	24, 1937		Catharine Rossell	May	25, 1931	
Joan Patricia	Mar.	12, 1940		Dorothy Eileen	May	1, 1933	
				Margaret Ann	Dec.	29, 1938	
Drew, W. J. and Mrs.				Frey, E. T. and Mrs.			
Monica Irene	June	9, 1946		Frederick Thomas	Nov.	20, 1943	
				Doris Ann	May	16, 1946	
Dunachie, J. A. and Mrs.				Gausson, L. G. and Mrs.			
David Alexander	Dec.	11, 1930		Elizabeth	Dec.	13, 1944	
Paul McNeill	Mar.	15, 1934		David Louis	July	8, 1947	
Anna Lillian	Mar.	21, 1936					
Duncan, F. A. and Mrs.				Gibbs, T. and Mrs.			
Shona Marjory	Sept.	22, 1943		Leonard Bruce	July	4, 1944	
Douglas Stewart	July	19, 1945					
Dunn, G. T. and Mrs.				Glasser, A. F. and Mrs.			
Barbara Eileen	Dec.	3, 1942		Samuel M'Cheyne	July	25, 1945	
Marguerite Elaine	Nov.	18, 1944					
Dunn, M. H. and Mrs.				Glazier, R. H. and Mrs.			
Rosemary Anne	Feb.	5, 1945		Edward Harvey	Oct.	19, 1931	
Peter Graham	Sept.	17, 1946		Eleanor Ruth	Apr.	19, 1933	
				Grace Elisabeth	Mar.	24, 1936	
				Dorothy Lois	Jan.	21, 1940	
Eaton, C. O. and Mrs.				Glittenberg, C. J. and Mrs.			
David Carlton	Oct.	17, 1938		Carol Joy	July	9, 1937	
				Goodall, H. and Mrs.			
Ebeling, W. H. C. and Mrs.				Eleanor Elizabeth	June	6, 1942	
John Carl	Dec.	4, 1942		Thomas Campbell	May	13, 1945	
Lura May	Aug.	28, 1944					
Ruth Ellen	Aug.	16, 1947		Graham, Mrs. J. F.			
				John Francis	Dec.	6, 1931	
Edwards, C. G.				Marguerite Enid	Jan.	24, 1934	
Elizabeth Blanche	Oct.	26, 1933					
Hazel Winifred	Dec.	23, 1935		Grant, A. E. and Mrs.			
				David James	Nov.	14, 1937	
Ellison, C. W. and Mrs.				Alister Ian	July	27, 1940	
Morag Lillian	July	4, 1942		Theodore Kenneth	Mar.	27, 1943	
				Grant, D. A. and Mrs.			
Faulkner, C. and Mrs.				Paul Ainsworth	Sept.	13, 1934	
Margaret Frances	Apr.	23, 1942		Elinor Ruth	Apr.	5, 1940	
Cyril Theodore	May	1, 1945		Audrey Naomi	Aug.	27, 1942	
Carol Ruth							
Fischbacher, T. and Mrs.				Gray, K. T. and Mrs.			
Gordon Emil	June	27, 1940		Donald Ian	Oct.	29, 1942	
Philip Huston	Jan.	18, 1944		Wendy Jean	Sept.	27, 1944	
				Esther Carolyn	Nov.	24, 1946	

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Their children, Gordon (born 1945) and Philip (born 1947), are listed on page 3 of the "List of CIM Children."

		August 15, 1946
FISCHBACHER, THEODORE	Born August 3, 1909 at Glasgow, Scotland.	British.
" MRS. " (OLIVE VIRGINIA)	- See other side of this card.	
" OLIVE HUSTON (MRS. T.)	Born Sept. 29, 1909 at Clay Center, Kan.	- U.S.A.
" GORDON EMIL	Born June 27, 1940 at Shensi, China.	Registered with British & U.S.A.
" PHILIP HUSTON	Born Jan. 18, 1944	" " "
Birth Certificates: ?		
Next of kin:	Mr. C. Fischbacher, 48 Southbrae Drive, Jordanhill, Glasgow W.3, Scotland	
	Mr. S.G. Huston, 1287 Bresse Ave., Pasadena, Calif.	land
Date of last arrival in the U.S.A. and Port of Entry: April 29, 1946 at New York City		
Sailed:	Dec. 15, 1946 from San Francisco, Calif. on the MARINE LYNX (Amer Pres. Lines)	for Shanghai
Passport: (Mr.)	British Passport No. C18008, issued Hankow, China Feb. 13, 1938	
"	American Passport No. 883, issued at Bombay, India ? 1944	
(Mrs.)	Her passport was taken from her upon entering the U.S. She is applying for another. The one taken expired sometime in May, 1946.	

Checked 1952?

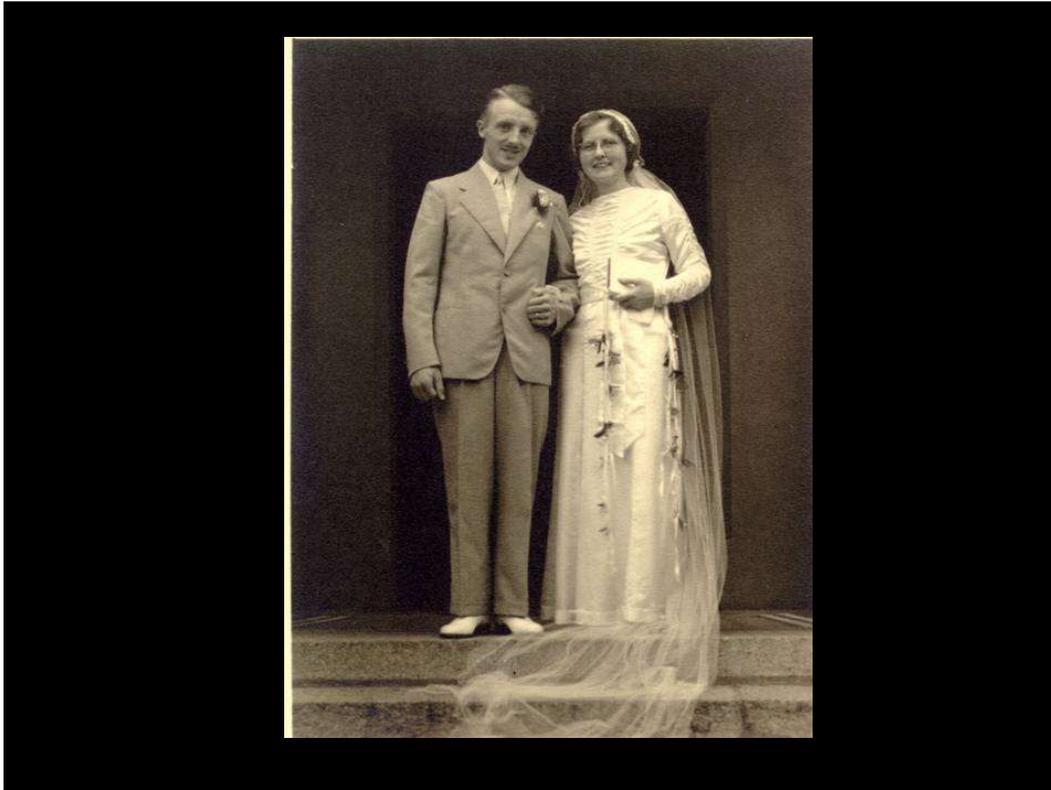
Personnel cards were kept on active missionaries which list their name, nationality, education, marital status, church affiliation, places of service in China, furloughs, and miscellaneous information. The Fischbacher personnel card shown here gives dates and places of birth, next of kin, Mrs. Fischbacher's maiden name, passport information, dates and places of sailing, and other information. Note that Theodore Fischbacher was born in Glasgow, Scotland and his wife Olive (nee Huston) in Clay Center, Kansas. Note also the names and addresses for their next of kin: Mr. C. Fischbacher of Glasgow, Scotland and Mr. S. G. Huston of Pasadena, California.

FISCHBACHER, MRS. THEODORE Born at Clay Center, Kan., U.S.A. on Sept. 29, 1909.
(OLIVE VIRGINIA)

Passport No. 883 . Issued at the Consulate of the U.S.A. at Bombay, India on Nov.17,1946
Includes minor children: GORDON EMIL and PHILIP HUSTON

" Renewed (#577) by Dept. of State, Washington, D.C. on August 9, 1946 and expires
August 9, 1948.
China Visa No. 404. Issued by Consulate General of the Republic of China, Los Angeles,
Calif. on Sept. 3, 1946. Valid for 1 year.

Also note the passport information at the bottom of the card and on the back of the card. What a wealth of information is provided on this single card!



In the photo folder for the Fischbachers is a picture which was taken on their wedding day. Now we get to see what they looked like.

The meeting then adjourned at 12. 30 p.m. after prayer, until 2. 30 p.m.

At 2. 30 p.m. the sitting was resumed, when Mr. E. Hunt who had just arrived from Wenchow, joined the Council; at Mr. Hoste's invitation Dr. Hogg attended. The meeting was opened with prayer.

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Another source of information is the China Council Minutes which provide details of personal matters of missionaries in addition to other information. The 12 October 1920 minutes [215-2-39] describe a physical problem Mrs. R. Young was experiencing.

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Minutes of Council Meeting held at Shanghai on Thursday, October 14, 1920, at 10 a.m.

Present: Messrs D. E. Hoste (in the chair), F. W. Baller, J. J. Coulthard, J. Vale, A. R. Saunders, G. W. Gibb, E. Hunt and A. H. Broomhall.

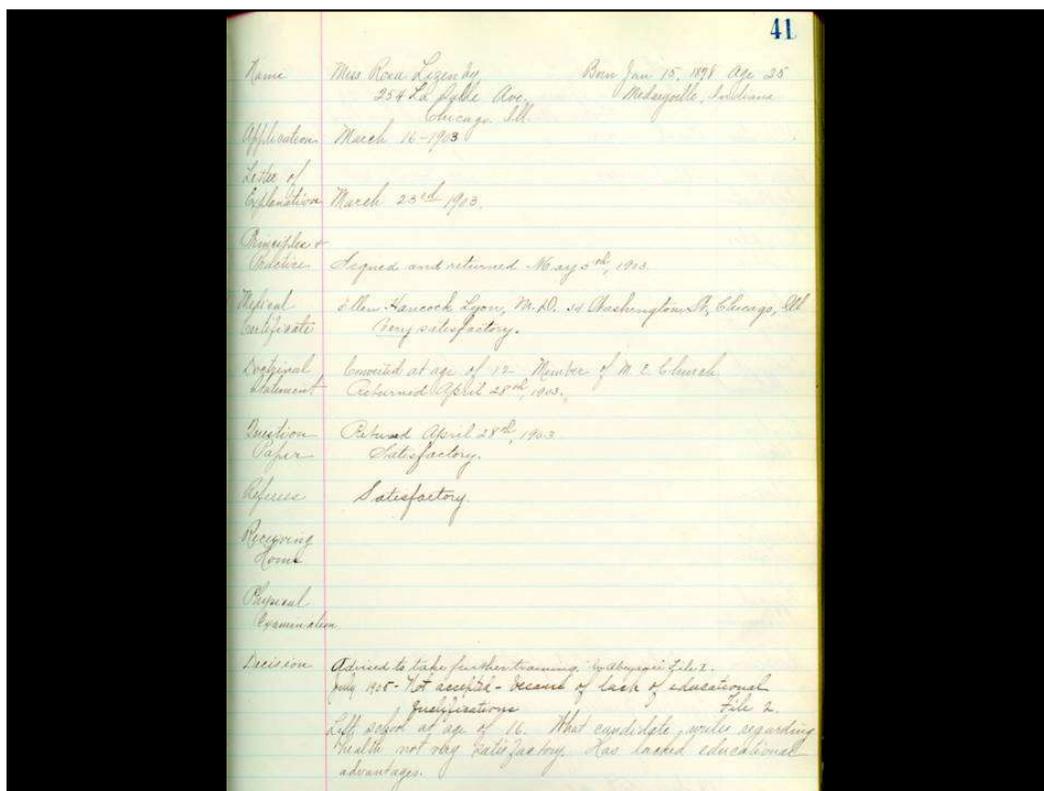
The meeting was opened by the reading of Scripture and prayer. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Young. Further prolonged consideration was given to this case, and it was finally agreed that, having regard to the report of Dr. Hogg, and also to the poor health of Mrs. Young in previous years, it would not be right for the Council to take the responsibility of recommending the return of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young to this country, after their furlough, in connection with the Mission. The Council reached this conclusion with sincere regret, and desire to record their sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Young in the trial of her impaired health. They were thankful for the years of service rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Young and appreciated the spirit in which, notwithstanding the bodily weakness of Mrs. Young, they had persevered in the work of the Gospel. It was agreed that a letter should be written to Mr. Young, acquainting him with the above decision, and saying that the Council were prepared to provide passages to Great Britain for Mr. and Mrs. Young and their two children at any time after the middle of November that they could be obtained, this offer to remain open for six months from that date. In the event of Mr. and Mrs. Young going home within that time, the Council would recommend to the Home Director that they receive financial ministry in the home land for a period which, when added to the time spent by them in China subsequent to November 15, did not exceed a total of eight

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months. Should Mr. and Mrs. Young decide to remain in China, the Council were prepared to minister to them until such time as Mr. Young had succeeded in obtaining employment for the support of himself and his family, up to a period of eight months.

The Council met again two days later and decided not to allow the Youngs to return to the field after their furlough was up. The minutes state that "The Council reached this conclusion with sincere regret, and desire to record their sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Young in the trial of her impaired health...[and is] prepared to provide passage to Great Britain for Mr. & Mrs. Young and their two children at any time after the middle of November." This makes me want to research more and find out what happened to the family, especially Mrs. Young.



The **Register of Candidate Information**; 1891-1934 [215-6-11] provides basic information on CIM applicants. For example, Miss Rosa Lizenby applied in 1903 but was “not accepted because of her lack of educational qualifications.” We see that she was born in Medaryville, Indiana on 15 January 1878, converted at age 12, was a member of the M.E. Church, was living at 254 LaSalle Ave. in Chicago, and left school at the age of 16.

Name: *Alexander Reid Saunders, Born November 1st 1862.*

Address: *Toronto, Ontario.*

Application: *1887.*

Question Paper:

Medical Certificates: first: _____ second: _____

References:

"Principles and Practice":

Doctrinal Statement:

Receiving Home: arrived, *from Scotland* *Sept 7th 1897.* *140, for England Oct 9th 1897.*
via Philadelphia, Pa.

"Book of Arrangements": *Leaving for Shanghai Nov 12-1897*
England

Decision of Council: *Accepted.*

Journey to China: left, *from England* *Nov 24 1897.* *arrived, December 20th 1897.*

Support: *Salt Missionary Society, Mr. J. Wood, Salt, Ont.*

Parents' Names and Address: *Father dead. Mrs. Kemp Saunders, 25 Richmond Terrace, Aberdeen, Scotland.*

Pastor's Name and Address: *Rev. H. W. Carson, 235 Jarvis St. Toronto, Presbyterian.*

Remarks: *Accepted Feb 5, 92.*
Married to Mrs. Smith May 31 1892. Alice Leibel born Oct 2-95.
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George Kemp born Nov. 19th 1894.
Left Shanghai May 21st 1897. Arrived Toronto June 17th 97.
London Feb. 14th 1898. Shanghai May 23rd 97.
Aug 16-1898 - Both twin children died of injuries received while travelling. (Mrs. & Alice Leibel)

Saunders's record

The Canadian Council **Candidate Register** [17-2, 3] contains photocopies of pages from the register that lists basic information about missionary candidates. Most, but not all, of these forms are for Canadian candidates. The forms themselves appear to be a kind of checklist used to make sure that missionaries had handled all necessary details before leaving for China.

Receiving Home: arrived, from Detroit Sept 7th 1897. left for England Oct 9th 1897. via Philadelphia, Pa.

"Book of Arrangements":

Decision of Council: accepted. furlough left Shanghai Nov. 17-1900 for England.

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Support: Galt Missionary Society, Mr. J. Wood, Galt, Ont.

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This photo, from the February 1896 issue of *China's Millions*, CIMs monthly publication, (located in the Evangelism and Missions Collection), show the Saunders with their daughters Jessie and Isabel and those who attended a conference in Shan-si Province in October 1895.





The March 1901 issue of *China's Millions*, contains an article written by Mrs. Saunders about the loss of her daughters, Isabel age one and Jessie ages seven.

Two Child Martyrs of Shansi.

BY MRS. SAUNDERS.

Isabel, aged one and three-quarter years.

Jessie, aged seven and one-quarter years.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS.—I have been asked to tell you a little about our dear Jessie (one of the child-martyrs in Shansi) who is now in heaven. She was born in China on April 12, 1893, and was always a bright, healthy child. I do not remember her being in bed a single day because of illness. She was very fond of animals, and dearly loved a donkey-ride; she would ride quite fearlessly through a Chinese city. With the native Christians she was a great favorite; she seemed always to see the bright side of life, and was so loving and lovable.

Very early she learned to love Jesus, and was fond of hymns and Bible stories. She especially liked me to repeat to her that hymn commencing, "Jesus, who lived above the sky," and always seemed so sorry that Jesus had suffered so much for us. She would sometimes say, "When I see Him I will look for the marks of the nails in His hands and feet."

She liked to talk of His return, and looked for it in a most natural way. We were expecting to take her and George—her younger brother—to Chefoo this spring, and, to her loving nature, the thought of leaving home was not easy. One day we overheard her say to her brother, "Perhaps we won't go to Chefoo, Jesus may come before then."

On another day, when talking about the same subject—the return of the Lord—the children said, "When we hear the trumpet sound in the sky, we will run in very fast so that we may all go together." Jessie was always ready for a Bible story, and liked especially to hear of Jesus rising from the dead. Her life in China, with her brother George, and her two little sisters, Nellie and Isabel, was a very happy one.

She was fond of sitting by my side on the "Kiang" or brick-bed, while I talked to the Chinese women about Jesus and His love. Often when we passed people in the street she would say, "Do you think they have heard of Jesus?"

But the time came when our happy home was to be broken up. Oh! it was so sudden and unexpected! On June 26, 1900, we had passed the day much as usual; I had been busy preparing apricot jam for our winter use; after the children's tea they had their room as usual and their bath, after which we always liked to have a hymn and a little reading before they went to sleep. That evening the portion in "Peep of Day" was, "The Crucifixion of our Lord," and when I left our darlings in bed, Jessie was still looking at the picture of Jesus on the cross.

In the cool of the evening, Miss Guthrie, Mr. Jennings, my husband and myself were sitting in our courtyard, when our native helper came to tell us that wicked men were burning our house and preaching shop in the city. Knowing that they might next come to our house in the suburb, we went inside and prayed to God for guidance; we knew we were in His hands—"a very safe place to be at all times." These were the closing words in the last letter of Mr. Wm. Cooper to us. While on our knees, the crowd

came and began throwing stones, etc., into our courtyard; so, quickly taking the children from their beds, where they were so peacefully sleeping, we escaped by another gate, and, going up a long country road, we reached another gate of the city and went to the Mandarin. He said he could do nothing for us, and advised us to leave the city quietly at daybreak, which we did. This was the beginning of a long, long journey full of weariness and peril.

Dear Jessie often cheered us by her simple faith. She would remind us Jesus was on before. One day we were in an inn and were attacked by a band of "Boxers," who treated us badly; we prayed, and Jessie would say, "Keep on praying, mother." I said to her, "Darling, let us all pray in our hearts; we are so tired." But she said, "Mother, just once more," and after that prayer the crowd left the inn-yard. How the dear child's eyes glistened as she said, "Jesus has sent them away!" When on the road we were robbed of everything, including most of our clothes, and as we went on with our bare, blistered feet in the burning sun, with no covering for our heads, we were treated very cruelly. Stoned and beaten, often hungry and thirsty, and for several nights sleeping on the bare ground in the open air, it was so comforting to know she did not think harshly of these poor people who were treating us so. She would say: "If they loved Jesus they would not do this"; and so many times she reminded us that Jesus was hungry and had no place to lay His head. When our clothes were taken away she said: "They took Jesus' clothes when they put him on the Cross"; and again, when one day we were lodged in a place where animals were fed, as we put the children into the stone manger and I was hating Jessie, who was very weak, she looked up so sweetly and said: "Jesus was born in a place like this," and the thought seemed to help her very much.

She often spoke of the native Christians, mentioning them by name, and expressing the hope that they were not being hurt or killed. After we had been a month on our journey our sweet baby, Isabel, was taken by the Good Shepherd to heaven; she had been so patient and passed away so peacefully, we could only rejoice for her that she was safe for evermore. A week later Jessie joined her little sister. She was tired and worn out, but also very patient. I do want a comfortable place." Jesus heard her cry, and took her to that beautiful place prepared for her—what a lovely change from our awful surroundings to His own presence!

Though we miss our darlings very sorely, we must not wish them back, they are still our little girls; George and Nellie often say, "We are still four, two in heaven and two on earth." When Jesus comes, and "the time will not be long." He will bring them with Him, 1 Thess. 4: 14. When Jessie was asked whom she loved best, she would answer "Jesus." Dear young friends, whom do you love best. Jesus loves you; He died for you, and is now in heaven preparing a place for you; He is coming again. Will you be ready when Jesus comes? Are you doing anything for Him?

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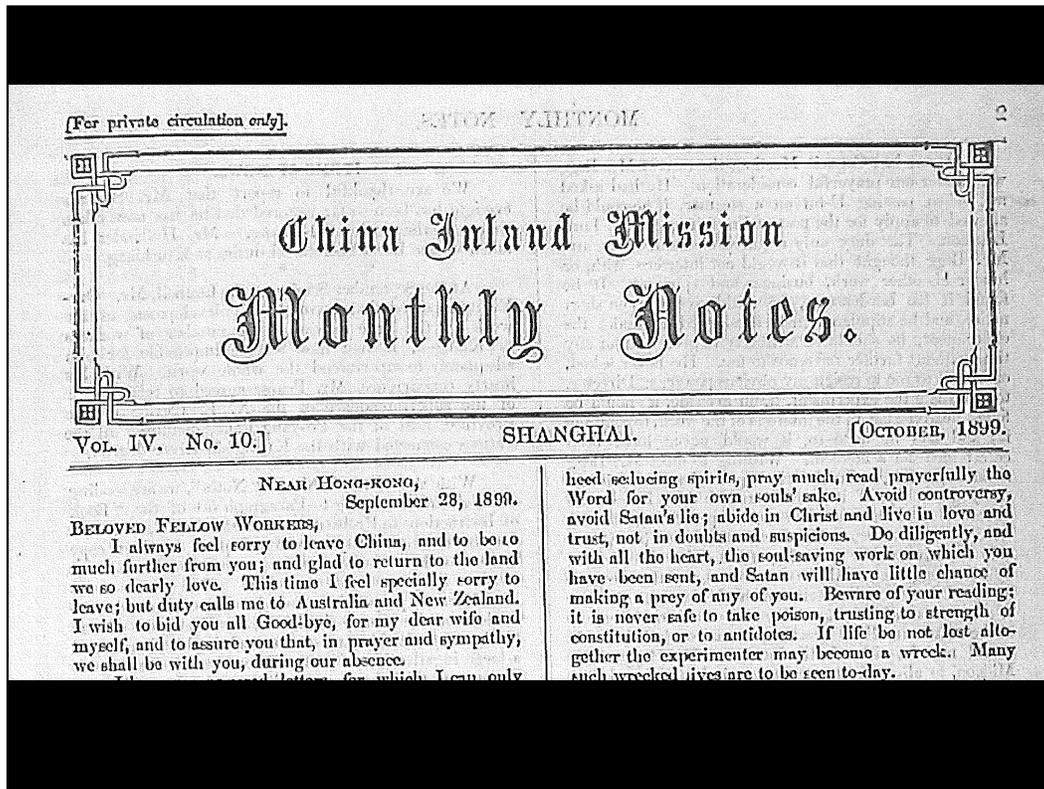
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Another helpful resource are the China Inland Mission Monthly Notes for the years 1896 through 1938 (microfilm Reels 6 & 7). These newsletters contain news of the mission work in various parts of China as well information for the family historian.

MONTHLY NOTES.

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PERSONAL.

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Departures.—

On Aug. 22, Mrs. F. Burden for Australia.
Sept. 25, Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Taylor, for Australia.
Oct. 1, Mrs. Henriksen and 2 children, and Miss O. Olsen, for America.
" 5, Mr. K. E. Landgren, for Sweden.

Births.—On Sept. 15, at Lin-kiang, the wife of James Lawson, of a son,—Alexander Thomas.

" 29, at Chin-kiang, the wife of H. H. Taylor, of a daughter.

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Marriages.—

On Oct. 2, at Chefoo, J. J. Coulthard to Miss E. J. Walker.

" 3, at Hankow, Alfred Bland to Miss E. Dunn.

Death.—On Oct. 5, at Chefoo, Dr. A. W. Douthwaite, of Malarial fever and dysentery.

This page from the October 1899 newsletter give examples of the types of information available. The Arrivals and Departures to and from China, as well as Births, Marriages, and Deaths. At the bottom of the page is a notice about the death of Dr. A. W. Douthwaite.

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By the death of Dr. Douthwaite, of Chefoo, which took place on October 5, at the age of 51, we have lost one of our oldest and most experienced workers. He came to China in April, 1874, and proceeded to Shao-hsing, where, for some years, he laboured with Mr. Meadows.

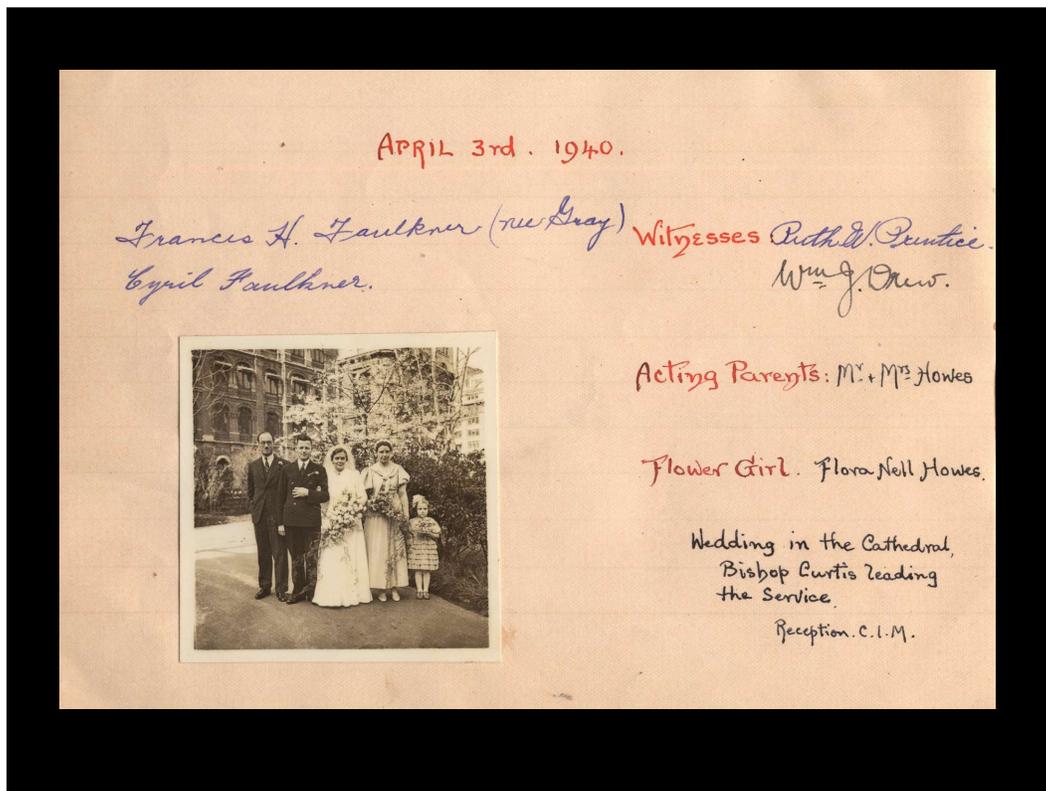
Later on, he went to Kū-cheo, in the same Province, and laid the foundation of the church there. His efforts extended across the border to Kiang-si, where many found Christ.

Failing health led him to Uen-cheo, where he initiated and carried on a successful medical work; but finding his health did not improve there, he came North to Chefoo, in 1883. He continued there till his death, only taking one journey, of observation, to Corea, accomplished at the risk of his life.

Dr. Douthwaite returned from England in March of the present year, in vigorous health, to throw himself, heart and soul, into his loved work. In July, he contracted a severe form of dysentery, while on a professional visit to Kiao-cheo, to attend a sick missionary; and though he recovered, it left him considerably weakened. A

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Additional information about Dr. Douthwaite is given in another part of the newsletter. These newsletters have been microfilmed and are on Reels 6 & 7 which may be borrowed by interlibrary loan.



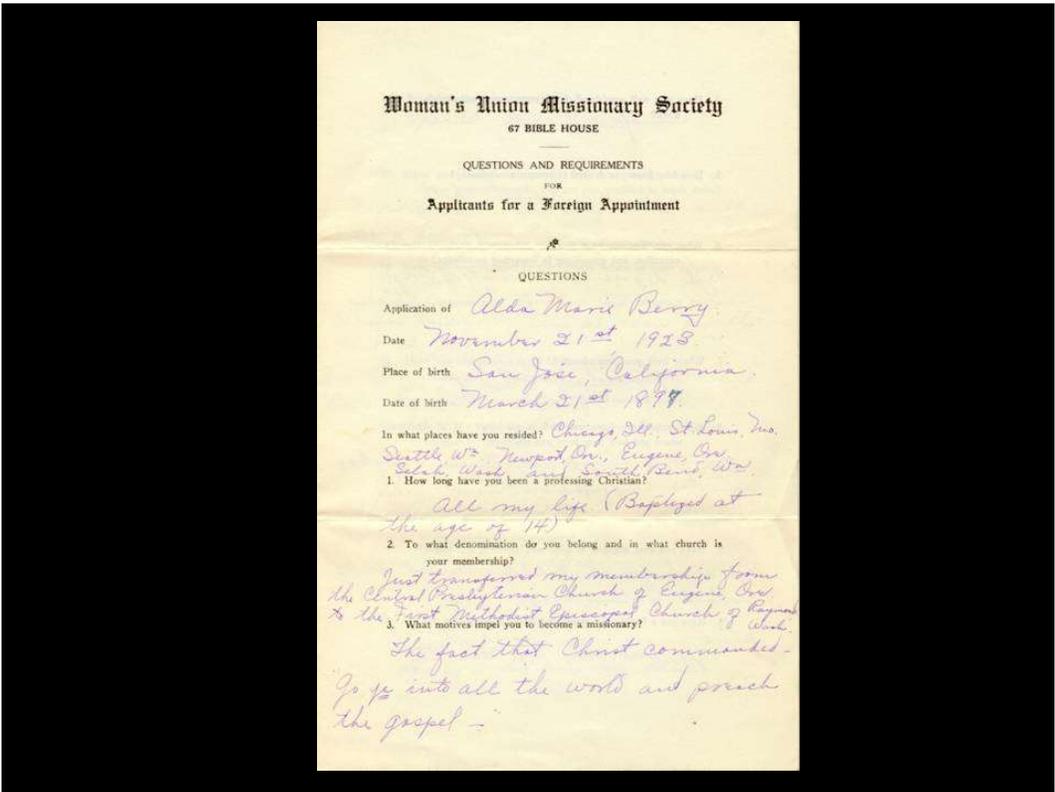
Another source for missionaries to China is the Marriage Register, 1890-1950. [215-2-35] This is an example of the marriage of Cyril Faulkner and Frances Gray in 1940. Most of the 223 marriages listed do not have photos but some later ones do.

Woman's Union Missionary Society

Founded in 1860 by Sarah Platt Doremus
Collection 379

- Correspondence
- Reports
- Personnel Files
- Scrapbooks
- Photographs

The **Woman's Union Missionary Society** (Collection 379) was founded in 1860 by Sarah Platt Doremus. It was intended as a vehicle for sending single women as missionaries to women in closed societies (and therefore unreachable by male missionaries) in Asia. The materials consist of **correspondence, reports, personnel files**, legal documents, financial files, **scrapbooks**, and **photographs**, documenting their medical and educational work in Burma, China, India, Pakistan, and Japan.



Even though the personnel file for **Alda Berry** [379-12-13] contains less than a dozen documents, it still offers some important information about her. The WUMS application she filled out in 1923 tells when and where she was born (21 March 1897, San Jose, California), places of residences, schools attended, degrees received, work experience, etc.



The folder also contains a letter of reference from a Rev. Bruce Giffen and a photo of Berry.

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Date of appointment	Sailed	Missionary to	Arrived	Ret to America	
1924	April	Oct 11/1924	Allahabad Miss Alda Perry 27	May 1929	
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as appointed Feb. 14, 1945	May 6, 1945		India May 29, 1945	Dec 1927	
March 1946	Sept 15, 1926	Miss Margaret B. Smith			did - Phila. May 18, 1943

The personnel lists in box 12, folder 3 [379-12-3] shows that she sailed to India on 11 October 1924 to work in Allahabad and returned to America about 4½ years later in May 1929.



What do you do if there is no personnel file for the person you are searching for? You would look in other files of the organization and more than likely there will be some information you needed.

Dr. Elizabeth Reifsnyder is a case in point. The first I knew about her was when her grandniece contacted the Archives wanting information about her. I first checked the Archives' online searchable database and was directed to the WUMS collection guide. Doing a search of the guide I found out that she had established the Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai in 1891 and that there was a biography [379-4-1] and a photograph of her in the collection.



A letter [379-2-4] from the Shanghai Committee of Margaret Williamson Hospital written in April 1906 to Mrs. Doremus states:

“For years the two doctors [Dr. Reifsnyder and Dr. Garner] in charge have done wonders. To our deepest regret Dr. Reifsnyder’s health has broken down. As General Manager and seeing to the business...we may hope to have her for many years still with us, but for the necessary operations and heavy work she has done in the past, she is unable to undertake now...Here, we would like to express our deepest respect and admiration of these two women who have given up their lives to so noble a work, with everything against them: climate, language, and general surroundings.”

She recovered and stayed in China until her furlough in 1910 and then returned two years later. By 1914 she again was on furlough. In 1916 she wished to return to China, but the board wouldn’t allow her because of her health.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Founded in 1944 by James Truxton

Collection 136

- Correspondence
- Prayer letters
- Photographs

Mission Aviation Fellowship (Collection 136) was founded in 1944 under the leadership of Lt. James C. Truxton, with the name Christian Airmen's Missionary Fellowship. In 1947 the name was changed to MAF. Material in this collection include office files, including **correspondence** with MAF missionaries, with other missions served by MAF, and with the general public, technical bulletins, publications, **prayer letters**, and **photographs**.



A researcher wrote wanting to know if the Archives had photographs of her great-grandfather, George E. Fisk. I searched and located photographs, letters, and other information about him in the records of MAF. Fisk, the person on the right of this photo, was a missionary to Borneo who was shipwrecked in 1946 near Australia.

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Terrace Drive,
Nyack, New York
August 16, 1946

Dear Friend:

The time has come for me to send you a word of greeting and also to pass on to you the good news which has just come to me this morning.

On July 8th, I received a cablegram from Sydney, Australia, telling me that Mr. Fisk was "Sailing to-morrow, Netherlands Navy boat to Makassar". Then came the long weeks of waiting until I finally received a letter which told me a few details. The Netherlands Navy had taken on my husband, as a 'guest' passenger. Having no cabins for passengers on a Navy ship, my husband was given a place in what is called 'sick-bay'. This is really the hospital room, as I understand it. However, that did not bother Mr. Fisk in the least. He was so thankful that at last a way had been opened to him to start on the journey toward his final goal.

The Navy ship made a number of 'ports', staying over in some of these places for four or more days at a time. When the ship finally reached a port in New Guinea; the Government official there asked the Captain to perform a duty for the Netherlands Government. This service took the ship back again to the Thursday Islands, which are at the Northern most part of Australia. Finally, after a delay they set off once again, this time heading for the Netherlands East Indies.

Then this morning, I received the news that I have been waiting to hear for so long a time. A cablegram came stating that Mr. Fisk had arrived in Makassar, Celebes. We do praise God for His love and care through these past six months. Yes, it has been a long journey but now that he is in Makassar, we pray that the Lord will use him mightily to be a blessing both to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Post, (who are our only other missionaries in the N.E.I. at the present time). After a period of conference with Rev. Post, Mr. Fisk will set sail for his adopted country, Borneo. Once he arrives at our old station there, both he and the natives will have a time of rejoicing.

Please continue to pray much both for Mr. Fisk and the work, and also for us as we wait patiently on the Lord, here.

Yours, in HIS glorious service,

Anna C. Fisk
(Mrs. George E.)

Mr. Fisk's Borneo address:
Tandiongselar, Boelongan,
via Tarakan,
Borneo, Netherlands East Indies.

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It may take your letter two months or more to reach him there,
so be patient!

In his MAF file [136-23-68] is more information on this event. Here is an article his wife, Anna, wrote about receiving word about Fisk's rescue.

"SHIPWRECKED ... SAFE" - FISK

Mr. Fisk Writes Home SEP 17 1946

"I don't want to stay in Australia any longer than necessary. But there are no steamers going to Makassar from Australia. However, I met some men who are going to Sandakan Borneo on their own. They (seven of them) have purchased a small boat, are loading it down to the gunwales with household goods, and are taking their time in getting to Borneo. They said they would take me on with my baggage if I would be willing to help with the cooking. This seems like a golden opportunity to get up to Borneo.

Then came Mr. Fisk's cablegram of April 17th off the Australian coast, "Shipwrecked near Sydney . . . lost much . . . well . . ." Briefly the story is told in the Sydney, Australia, Daily Telegraph.

2. HOURS' BATTLE FOR SHIP . . . SINKS AFTER STORM; CREW SAFE.

An 85 ton motor vessel "Holland" bound for Borneo from Sydney ran into heavy weather off Broken Bay late Saturday night and soon became stranded.

While the ship battled the heavy seas the crew labored with pumps and buckets to try to save her. The crew of eight managed to get the ship into the smooth waters inside Burroughs Bay before she sank.

They were out from land for only five hours when the trouble started in a bad storm. The men and George baled water out of the ship, along with the help of the pumps all night. Then early Sunday morning the ship's motor, a Diesel engine, stopped, and so the ship settled down in twelve feet of water, in the safety of a cove. The ship's engine had been submerged in water up to within three inches of its top all night, but still it kept on working. The captain of the ship as well as the men said that that in itself was a miracle. Mr. Fisk told them "That was answered prayer!" He had prayed all night as he worked and the Lord God heard and answered his and our prayers.

Letter dated April 17, written at Sydney, Australia. "As long as I have breath I will praise the Lord! With Paul, I can now say that for Christ's sake I have suffered shipwreck and loss. The experience has left me a bit shaken.

"You can say that now I am empty handed. I have lost so much, every suit of clothes; all my shoes; everything but a few shirts. I dived down into the cabin to salvage some of my things . . . got a few shirts. The big wardrobe trunk that had many precious things in it, was washed overboard. Gone is the medical outfit and so many needed things. The big wardrobe-suitcase went overboard and in it were all of my clothes. All of my books are gone! Lost my motion picture films too! Motor oil was in everything. I was covered with oil from head to foot.

"I was brought here (Sydney Bible Training Institute) a messy looking sight and had a difficult time holding down my nerves. I did a bit of crying . . . I was so happy to be alive and to have friends to help me and to take care of me. One of the students is waiting on me "hand and foot"; I'll remember him until my dying day.



GEORGE FISK AND FAMILY

"I have been in bed under a doctor's care for a day. My knee was badly banged on something that was knocking about on the deck, and there is a bit of infection in the wound. It is a miracle that I did not suffer from exposure as I was in wet clothes for twenty-four hours or longer.

"May St. . . Thank God, my knee is mending very well. We are not sure yet about the knee-cap. I have been walking about the yard getting the knee limbered up as I spread out a few of my books in the sun to dry. (Some that were salvaged from the ship.) At night I pull the books back into the room and the place smells like a musty tomb. Ugh! If they were not such good books I would throw them out, they smell so!

"Praise the Lord! I was able to save the Traveler's checks that I had with me and also my passport. However, it is one digitated Passport. I am showing it to the Consul today to see if he thinks I should be issued a new one."

The above few lines will give you some idea as to how Mr. Fisk is getting along. We are so grateful to God for having spared his life and also for healing the wounded leg. In the next letter I hope to hear that his limb is entirely well again.

My husband wrote to me on some of the writing paper that had been submerged in the sea water. It is 'crepe' in appearance. His fine tool chest was a sorry sight, but with much work some of it can be salvaged, we hope. His typewriter and camera are also being worked upon.

We are counting on YOU to help pray us thru this unusual experience! Pray, too, that at the right time and in God's own way Mr. Fisk will get transportation to the Netherlands East Indies. In the meantime pray that he may be used to open up a great missionary interest and work out in Australia.—(Mrs. G. E.) Anna C. Fisk.

We are sure that you will desire to help Bro. Fisk in this immediate need, and also to help other missionaries who lost all they had during the war.—A.C.E.

Also in the folder is a report written by Fisk ("Shipwrecked...Safe"), along with a photo of his family.



This is a newspaper clipping reporting on the incident.



From the Fisk photo file, we see Fisk with some artifacts probably from Borneo and a photo of him and his wife.

**American Board of Commissioners
for Foreign Mission**
Founded in 1810
Collection 261

The **American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions** was established in 1810 as the first American foreign mission agency. Even though it was Congregational in orientation it did accept missionaries of various denominational backgrounds. Missionaries' letters, journals, and reports are in the microfilm edition of this collection. All 858 reels of microfilm are available for research.

MISSIONARY LIST									
Name	Title	Station	Substation	Substation 2	From	To	Reference	Reel	Remarks
Damon, Frank W.	NUA	Is.	Sandwich Is.				y.b. 1894 p. 38	834-858	
Dana, Mrs. Ann	APM	Amer.	Choctaw	Wheelock	1848	1853	v2 45	755-765, 784	
Dana, Josephine	NUA	N.E.	Turkey				y.b. 1921 p. 50	505-507, 564-720	
Daniels, Mabel E.	APM	Ch.	South China	Canton	1917	1922	c.	256-265	
Daniels, Mary B.	APM	Jap.	Osaka		1889	1919	o.b. 165	326-387	
Daniels, Mary L.	APM	N.E.	Eastern Turkey	Harpoot	1885	1917	v3 89	676-720	
Darrow, Alice M.	APM	Ch.	South China	Foochow	1922	1925	c.	256-265, 233-256	
Darrow, Isabella C.	NUA	N.E.	Turkey				y.b. 1912 p. 45	505-507, 564-720	
Dart, Mrs. S.F. Clara	APM	Afr.	East Africa	Rhodesia	1911	1918	c.	193-202, 208-210, 213, 217-218	
Dart, Mrs. S.F., Clara	APM	Afr.	West Africa	Angola	1918	1947	c.	149-173	
Dart, Sidney F.	APM	Afr.	East Africa	Rhodesia	1911	1918	c.	193-202, 208-210, 213, 217-218	
Dart, Sidney F.	APM	Afr.	West Africa	Angola	1918	1947	c.	149-173	
Daskam, Mrs. M.F.	NUA	N.E.	Turkey				y.b. 1928 p. 63	505-507, 564-720	
Daskam, Max F.	NUA	N.E.	Turkey				y.b. 1928 p. 63	505-507, 564-720	
Daughaday, Mary Adelaide	APM	Jap.	Kobe	Osaka	1883	1919	v1 95	326-387	
Davis, Miss	NUA	N.E.	Turkey				y.b. 1914 p. 45	505-507, 564-720	
Davis, Allen C.	NUA	Afr.							

There is a published guide to these materials with an index to the missionaries including their place and date of service and corresponding microfilm reels to view. Highlighted here is the entry for Mrs. Ann Dana, who had been with the mission from 1848 to 1853 working at the Choctaw Mission School in Wheelock [Oklahoma Territory]. Her letters are on microfilm reel 761 [Choctaw Mission, 1844-1859, Letters, Bu, C-KE]. A report dated 17 July 1849 describes the status of the school and stated that Mrs. Dana had been a teacher there for twenty-five years.

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Vicksburg August 8th 1853

Dear Sister,
 Mrs. A. B. Dana
 Care of Edward P. Bunce
 Vicksburg
 Miss.

That you have received no communication from me relative to my leaving Wheelock; but I knew my sister, Mrs. Wright, had mentioned to you the probability of my being obliged to retire, on account of the feeble state of my health. The work I had 5 years been engaged in, my heart truly delighted in; I was never weary of training & teaching those young Choctaws & till I received that severe shock, a year since, which tore up the foundation on which my ability to labor was based; I could not bring my mind to be willing to leave so useful & interesting a field. I have been a great sufferer. I tried to rise above it, and I kept up as long as I could, but the system gave way at last entirely. There were times when the bones over the brain seemed to be drawing asunder, & they did, till a finger could be laid in, within the opening. My memory was greatly affected & my thoughts were not

Present papers of James Aspinwall, of B. Dana

Mrs. Dana wrote on 8 August 1853 from the home of her nephew, Edward Bunce, in Vicksburg, Mississippi, describing her struggle with poor health which eventually resulted in her retirement from the mission.

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under my control, I was near I fear I shall never recover
the ground I have lost— It was the 9th of June that
the circumstance occurred, and I continued to attend to
my duties as I well could, often being obliged to cease
for a time even in school— Brother & Sister & Miss Ker
were away, so that the necessity of the case compelled
me to make every exertion; but at last I had no farther
power granted me— God saw fit to permit me to be
laid aside entirely— The trustees dismissed the school—
Miss Key from Good Water came & took charge of the
house, Mrs Cepeland & Miss Bigelow took the care of me—
they were indeed sisters— As soon as I could be moved,
I was sent to the Soap Springs in Ark. about 100 miles
from home, where were mineral waters of different qualities,
but the accommodations not being comfortable, I was
again brought very low, and returned as soon as I could
be moved. Miss Key went with me as I was not able
to go alone, which of course added to my expenses, as
I had to pay her; the Proprietor was very kind making
them as light as possible, but he was in poor circumstances.
When I could sit up I gave a few lessons in way to
help meet the demands. My son George, out of the little
he received, paid the 1/2 bills. In Oct^r I went into the
school, doing what I could; but the heaviest part of the labor
devolved on Miss Bigelow; still I could do enough to
enable us to carry out our plans. The surrs, chills and
coughs of my system were all so much worse & so much
affected, that I could walk no distance, so that my useful-
ness in going out among the people as I had done, in sickness.

“My memory was greatly affected and my thoughts were not under my control...It was the 9th [?] of June that the circumstance occurred, and I continued to attend to my duties as I well could, often being obliged to cease for a time even in school. Brother & sister & Miss Ker were away, so that the necessity of the case compelled me to make every exertion; but at last I had no farther power granted me. God saw fit to permit me to be laid aside entirely. The trustees dismissed the school.”

American Home Missionary Society

Founded in 1826

Collection 142

American Home Missionary Society

A group of small missionary societies, the earliest of which was the Young Men's Missionary Society of New York (formed in 1815) along with the New York Evangelical Missionary Society (formed in 1816) and other small agencies combined to make up the United Domestic Missionary Society in 1822. This group was supported by Reformed Churches and the Presbyterian Church. In May 1826, representatives from Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches met to form the **American Home Missionary Society**. During the convention, the United Domestic Missionary Society voted to merge with them. Materials in the microfilm collection of 385 reels include incoming and outgoing correspondence, administrative materials, annual reports, the Society's periodical, *The Home Missionary*. The purpose of the society was to support young congregations of Christians on the American frontier until such time as the congregation could become self-sufficient. There are yearly missionary tables on reel one which first need to be searched to determine where the missionary served. Then the correct film can be searched for that missionary.

Missionaries.	Congregations and Missionary Districts.	Dates of Commissions.	Length of Comp.	Dollars of Aid	Months of Labor performed.	No. of Church Members.	Special Conversions.	On Exam.	Add. to Chur.	No. of Sch. School	Contributions to Mercy Objects.	Other Particulars.
Rev. David A. Abbey W. A.	Presb. Ch., W. Dresden, N. Y.	May 15, 1856	12	100	2							
Do.	Presb. Ch., New Milford, Pa.	Sept. 1, 1857	12	100	7	40				100	43 00	One young man preparing for the ministry; hope to be self-sustaining another year.
Rev. E. F. Abbott P. H. M. S.	Dublin, N. H.	June 1, 1857	12	12	10	30	4	5		85	14 78	
Rev. Calvin G. Adams N. H. M. S.	1st Cong. Ch., Fremont, Ill.	Mar. 1, 1857	12	250	12	23	25		4	60	28 00	Three regular preaching stations; revival.
Rev. E. J. Adams M. M. S.	Abyssinian Ch., Portland, Me.	June 26, 1857	3	50	2							
Do.	Colored Cong. Ch., Hartford, Ct.	Aug. 17, 1857	12	100	8	65	2	2	1	65		Increased religious interest in the church.
Rev. Ezra Adams C. M. S.	Gilsun and Surry, N. H.	Jan. 1, 1858	12	100	12	42		2	1	85	70 72	One young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. George W. Adams N. H. M. S.	Riverpoint, R. I.	July 1, 1857	12	300	9							
Rev. Isaac F. Adams R. I. M. S.	Presb. Ch., North Wells, Pa.	Aug. 1, 1857	12	100	12	57	2			15	27 00	Preaches at one other point; congregation much scattered.
Rev. John E. Adams P. H. M. S.	Carnel and Kenduskeag, Me.	July 25, 1857	3	96	3							
Rev. A. S. Allen M. M. S.	Cong. Chs., Middleton, Dover and Black Earth, Wis.	Nov. 1, 1857	12	250	12	17 21 11	50		9	185		Revival at Dover and Middleton; one church organized; church edifice completed at Mazo Marie; one student for the ministry.
Rev. Edward Allen P. H. M. S.	Nicholson, Pa.	May 1, 1856	12	50	1							
Rev. E. W. Allen P. H. M. S.	Presb. Ch., Arkport, N. Y.	Jan. 1, 1855	12	150	12	76	2			40	85 50	
Rev. John B. Allen W. A.	Cong. Chs., Brooklyn and Parma, O.	July 1, 1857	12	100	6	59	12	4	1	45	2 00	Revival in both places.
Rev. David Andrews W. R. A.	1st Cong. Ch., Zumbrot, Minn.	Oct. 1, 1857	12	250	6	31				16	60	
Rev. Dean Andrews R. I. M. S.	Cong. Chs., West Vigo and S. Vigo, Ind.	Jan. 1, 1858	12	200	3							
Rev. Wells Andrews P. H. M. S.	Presb. Ch., Washington, Ill.	April 1, 1857	12	150	12							
Rev. Ole Andrewson M. M. S.	Norweg. Evng. Luth. Chs., Clinton and at Rock Prairie, Norway and Beloit, Wis.	Mar. 12, 1857	12	150	12	56	3		9	25	22 00	Indications of the Spirit's presence.
Rev. Lauren Armsby M. M. S.	Cong. Ch., Faribault, Minn.	Oct. 26, 1857	12	200	12	85	1	1	15	100	85 00	One church organized; revival at Warsaw.
Rev. F. A. Armstrong M. M. S.	Cong. Ch., Greenville, Ill.	Dec. 1, 1857	12	50	4	63			8	50	30 50	Revival; church edifice repaired; one young man preparing for the ministry.
Rev. J. R. Armstrong M. M. S.	Presb. Ch., West Ely, Mo.	June 1, 1856	12	200	2							
Rev. Noble Armstrong M. M. S.	Cong. Chs., Columbian Center and New Albany, O.	Sept. 21, 1857	12	150	6	24 29	5	6	8	75		Congregation increasing; prospects encouraging.

1858.

THIRTY SECOND REPORT.

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Another researcher was looking for letters of Ole Andrewson who had worked with the AHMS in the 1850s. I checked the missionary tables for 1853-1860 and found that he had been in **Wisconsin** with the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church (1854-1855), the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in **Illinois** (1855-1856), and back in **Wisconsin** with the German Evangelical Church and later the Norwegian Lutheran Church (1857-1860).

REMARKS.

New York 4th 1858

Rev. Milton Badger

Dear Sir!

I find myself again at a rather late date ready to report, owing to my absence from home, being called away to assist the P. J. Hatlested, in an extensive revival, which commenced just about the first of January & continued with increasing and promising tokens up to the last of February, when I had to leave them for my own & regular spell of labour. Bro. Hatlested's field is about 100 Statute on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R.R. Over 100 persons who had fully converted to the Lord & of this number over 50 were migrants at last year. Before I left it was proposed to call a meeting for the purpose of building a new Church edifice and obtained a subscription of over \$1500.00, among a population of whom but a few individuals were worth over \$50.00 in the world.

My absence was with the consent of my people here, as ~~my~~ ^{Hatlested's people} sent a man over 100 Miles in order to bring me along with him.

In my own field I have laboured to fill ~~some~~ ^{my} appointments as usual. I have had several indications of the working of the spirit of God - one person has made a public profession.

We are in a state of transition, and have to battle against a formidable power of forms, ceremonies & dead formalism, which, by the help of God, we hope by his grace to conquer.

Yours in the love of our Divine Lord.

O. J. Andrews

In his report of 4 March 1858 he states that his report was late again because he was away from home for the months of January and February assisting a brother Hatlested with a revival.

MISSIONARY BOXES.

We are frequently solicited by benevolent individuals to designate to them missionary families for whom they may prepare Boxes of Clothing, and to furnish such information respecting these families as will be a guide to the donors in the preparation of their gifts.

Though we can not assure you that we shall have the opportunity to use such information for your benefit, yet if you need and desire assistance of this sort, we will thank you to state, below, the number of persons in your family, the sex and age of each, and such other particulars as will enable us to comply with these requests.

Please state by what route, and to whose care, a Box for you should be forwarded.

In my last report I applied for a Box of Clothing, which application is hereby renewed; but as my wants were not fully stated I shall not repeat them here.

I have heard nothing from any individual or Society. If any help could be expected let it be sent via Chicago & Chicago St. Pauls & London & N. B. Clinton Junction as Station, under my own name or in care of Mrs. J. Perotter.

My family consists of wife & seven children. The oldest, a girl 12, 2 boys 9 & 11, girl 7½, boy 5½, two girls 3 & 1 years old.

I have also my mother to support, of feeble health & 70 years old.

And now may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ & the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, amen.

Yours in Christ,

O. Andrewson.

~~P.S.~~ Please send me a draft of \$31.50

In the "Missionary Boxes" section of the report he requests a second time for a box of clothing, which possibly would be used for his family. He then continues writing,

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Yours in Christ, O. Andrewson

And then he added a practical P.S. "Please send me a draft of \$31.50."

American Sunday School Union
Founded in 1817
Collection 168

The **American Sunday School Union** began in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1817 as the Sunday and Adult School Union, the American Sunday School Union (ASSU) adopted its present name in 1824. Non-denominational as an organization, it drew members from the Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, Moravian, Dutch Reformed, Congregational, Lutheran, German Reformed, and Friends churches. The object of the ASSU was to establish Sunday schools, which were then left to "their own free choice" concerning denominational affiliation. ASSU management was composed of laymen, but its missionary effort was carried on almost entirely by clergymen.

MARSH, L. Milton
 C1859-C1861
 Winnebago Co WI
 C1862
 Oshkosh WI
 C1863-C1864
 Milwaukee WI
 C1865-C1866
 Milwaukee WI
 Nashville TN
 Springfield MA
 C1867-C1870
 Springfield MA
 C1871-C1873
 Watertown WI
 Des Moines IA
 C1874-C1879
 Lawrence KS
 R1862-R1865
 Winnebago Co WI
 Milwaukee Co WI
 Racine Co WI
 Waukesha Co WI
 Dodge Co WI
 Davidson Co TN (etc)
 R1866-R1869
 Hampden Co MA
 Hampshire Co MA
 Franklin Co MA
 New Haven Co CT
 Berkshire Co MA
 Windham Co VT
 R1870
 Hampden Co MA
 Jefferson Co WI
 Dodge Co WI (etc)
 R1871
 Providence Co RI
 Cook Co IL
 Dodge Co WI
 Waushara Co WI (etc)
 R1872
 Knox Co IL
 Jefferson Co WI
 Juneau Co WI
 Sauk Co WI (etc)
 R1873
 Polk Co IA
 WI
 CO
 Adams Co IA
 R1874
 Shawnee Co KS
 Douglas Co KS
 R1875-R1891
 Franklin Co KS
 Jewell Co KS (etc)

There is a published guide to these records containing an alphabetical name index, with locations where the individual worked, an index to workers by the state they labored in, and a chronological index to the microfilm reels. In the index the letter “C” indicated there are correspondences for this individual and the letter “R” for reports.

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Neenah Winnebago Co Wis
Oct 29th 1859

Rev R.D. Westbrook

Dear Brother

Herewith I send you my monthly report but it does not show the whole of my work. I have visited 7 schools not reported, 2 more to discontinue but resolved to keep on, the others I wished to encourage, have also arranged some appointments for 2 or 3 weeks to come.

I thank you for your kind letter, it means much to me. I want first of all the Spirit of my Master, then the confidence & sympathy of the Committee & the People with whom I labor. I do not sell many books, but have had complete success in every effort to increase an interest in S. S. thus far, it is all by Gods help. Had a hard but pleasant time last Sabbath, rode 22 miles on horse back, spoke 3 times in all 2 hours & all listened with close attention, the people are waiting to be stirred up. By the way, I had quite a time in getting at a "Free Will Baptist Church" they could fellowship me but not the

At random I picked L. Milton Marsh from the index and found his monthly report written on 29 October 1859 from Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin.

Herewith I send you my monthly report...Had a hard but pleasant time last Sabbath, rode 22 miles on horseback, spoke 3 times in all 2 hours & all listened with close attention, the people are waiting to be stirred up...

much of the field. I have a buggy
 but must get a horse as soon as I am
 positive in regard to being employed at
 a sufficient salary. My last Missions letter
 were not as interesting as they should be, my
 appointments were too fast & intruded upon
 the time that should be given to them. Will
 guard the 2nd in future.

Will it meet your approbation for me
 to carry tracts upon personal religiosity
 to give to those families I visit?

I find the S. S. Times very gladly received
 & I trust it will be the means of doing
 great good, I love it dearly.

I hope to receive a letter occasionally
 from the Schools to whom my letters are sent
 that a mutual interest may be awakened.
 so I may always have a remembrance
 in their prayers & if I may be instrumental
 in the salvation of some souls my hearts
 desire will be attained.

In Christian love
 I remain
 Yours truly
 S. Milton Marsh

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 are sent that a mutual interest may be awakened so I may always have a
 remembrance in their prayers & if I may be instrumental for the salvation of
 some souls my hearts desire will be attained. In Christian love, I remain Yours
 truly, L. Milton Marsh.

Short Terms Abroad

Collection 179

Founded in 1965
Merged with Intercristo in 1976

Short Terms Abroad was a nondenominational evangelically-oriented service agency, incorporated in 1965 and functioned until 1976, when the organization merged with Intercristo. The purpose of STA was:

- 1) to encourage missions to use short-term staff
- 2) to provide a means of screening personnel to mission groups who were temporarily in need of specialized skills or augmentation of staff
- 3) to offer opportunities of service in the mission field to those who could serve only a short time as opposed to making a lifetime commitment

The collection consists of correspondence, personnel files, bulletins, newspapers, posters, publications, legal documents, photos, mailing lists, minutes of meetings, and other items pertaining to the operation of the organization. The personnel files are more interesting and informative for the family historian.

CONTAINER LIST

Box	Folder	Item
		Active Dossier
1	1	Ahlquist, Miss Diane; 1969-1970
1	2	Alofs, Miss Lois; 1969-1970
1	3	Ambrose, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln; 1969-1970
1	4	Anen, Mrs. Ruth; 1969
1	5	Baker, Dorothy; 1967-1970
1	6	Baker, Priscilla; 1969-1970
1	7	Ball, Gilbert; 1968-1969
1	8	Ballenger, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Judith K.); 1969
1	9	Barnes, Patricia (Mrs. Russell McGlenn); 1968-1970
1	10	Barnum, Miss Cheryl; 1969-1970
1	11	Barth, Miss Marcia; 1968-1970
1	12	Bax, Miss Elizabeth A.; 1970
1	13	Bensiek, Miss Mary; 1969-1970
1	14	Berndt, Miss Audrey; 1968-1971

A complete alphabetical list of all personnel files are printed in the guide.

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SHORT TERMS ABROAD 342 GUNDERSEN DRIVE • WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187
TELEPHONE 653-6934, AREA CODE 312

APPLICATION FORM

If some questions require more space for your answer than is available on this form, use additional blank sheets of paper.

INTRODUCTORY

1. Name (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Rev., Dr.) Rev. R. P. Bronleewe
2. Present Address 443 So. Old Grand Rd.
Lake Zurich, Ill. ZIP 60047 PHONE 478-8182
3. Address that will always reach you _____
(same as above) Zip _____
4. Citizenship U. S. Race White
5. Birthplace Parkersburg Iowa Date of Birth July 12, 1898
6. Draft Classification 1 Social Security No. 482-46-3760
7. In what country do you prefer to work? U. S. or
When would you be available for service? anytime
Available for how long? as long as God leads.
8. Would you accept assignment elsewhere? _____
9. For what type of work do you feel best qualified?
Evangelism - Church Extension -
Interim Pastor - Counselling!

FAMILY

10. What is your marital status? most excellent.

LONDON OFFICE
2 PARKTHORNE ROAD • LONDON S.W. 12, ENGLAND
TELEPHONE 01-674-4252



Here is the first page of Rev. R. Bronleewe's application. Note that his date of birth, birthplace, address, race, and Social Security numbers are listed on this page. Social Security number have been removed from files and photocopies without that information substituted. Originals will be put back in files after January 1, 2046.

MAY 14 1969

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FAMILY

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TELEPHONE 01-674-4252



The application for his wife, Ruth, gives similar information for her. The date the STA office received the form is stamped near the top of the page.

Moody Church

Founded in 1864 by Dwight L. Moody
Collection 330

- **Correspondence**
- **Membership registers, cards, & files**
- **Baptismal records**
- **Marriages performed at the church**
- **Death records**

Moody Church in Chicago, Illinois was formed as the Illinois Street Church in 1864 from an outgrowth of a Sunday school started by Dwight Lyman Moody. After Moody died in 1899 the church was renamed Moody Memorial Church. The records of the church contain **correspondence**, reports, scrapbooks, church bulletins and newsletters, minutes of meetings, **membership registers, cards, and files, and baptismal records, marriages performed at the church, death records** and other records.



The guide to the Moody Church records states:

“The membership records of the church are another rich source of information about the congregation. Besides yielding genealogical information, the materials in these files document the development of the church over the years and offer many glimpses into the everyday life and beliefs on the individual members. Church membership cards which were kept for each member, giving basic information such as when he or she joined the church, address, etc.”

William S. McBirnie Date 5/29/21

1 NAME in full Mr. William S. McBirnie Phone No. _____
A married woman should state her own given name and that of her husband.

2 Address Moody Bible Institute Box 383 Flat 7

3 Age 30 Birthplace Liverpool England Occupation Student

4 Single? Married? Widower? Divorced? Separated? Any children? One When and where can you be seen by church visitors? at 444 Bible Institute

5 Of what churches have you been a member? None (Harold) If joining by letter, from what church?

6 Are you a member of Moody S. S.? Class No. _____ Member of what other Moody Church organizations?

7 Give name and address of one or more persons who can tell of your Christian life A. S. Porter 302 Walnut St. Fayetteville Ark.

* APPLICANT WILL FILL IN ANSWERS ONLY THIS FAR

8 When converted? Nov 4 - 1921 Where? Toronto Do you know you are saved? yes On what Scripture do you base this knowledge? John 3-16

9 Have you been baptized? No Do you wish to be? no What Christian work have you done? Institute

10 Mark X kinds of work you could take up

S. S. Teacher	<u>no</u>	Gospel Mission	<u>yes</u>	Personal worker	<u>yes</u>	Hospital visitation	<u>no</u>	Brass Band	
Choir		Open Air	<u>yes</u>	Usher	<u>no</u>	Italian work	<u>no</u>	Children's work	<u>no</u>

11 Do you read the Bible and pray daily? If not, will you? _____ Do you give testimony to others? _____

12 Do you give systematically to the Lord? Wish Do you believe in eternal punishment for all who reject the Lord Jesus Christ? yes

13 If married, do you have daily family worship? yes Are the other members of your family saved? _____

14 Do you drink, smoke, play cards, dance, attend theatres, movies, secret societies, or have any questionable business pursuits? If so (in any instance), what? no

15 Do you purpose to live for Jesus and separate yourself from any of these or other things in your life which God shows to be wrong? yes

16 I have read the Constitution of the Moody Church and heartily agree with the Scriptural doctrines, government and conduct of members, as contained in the Manual, pages 39 to 39 and 47 to 51.

W.S. McBirnie
 (Signature of Applicant)

Here are examples of two church membership cards from box 44, folder 8.

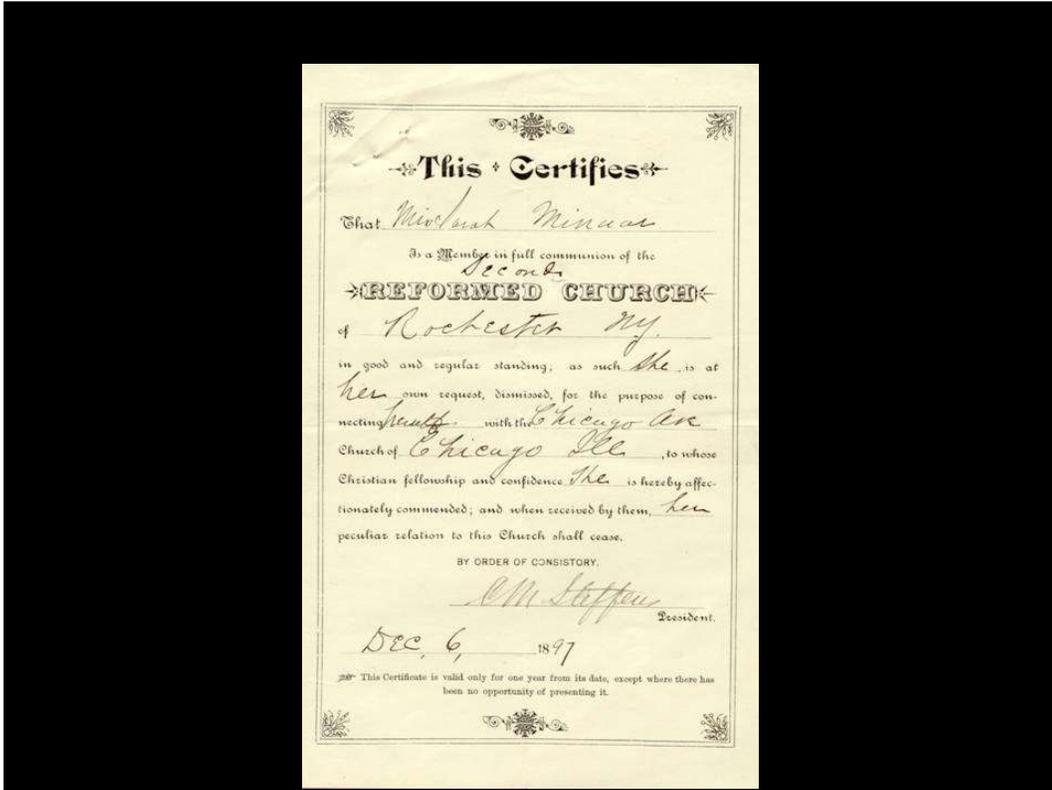
William McBirnie's card states that he was born in Liverpool, England and was attending the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. He had contact with a A. S. Porter in Arkansas and was converted in Toronto, Canada. These cities should be checked for records about him.

Member Moody Church	Member Sunday School	Sunday School Teacher	Member Home Dept.	Good News Subscriber	Communi- cant	Regular Giver	Mission Worker	Singer	Donor	
NAME <i>Minogue Mrs Norman</i> <i>Erickson, Miss Anna</i>										
Address <i>808 77th St. Flat</i>						Phone <i>4-9646</i>				Roll No. <i>7993</i>
Address <i>Toccoa Falls Instn</i>						Address <i>Nyack Missionary Training School</i>				
Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Widower						Address <i>Nyack New York</i>				
Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widower						Occupation <i>of U.S. Summer Monticristi, Ecuador</i>				
Age <i>70</i> Nationality						When saved				
Mem. Moody Ch. <i>Yes</i> Joined <i>7/30/16</i>						Member what Organization				
Mem. in Family saved			Mem. in Family unsaved			Mem. in Family belong to Moody Church <i>3</i>				
Mem. Moody S. S. <i>Yes</i> Position						Dept. <i>Native Missions</i> Teacher <i>yes</i>		Class <i>5-15-</i>		
Mem. Home. Dept. Joined						Contribute to Department				
Good News Sub.						Sub. began Expires				Paid Comp. Exch.
Reg. Attend at Communion						See Chart				
Reg. Giver						Ch. Env. No.				1918
Mission Worker at						When				1919
Open Air Worker						Speaker				1920
Singer						Member Moody Choir				1921
Ch. Visitor						Dist. No. Call Regularly				1922
1923										
1924										
1925										

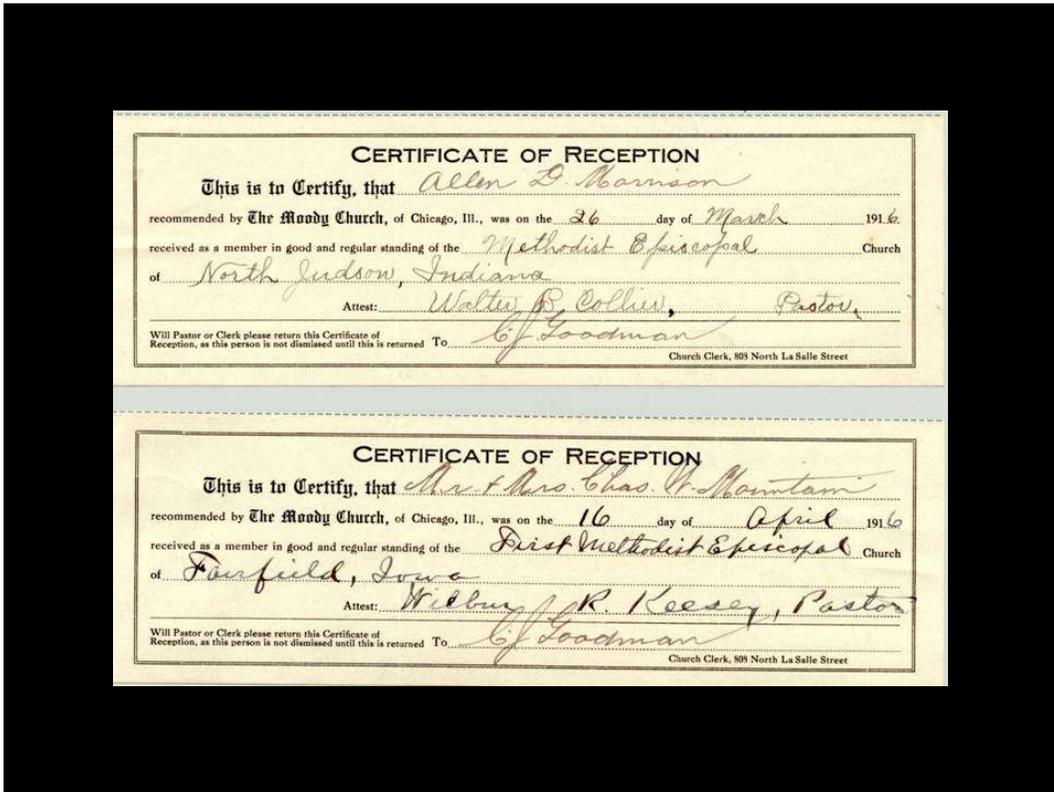
The card for Mrs. Norman Minogue has very little information about her except for the most important detail to family historians, her maiden name, Anna Erickson. The records of Toccoa Fall Institute in Georgia and Nyack Missionary Training School in New York should be checked since it appears she may have attended these institutes.



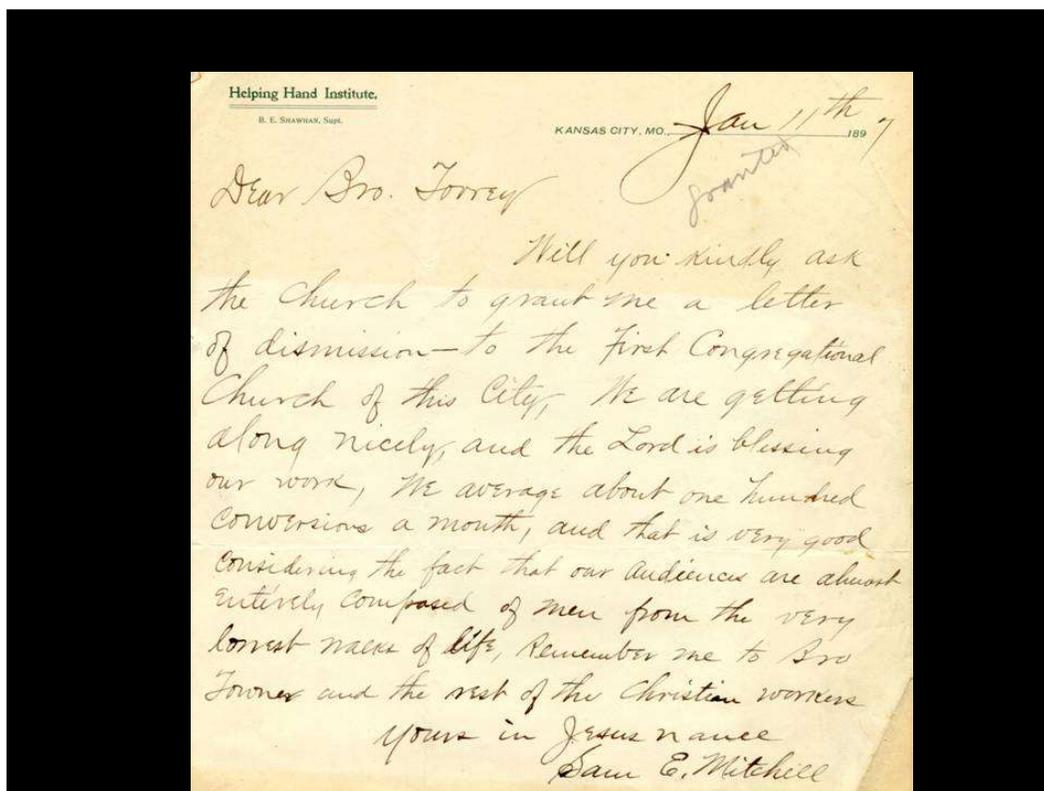
There are several boxes of membership files in this collection [Folders 45-1 through 51-2] which are arranged alphabetically by members name, although often there is no order within a particular file. Among the types of documents that can be found in a file are letters transferring membership from Moody to another church or from another church to Moody, certificates of membership, documents relating to an investigation or criticisms of a member's conduct, letters from members explaining what the church means to them or giving them reasons for leaving and much miscellaneous material.



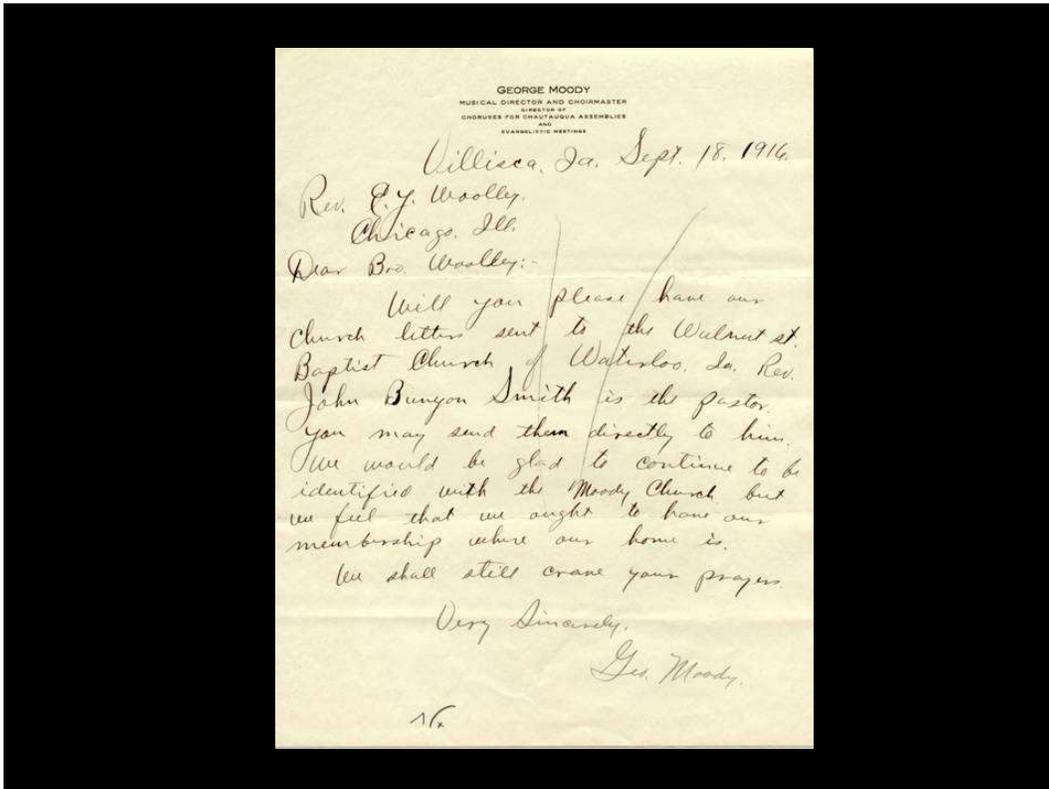
2. Transfer of church membership for Sarah Minuar from the Second Reformed Church in Rochester, New York, to Chicago Avenue Church, 6 Dec. 1897



4. Certificates of reception dated 1916 for Allen Morrison, Methodist Episcopal Church, North Judson, Indiana and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Mountain, First Methodist Episcopal Church, Fairfield, Iowa



5. Letter from Sam Mitchell of Kansas City, MO requesting a “letter of dismissal to the First Congregational Church of this city.”



6. Letter from George Moody requesting “Church letter sent to the Walnut St. Baptist Church of Waterloo, Ia.”

September 20, 1916

Mr. George Moody,
Villisca,
Iowa.

Dear Brother Moody:-

Your letter of the 18th to Mr. Woolley asking for your church letters has been handed to me.

In going over our records, I find that on July 14th, 1914, letters of dismissal were granted to Mrs. Moody and yourself to the Presbyterian Church of Aconanda, Mont.

With best regards and praying the Lord's blessing to rest upon you, I remain,

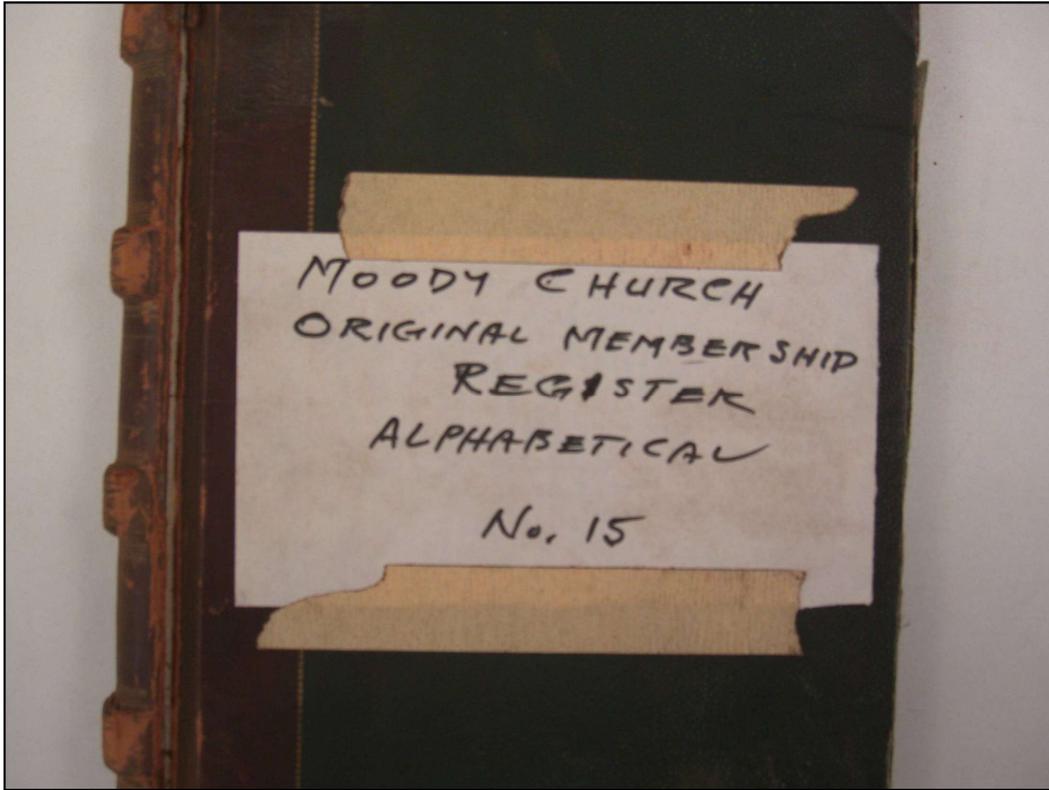
Your brother in Christ,

Church Clerk.

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7. Letter from Moody church clerk to George Moody regarding a previous letter of dismissal give to him and his wife in 1914:

“In going over our records, I find that on July 14, 1914, letter of dismissal were granted to Mrs. Moody and yourself to the Presbyterian Church of Aconanda, Montana”



Several large books containing membership registers are in folders 51-4, 51-5, and 52-1 which often give the address and marital status of each member and indicating if the member had left, died, or was dismissed.

List of Church Members.

Culver, Page 6 Hayes.

No.	When Received.	Page of Record.	Names.	State of Life.	How Received.	Baptism.	Remarks.
352	March 5 1871		Handyside Thomas		P		Suspended Dec 21/76.
353	" 5 "		Galin Aulda Single		P		Died Sept 15 th 1882.
354	April 2 "		Ruggles W.A.		P		Suspended June 26, 1871
355	" 7 "		Archer William		P		Dismissed June 17, 1881, to Oak Park Congl Church
356	" 2 "		Haarwig John O		P		Dismissed Oct 31 st 1872
357	" 7 "		Langston John W.		P		Suspended July 1, 1887. ^{dropped} Restored to church membership Oct 7 th 1887
358	" 2 "		Williams Lucas		P		Suspended March 5 th 1875. Excommunicated Dec. 24 th 1876.
359	Aug 6 "		Skarawood John D.		P		Dropped, March 5 th 1880.
360	Oct 1 "		Bruke Richard H Married		P		Dismissed Sept 6, 78 to Grace Ref Episcopal Ch.
361	" 1 "		Handyside Martha J		P		Suspended Dec 21/76.

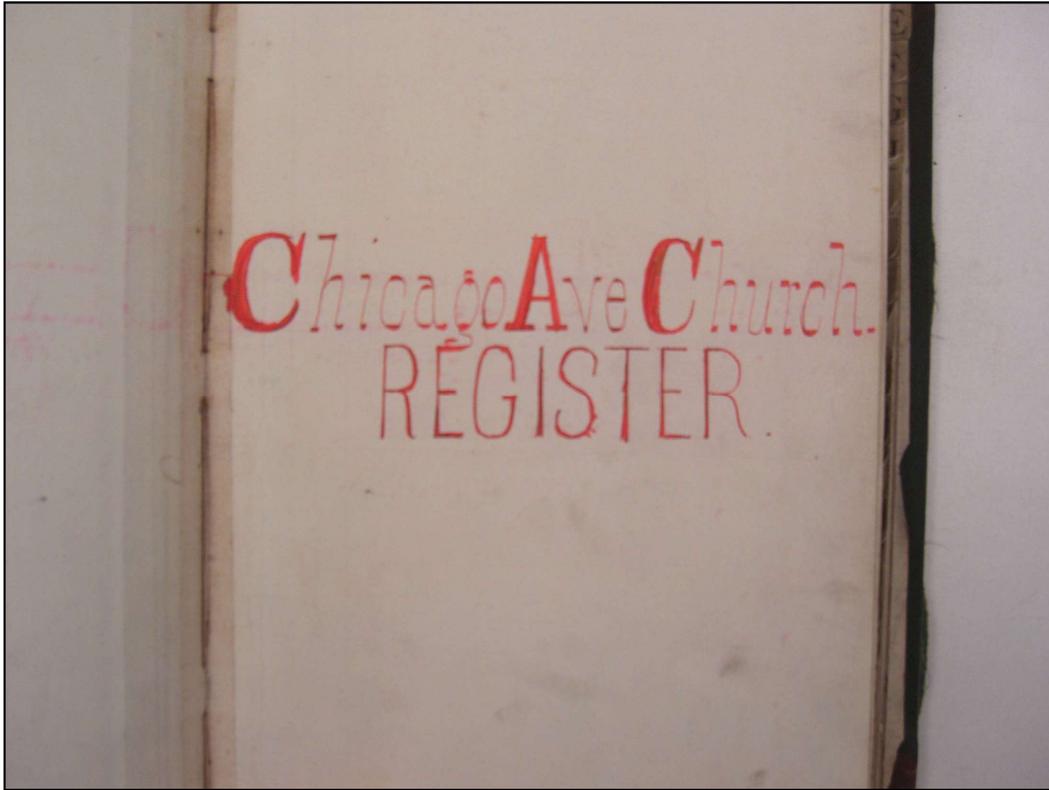
There is a chronological list of church members.

Alphabetical List of Church Members.

Stationers, Chicago.

No.	Names.	Dismissed.	No.	Names.	Dismissed.	
I. O.			U. Y.			
23	Hood	May 1, 68	323	Wade	Ester	Suspended June 17, 1874
24	White	May 8, 1875	358	Williams	Lucas	Suspended March 5, 1875
112	Harris		362	Ward	Mary Ann	S. Dec. 21, 1876
118	Hacker	June 7, 1867	367	Williams	August	Suspended Jan 25, 1878
119	Meadon	June 7, 1867	386	Morrison	Winnie	Suspended Nov 29, 1876
127	White	S. Dec. 21, 1876	389	Welton	Carl. C.	Suspended July 24, 1874
134	Milwaukee	Aug 11, 1874	392	Wilson	Mary	Mrs. Otto Johnson
136	Hard	May 31, 1876	404	Wing	Mrs. Jennie M.	
137	Hard		409	Walters	Miss Louisa	October 24, 1879
145	Hacker	June 13, 1874	468	White	Chas E	Sept 21, 1877
177	Herrick	Suspended July 17, 1874	472	Wynston	Geo E.	March 2, 1875
185	Hilly	Suspended June 7, 1874	485	White	Robert	Suspended May 6, 1876
68	Nieland	S. Dec. 21, 1876	500	Whittle, D. H.		
215	Hakes	Suspended March 12, 1880	501	Whittle, Mrs. D. H.		July 3, 1880
227	Harnes	Nov 15, 67	519	Walker, James		June 22, 1873
277	Wilson		528	Hacker, Mrs. Ellen		
295	Wilkinson	Suspended July 5, 1874	529	Halls, Miss Mary Ellen		
315	Weston	Jan. 26, 1874	537	Wilson, Miss Catherine A.		Sept 24, 1876
552	Hunt, Chas. D.	Apr 3, 1875	544	Higginth, Henry A.		Dec 2, 1877

As well as an alphabetical list.



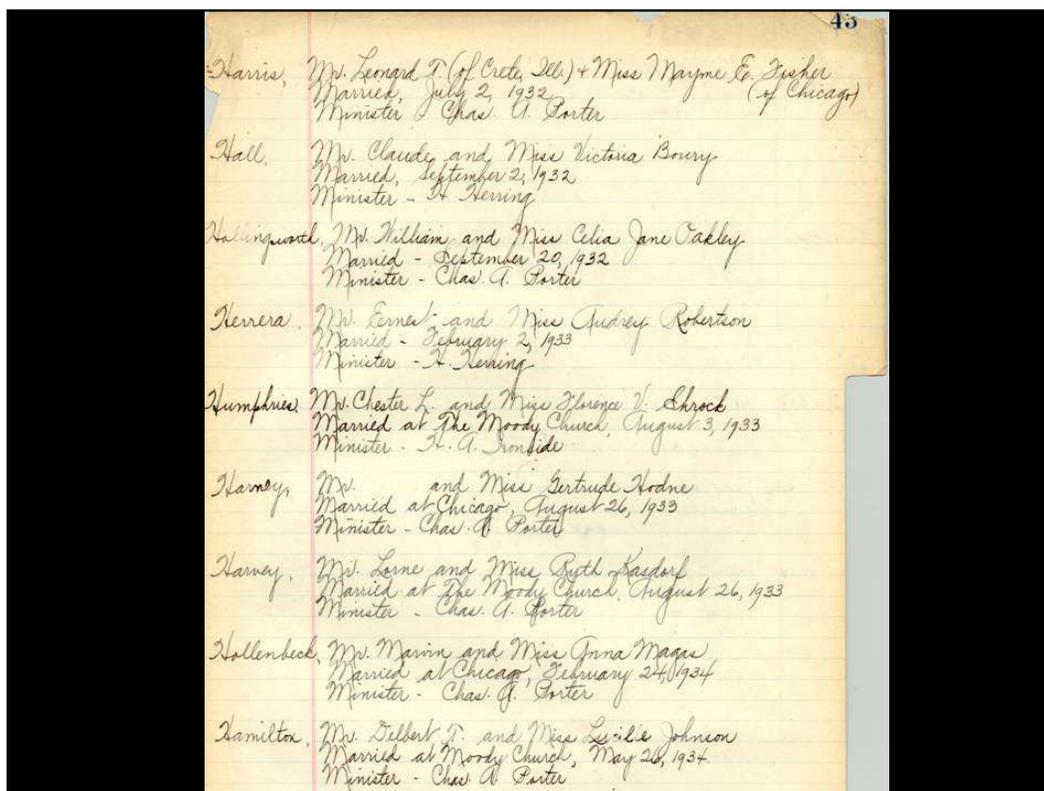
Here is another register for the church then known as the Chicago Avenue Church.

How Received	Name	Residence
Dec. 30, 1864	Woody, Dwight L.	Northfield, Mass.
Feb. 15, 1865	Wood Margaret	
	Dismissed March 29, 1871	
July 8, 1865	McCleary, John	
	Dismissed May 11, 1866	
Dec. 5, 1865	Montgomery, David	
	Dismissed Oct 23, 1869	
Jan. 25, 1866	Woody, Emma C.	Northfield, Mass.
Aug 5, 1866	Wason, Alice	
	Dismissed March 29, 1868	
Nov. 11, 1866	McCleary, Mary	
	Suspended Nov 25, 1876	
Apr. 29, 1866	McCleary, Margaret H.	
	Dismissed Dec. 17, 1875	
June 6, 1865	Woody, Emma C.	
	Dismissed Oct 22, 1869	
Apr. 7, 1867	McCleary, James	
	Dismissed 1867	
Feb. 21, 1868	McCleary, Joseph	
	Suspended May 23, 1874	
July 8, 1868	Montgomery, Edward	
	Dismissed March 29, 1871	
May 2, 1869	Wood, Harriet	
	Suspended June 12, 1871	
Jan 2, 1870	McCleary, Alice	
	Suspended Nov 18, 1871	
May 1, 1870	McCleary, J. B.	12 27 Seminar Hill and 71 Pleasant St, N. York
June 5, 1870	Wood, Elizabeth	
	Dismissed July 18, 1871	
Sept 21, 1870	McCleary, Emma C.	
	Dismissed July 29, 1877	
Dec 4, 1870	Montgomery, David	212 S. Fulton St. V
" " "	McCleary, Alice	
	Dismissed June 19, 1871	

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- Scorga, Elaine, Florence, youngest child of Rev. Antonio and Mrs. Amelia Scorga, died Sunday, May 8/27, at age of 5 years and 3 months. Funeral held Tuesday, May 10 in Dorsey Chapel. Conducted by Pastor Blackfett, assisted by Rev. Herring, Malette, & Terranna Cemetery, Irving Park. Undertaker - Schvuchow.
- Stephens, Elder Thomas C. died August 29, 1927. Born March 5, 1866 at 61 years of age. Funeral held in Moody Church Auditorium August 31, 1927. Rev. Herring in charge - sermon by Dr. Gray. Other assisting: Ad. C. P. Meeker, Mr. Edgard, Dr. Sterling, God. Hall. Cemetery - Rosehill. Undertaker - Schvuchow. Memorial Service, Sunday Evening, Sept. 18 in Moody Church, conducted by Pastor Blackfett.
- Sandborn, Mrs. Georgia Anna of Walkersville, Md. Died November 26, at age of 82 years. (She was Mr. Thos. Smith's first wife's mother). Funeral held at Rosehill Chapel on Nov. 29, 1927, at 2 o'clock. Minister - Rev. H. Herring. Undertaker - Schvuchow. Cemetery - Rosehill.
- Shubert, Mrs. Aurted, born Apr. 23, 1858, died Dec. 24/27. Funeral held Dec. 26/27 at 3:37 P. Northside. Minister - Rev. H. Herring. Undertaker - Wald & Wald. Cemetery - Monroe.
- Stalwell, Mrs. Anna J. Born May 31, 1928, died Feb. 13, 1928. Funeral held Feb. 15, 1928 at Undertaker. Minister - Rev. H. Herring. Undertaker - Schvuchow. Interment at Murock, Ill.

The death register (Moody 330-39-3) of church members covers the period from 1922 to 1941. Some of the information given was the birth date, death date, undertaker, and cemetery. In this example note the age of Elaine Scorga (top entry, 5 years), the information on Thomas Stephens (2nd entry, elder of Moody Church), and the relationship of Mrs. Georgia Sandborn to Mr. Thos. Smith (3rd entry, first wife's mother).



The Moody marriage register contains about 650 marriages and begins in 1922 and ends in 1940. Note that Pastor Harry A. Ironside performed the marriage of Chester Humphries and Florence Shrock (fifth entry down) in the Moody Church.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES						
DATE	NAMES	ADDRESSES	AGES	FEE RECD	OCCUPATION	
8/2/33	Chester H. Humphries Florence V. Struck	Chicago Ill "	27 40	5.00	Mechanic	
9/21/33	Paul F. Bowman Nellie Rouse	" "	25 23	5.00		
2/12/34	Peter Wilson Esther M. Browne	Chadron Neb Chicago Ill	29 40	5.00		
2/24/34	Foyell M. Wood Julia Peterson	Mattoon Ill "	23 19	5.00	and sup.	
4/2/34	Dave C. Stubbins Grace A. Howell	Chicago "	26 19	5.00		
6/16/34	G. Floyd Bowdler M. Charlotte Weber	Chicago "	26 25	5.00		
6/25/34	J. Ellwood Boas Harriet G. Funderburk	St Louis Chicago Ill	23 26	5.00	Painter Teacher	
8/20/34	Albrecht J. Janssen Bertha Carlson	Chicago "	38 31	10.00		
9/2/34	Robt E. Lewis Mary N. Strain	Chicago Mt Pleasant Mo	26 24	5.00	Student	
10/14/34	Harold P. Kelley Marion A. Yotum	Portland Ore Portland Ore	25 22	10.00		
11/4/34	Ernie Fessenden Mary E. Finn	Chicago "	50 20	2.00	Chauffeur	
2/5/35	Grant W. Anderson Elyse Ann Schantz	" "	22 22	5.00		
2/27/35	Ivan G. Groves Nellie B. Thorpe	" "	29 46	5.00	Cook	
2/16/35	Carl W. School Kathryn H. Hoster	Chicago New Canaan Conn	29 24	5.00	Student Teacher	
2/11/35	Glenn Coffey Ruth Marshall	Chicago "	23 19	5.00		

In Pastor Ironside's Life Record book (Folder 29-5) (1900-1948) the same marriage (top entry) is recorded with the ages listed for Chester (40) and Florence (27), his occupation (mechanic) and the amount given to the pastor (\$5.00).

RECORD OF MARRIAGES					
DATE	NAMES	ADDRESSES	AGES	FEE REC'D	OCCUPATION
4/23/45	Matthew Pope	Chicago	31	10.00	
	Mr. Eva Bennett	"	36		
7/21/45	Koh-kyu Wong	Jubaton	23	10.00	Student
	Fono Wong	"	26		"
9/13/45	Milton Reed	Elizabeth, N.J.	22		Soldier
	Dorothy K. Brown	Camden, N.J.	22		
11/11/45	Wm. N. Waldman	Chicago	22	10.00	
	Lucy E. Handman	"	23		
11/11/45	Thor Houde	Evansston	18	10.00	
	Leona Korman	Berensford	30		
1/3/46	Wiley Porter	Chicago	32	5.00	
	Leola Bullette	"	45		
2/21/46	Bernard P. M. Gough	Chicago	26	5.00	
	Jessie Furler	"	27		
7/22/46	John F. Vander Schoep	Chicago	22	10.00	
	Macjane Lewis	"	20		
8/5/46	Char. T. Anderson	"	59	8.00	
	Mr. Ruth B. Sproull	"	62		
2/21/46	Donald K. DeLeon	"	26	10.00	
	Brunhilde Carlmann	"	18		
7/16/46	Charles J. M. Carmick	"	38	15.00	
	Leona Helena Wood	"	35		
8/27/46	Arnold Furd	"	24	10.00	Navy
	Jack May Christy	"	23		
8/21/46	Raymond E. Hamilton	"	29	3.00	Sailor
	Bernice Joan Joyce	"	36		
8/16/46	Harold B. Wood	"	27	15.00	
	Mary W. Graham	"	30		
8/11/46	George Burns	"	24	5.00	
	Dorothy M. Cowie	"	20		

The marriage of Milton Reed and Dorothy Brown, third entry down, both from New Jersey, lists Milton as being a soldier. Probably he was recently discharged since the World War II was over by this time.

State of New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics
Stub to be retained by person solemnizing marriage.

Full name of Husband Milton Beus Reed
Maiden name of Wife Dorothy Louise Brown
Place of Marriage Dover, Morris Co
Date of Marriage Sept 13, 1915 at 2:15 ^{A.M.} _{P.M.}

HUSBAND

Residence Elizabeth, N. J.
Date of Birth July 13, 1923
Age 22 Color W. Single, Widowed or Divorced, No Times previously married
Occupation Sgt. U.S.A.
Birthplace Morristown, N. J.
Father's Name James Arthur Reed
Mother's Maiden Name Ruth Spencer Brand

WIFE

Residence Dover, New Jersey
Date of Birth August 2, 1923
Names of Former Husbands _____
Age 22 Color White Single, Widowed or Divorced, No Times previously married
Birthplace Dover, N. J.
Father's Name John Richard Brown
Mother's Maiden Name Lillian Mitchell

Witness J. Harold Reed
Residence Pickens 4th N.E.C.
Witness Paul Reed
Residence New York City
Performed by W. A. Ironside

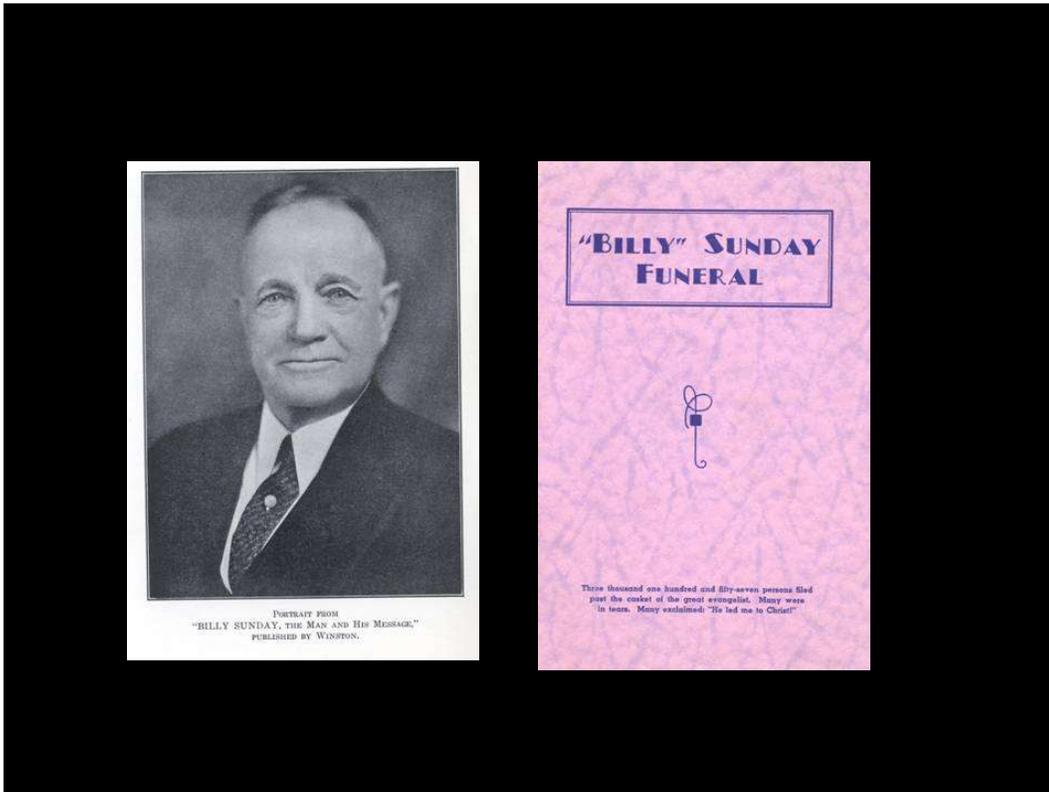
A loose piece of paper in the book contains Rev. Ironside's record of the same marriage. This small document gives not only the birth dates and birth places of Milton and Dorothy but also their parents full names including maiden names of their mothers

RECORD OF BAPTISMS							
DATE	NAMES	ADDRESSES	PLACE	MODE	AGE	INFANT OR ADULT	REMARKS
10/1/04	John Farley Ford	Canadon	Canadon	-	-	A	-
10/15/04	Mr. Wm. A. Adams	Chicago, Ill.	Moody Memorial Church				
11/17/04	Helen Emerson	Union St					
"	George Emerson	"					
"	Mr. John E. Emerson						
"	Mr. John Wilson						
"	Anna Melnick						
"	Ronald Crew	fore					
12/1/04	Miss Alice Binby						
"	Mr. E. P. G.						
"	Geo. Kautels						
"	Mary Jane Ross						
"	Raymond C. Ross						
"	Wm. Stafford Scott						
"	Herward Hooper						
5/17/05	Miss Anna S. Peterson						
	Miss Wilma Fourn	Patly					
	Miss Ella W. Edquist						
	Miss Alice Peterson						
	Miss Ella Hodgson						
	Mr. Carmina Fox	Amelia					
	Miss Phyllis Vlach						
	Miss Lenna Barker						
	George Albert Foke						
	J. H. Humphrey						
	Chas. W. Wilson						
	Wm. B. Smith						
11/1/04	Anna B. H. H.						
6/1/05	Foster & Klack	Munton Pa					

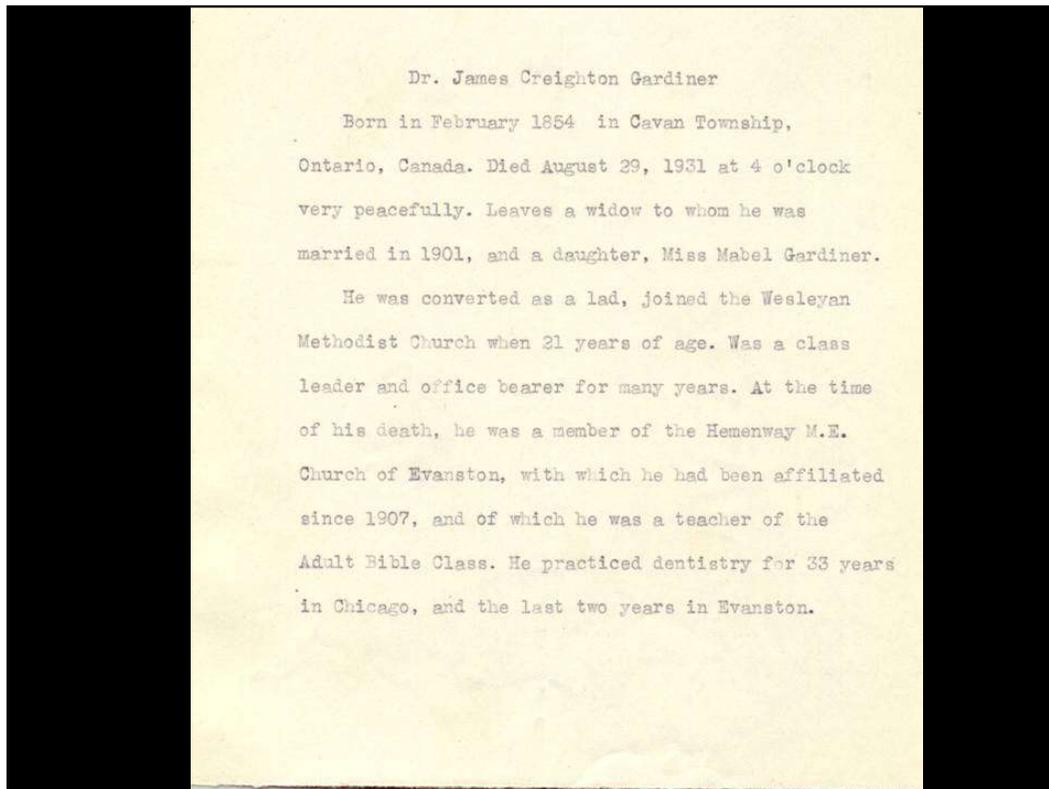
In the same Life Record book are lists of baptism and funeral services performed by Ironside. The baptismal entries only list the date of baptism and whether the person was an infant or adult.

RECORD OF FUNERAL SERVICES							
DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	TEXT OR SUBJECT	CHURCH MEMBERS?	WIFE	FILE
12/2/34	Mrs. Alida Nolan	Chicago	60	2 Cor 5	Yes		
12/2/34	Robert Cedar	"	55	1 Cor 13	Yes		
12/3/34	Grace Sundewon	1446 N. Clark Chicago	69	Rev 21	No		
1/2/35	Julia Marie Fletcher	Chicago	91		Yes		
2/1/35	Geo. W. Fagquist	Chicago	68	Acts 13	Yes		
2/22/35	Mrs. James Crawford	240 S. Dearborn Chicago	65	1 Cor 13	Yes		
7/20/35	Mrs. Marven Turner	2194 S. Ashland Chicago	17	1 Thim 5	Yes		
5/4/35	Mrs. Lucy Meyer	in company with the woman		Job 18:7			
11/4/35	Frank Frobie	Chicago		1 Cor 13			
11/9/35	Wm. A. Sunday	Wentworth Ave. Chicago	73	1 Cor 13	No		
12/5/35	John Erickson	Chicago	73	1 Cor 13	No		
12/19/35	Harvey Snyder	Chicago		1 Cor 13	Yes		
6/25/36	Carl Johnson	Chicago	29	1 Cor 13			
5/19/36	Mayd. Carlsson	Oak Park	75	1 Cor 13	No		
5/11/36	Mrs. Cynthia K. Park	Farmington	78	2 Cor 5	No		
5/20/36	Mrs. Augusta Johnson	Franklin	70	1 Cor 13	Yes		
7/1/36	Wm. Daymond	Chicago	76	1 Cor 13	No		
5/21/36	James B. Williams	Oak Park	66	1 Cor 13	Christ		
5/23/36	Mrs. Pauline Symp	Chicago	70	2 Cor 5			
6/2/36	Mrs. Lydia Melzer	Crystal Lake	82	1 Cor 13	Yes		
1/28/36	Mrs. Lydia M. Dost	Chicago	71	1 Cor 13			
5/21/37	Mrs. M. E. Kasserman	218 Glenwood Coe	69	Rev 14			
5/20/37	Mrs. J. G. Anderson	Evanston	80	Rev 14	Christ		
6/10/37	Geo. A. Steele	Chicago	75	1 Cor 13			
6/15/37	Max Schoenebeck	Chicago	59	2 Cor 5			
7/7/37	Mrs. Gertrude W. Winkler	Coe	63	Rev 21			
7/15/37	H. Hoverson	Chicago		1 Cor 13			
10/13/37	Geo. Appleby and	Evanston	68	Acts 11	Yes		
12/11/37	J. P. Strubbe	Oak Park	47	1 Cor 13			
12/24/37	Mrs. W. A. Spear	Chicago		1 Cor 13			

This is a page from the funeral service entries. Note that the deceased's age, place of residence, and whether he or she was a church member is given. Look at the entry for November 9, 1935. That's the famous former baseball player turned preacher Billy Sunday. Ironside preached his funeral at Moody Church.



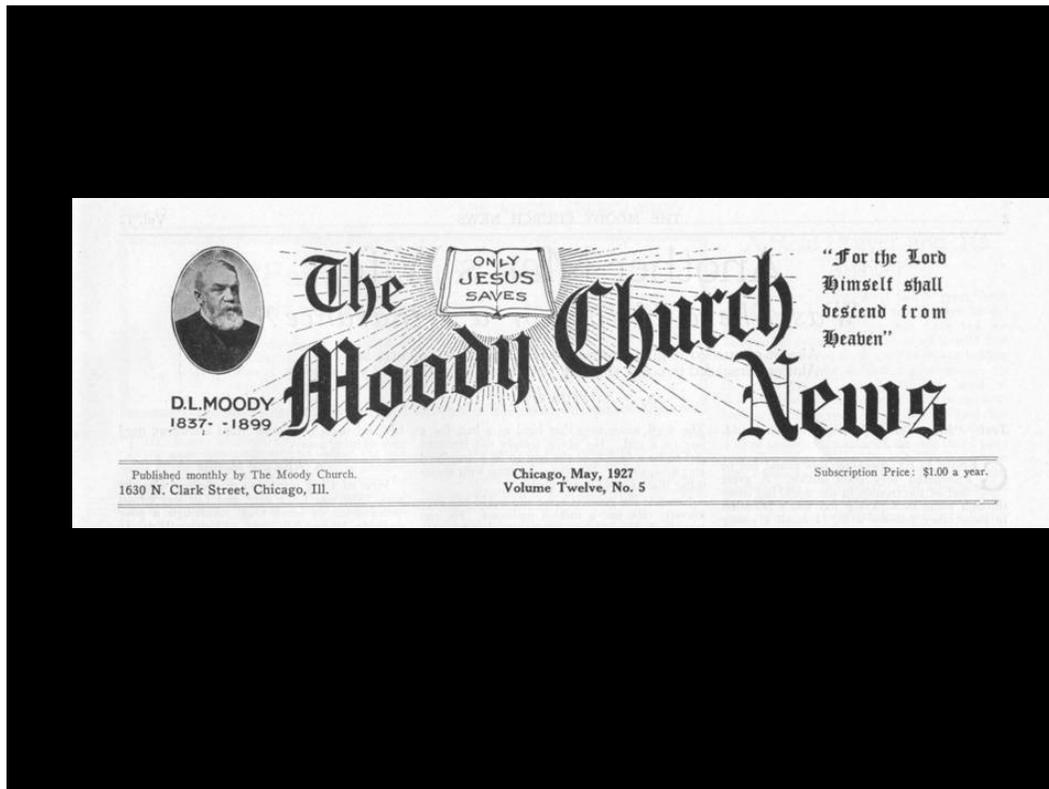
A copy of his message is on the Archives' website
<http://www.wheaton.edu/bgc/archives/docs/sunfuneral.html>



An interesting item was tucked into Ironside's book and gives a glimpse into the life of Dr. Gardiner. It reads as follows:

Dr. James Creighton Gardiner

Born in February 1854 in Cavan Township, Ontario, Canada. Died August 29, 1931 at 4 o'clock very peacefully. Leaves a widow to whom he was married in 1901, and a daughter, Miss Mabel Gardiner. He was converted as a lad, joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church when 21 years of age. Was a class leader and office bearer for many years. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Hemenway M.E. Church of Evanston, with which he had been affiliated since 1907, and of which he was a teacher of the Adult Bible Class. He practiced dentistry for 33 years in Chicago, and the last two years in Evanston.



The publications of Moody Church were *Pen and Scissors*, *Our Field and Work*, *The Moody Church Herald* and *The Moody Church News*. In the Manuscripts Reading Room are incomplete sets of the *Pen and Scissors* 1889, *Our Field* 1897-1901, the *Herald* 1909-1916 and the *News* from 1923 to 1980.



The May 1927 issue of *The Moody Church News* contains information on illnesses, marriages, deaths, and personal facts on church members. The "Personal Mention" column lists eight illness, one accident and one operation. Three marriages and three deaths are listed in their respective columns.

"Faithful Unto Death"
 Capture and Martyrdom of the Slichter Family, in China

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." —Phil. 1:20-21.

THE hearts of hundreds of Christian people were torn with anguish when the sad news of the martyrdom of Rev. Morris Slichter and three-year-old daughter, Ruth Irene, by Chinese bandits near Yunnanfa, reached the United States and Canada. Mrs. Slichter and her son, John, aged six, with Miss Mary I. Craig, whose home is in Philadelphia, were taken captive. Mrs. Slichter is an honored and beloved member of the Moody Church, and with her husband who was affiliated with the Zion Chapel, Toronto, was engaged in missionary work in southwest China, under the China Inland Mission.



REV. E. A. BROWNLEE,
 Secretary of the China Inland Mission, Who Supplied Most of the Facts Used in This Article

According to a newspaper correspondent, the tragedy occurred in the latter part of April, while a party of missionaries were trying to make their way to a railway and safety on the coast. A letter from Mr. Milton Slichter, brother of the missionary, states that on May 4 he received "news from Shanghai that Mrs. Slichter, John and Miss Craig were liberated and had arrived at Yunnanfa."

At the urgent request of Pastor Philpott, Rev. E. A. Brownlee, secretary of the China Inland Mission, who is remembered as a valued speaker at the Annual Missionary Rally of the Moody Church in 1926, has sent some facts about Mrs. Slichter's life and work in China.

"She was a rather quiet woman," Mr. Brownlee writes, "and not at all a volunuous correspondent. We therefore have little knowledge of her work in China. She sailed for that land on October 17, 1913. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Slichter have been in charge of our mission at Anshun, Kweichow Province. Throughout the district, more than a thousand individuals have been baptized upon profession of their faith in Christ since the opening of that work in 1888."

Writing to the Pastor on February 11, Mrs. Slichter said, "The skies here have looked very black. . . . but I am sure you will remember especially in your prayers at this time, as well as our Chinese brethren and sisters in China."

pieces of the church and the China Inland Mission. Several of the missionary's favorite hymns were sung on that occasion, among them "The Pilgrim's Song," the words of which were sent by Mr. Slichter to friends in the homeland in one of his last letters.

I journey through a desert drear and wild,
 Yet is my heart by such sweet thoughts beguiled,
 Of Him on whom I lean, my strength, my stay,
 I can forget the sorrows of the way.

Thoughts of His love—the root of every grace
 Which feeds in this poor heart a dwelling place;
 The sunshine of my soul, that day more bright,
 And my calm pillow of repose by night.

Thoughts of His solace in this vale of tears—
 The tale of love unfolded in those years
 Of sinless suffering and patient grace,
 I love again—and yet again to trace.

Thoughts of His glory—on the cross I gaze,
 And there behold its sad, yet healing rays;
 Beacon of hope, which lifted up on high,
 Shines with heavenly light the true-diamond eye.

Thoughts of His coming—for that joyful day
 In patient hope I watch, and wait, and pray;
 The day draws nigh, the midnight shadows flee,
 O, what a sunrise will that advent be!

And while I journey on, my Lord to meet,
 My thoughts and meditations are so sweet,
 Of Him on whom I lean, my strength, my stay,
 I can forget the sorrows of the way.

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Correspondences received by the church are also listed in the "A Letter of Two" section. The first entry for Mr. J.S. Fiddler states that he joined the Church in 1891 and went to China in 1896 and recently wrote a letter from Kansu. A more extensive article was written about the martyrdom of CIM missionary Morris Slichter and his three-year-old daughter, Ruth Irene. His wife and six-year-old son, John, survived.

Dedications

The following little ones were presented in dedication unto the Lord by their parents in the Sunday morning service, January 20, 1946: Greta Ann Violet Englund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Englund; Richard Henry Golzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Golzer; Philip M. Weber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Weber, and Philip Nicholas Wittry. Dr. H. A. Ironside officiated.

Sick Members

We regret to report, the following members are ill: Mrs. Ella Blance, Dr. John Cable, Miss Ida Carlson, John M. Erickson, Miss Flora Dennison, Mrs. Charles Gott, Mrs. Axel Hagman, Mr. Chester Humphries, Mrs. Johanna Peterson, Miss Signe Peterson, Miss Bertha Redlich, Mrs. Elena Owen, Miss Cora Tesson, Mrs. Bertha Wittenborn and Mrs. Pauline Zatterberg.

The following members, we are glad to report, are improving: Mrs. Louise Elting, Miss Gertrude Giles, Miss Grace Hemenway, Mrs. Edward Shufelt, Miss Marie Holtkamp, Miss Olga Nelson and Miss Amy Torblad.

With the Lord

Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh Stevenson, late of 1742 N. Moody Ave., Chicago, a member of the Moody Church since December 25, 1910, went to be with Christ on December 30, 1945. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. Ironside on January 2. Interment was made at the Elmwood Memorial Park Cemetery. We extend our loving sympathy to the husband, Mr. Wm. Stevenson, Sr., who for some years was associated with the work of The Moody Church, as well as to Mr. Wm. Stevenson, Jr., one of our faithful deacons, Mr. James Stevenson, and two daughters, Bessie and Sarah. Miss Bessie Stevenson was for some time a missionary of The Moody Church under the Africa Inland Mission.

We extend our loving sympathy to Mrs. Merle Genn, whose mother passed away in the month of December. The funeral service was held at Muncie, Indiana, with burial in Hartford City, Indiana. We are sure that Mrs. Genn's many friends will remember her in prayer.

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. John Fiddler, Jr., a daughter, Kathleen Phyllis, on October 29, 1945.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Aigner, a daughter, Faith Evelyn, December 24, 1945.

To Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Fricke, Jr., a son, Jonathan Elmer, December 28, 1945. (Mrs. Fricke is one of our missionaries at home on furlough).

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Horneman, a daughter, Harriet Ruth, on January 28, 1946.

We extend our hearty congratulations to the happy parents listed above.

Subscribe for the Moody Church News for a friend.

Recently a researcher came to the Archives searching for information on her baby dedication at Moody Church by Pastor Ironside. The February 1946 issue of *Moody Church News* contained an article about the event which took place on 20 January 1946. The same issue also listed church members who were sick, recently became parents, or died.

Other Collections

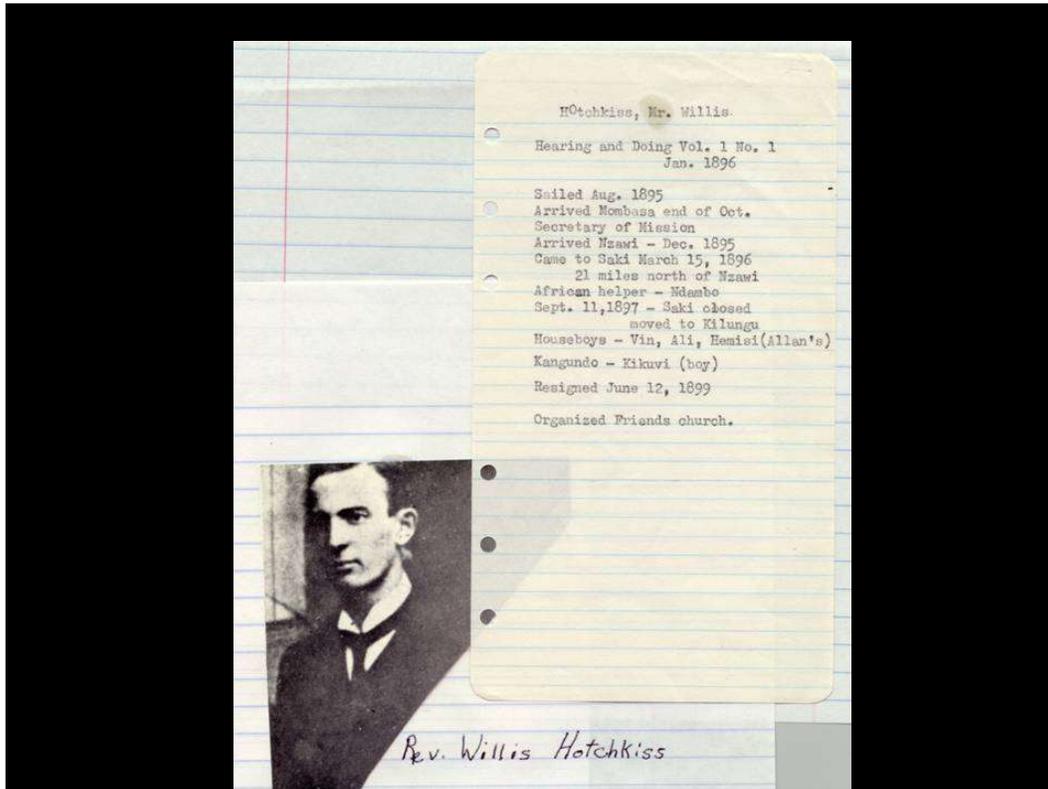
There are many other archival collections which contain some information which the family historian would be interested in.

Stanley Kline

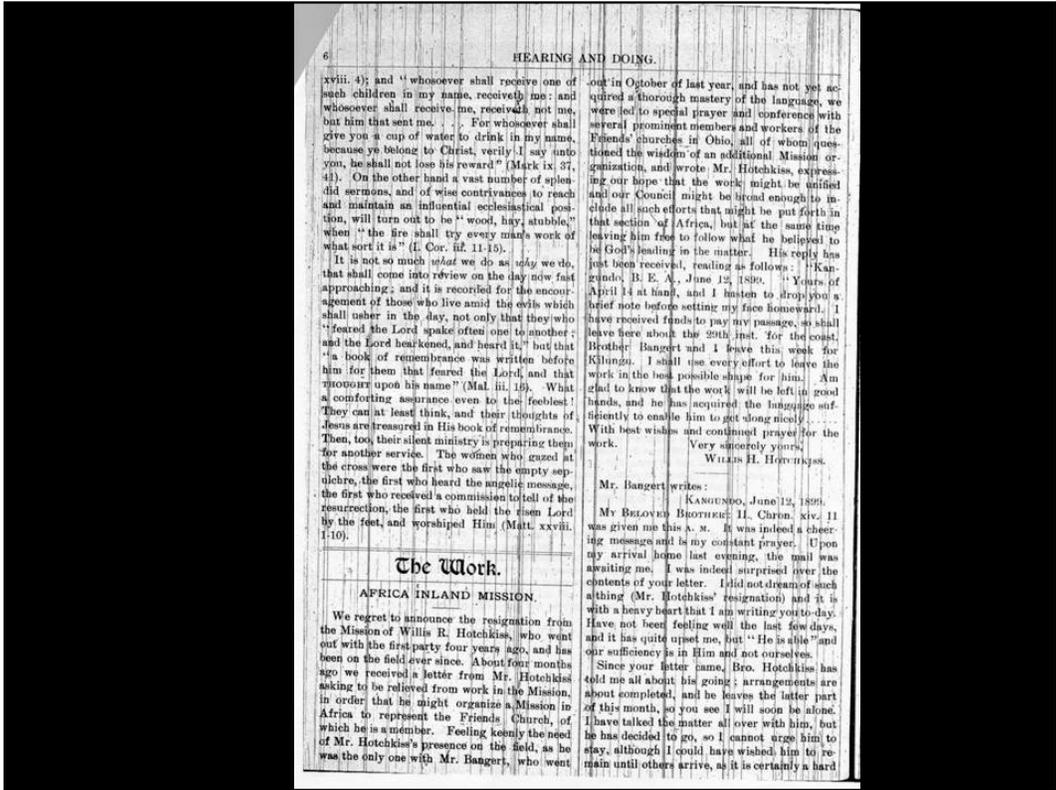
Collection 477

- **Oral History Interview**
- **Photo Albums**

Stanley Kline was a missionary with Africa Inland Mission to the Belgian Congo for almost forty years. Over the years he collected clippings, photographs, programs, typed and handwritten notes for most of the AIM missionaries whose career fell between the 1890s and the 1990s. These were pasted onto loose leaf notebook paper and arranged alphabetically in twenty-four notebooks. This is an important record of AIM missionaries.



Here is an example from Photo Album XX for Rev. Willis Hotchkiss. He was with the first group of missionaries to travel to Africa in 1895. As you can see from the note, he resigned in 1899. What happened? Why only four years on the mission field?



By checking the August/September 1899 issue of AIM's magazine, *Hearing and Doing*, we find out that he resigned so that he could organize a Mission in Africa to represent the Friends Church, of which he was a member.



Roger & Mary Fickett Howes
Collection 562

Another collection with genealogical information is Collection 562: Papers of Roger W. and Mary Fickett Howes, missionaries to China from 1925-1945. In folder 1-4 labeled "Certificates and Legal Documents" the following materials are found.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

City of Holyoke, September 10, 1935.

I, John F. Sheehan hereby certify
that I have examined the Records of Births in said City and find recorded therein the Birth
of Roger Williams Howes
Date of Birth, July 7, 1898
Full Name of Child, Roger Williams Howes
Sex, M Condition, -
Color, W
Place of Birth, 73 Taylor St.
Name of Father, Micajah J.
Maiden Name of Mother, Flores C. Hawley
Residence of Parents, Holyoke
Occupation of Father, Butter Dealer
Birthplace of Father, Ashfield
Birthplace of Mother, WaterLown N.Y.
Date of Record, Feb. 1899.

I, John F. Sheehan
above named, depose and say, that I hold the office of ----- City Clerk of the
City of Holyoke, County of Hampden, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that the records
of Births in the said City are in my custody, and that the above is a true extract from the
Record of Births in said City as certified by me.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the said City of
Holyoke, on the 10 day and year first above written
John F. Sheehan
City Clerk.

Here is a transcript of his certificate of birth. Note that he was born in Massachusetts, this will be important when we look at another document.

G COMMENT ON THIS SIDE [PURSUANT TO THE SCHEDULE (FORM No. 4) TO THE FOREIGN MARRIAGES ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1913.]

District of British _____ at _____

1929. Marriage solemnized at Chungking in the Province of Szechwan, CHINA.

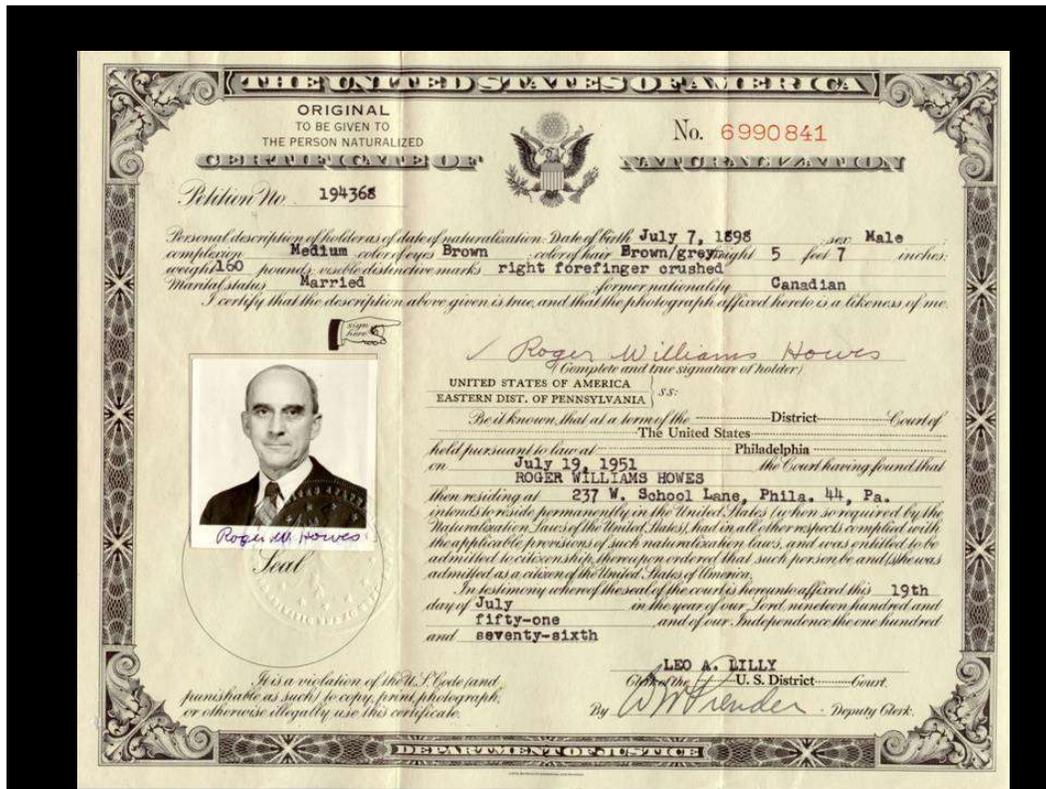
Columns								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
	October 29th.	Roger Williams Howes	31	Bachelor	Missionary	China Inland Mission Chungking	Micajah Jonathan Howes	Deceased
	1929	Mary Fickett	31	Spinster	Missionary	China Inland Mission Chungking.	Fred Wilson Fickett	Deceased

Married in the China Inland Mission Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by me,

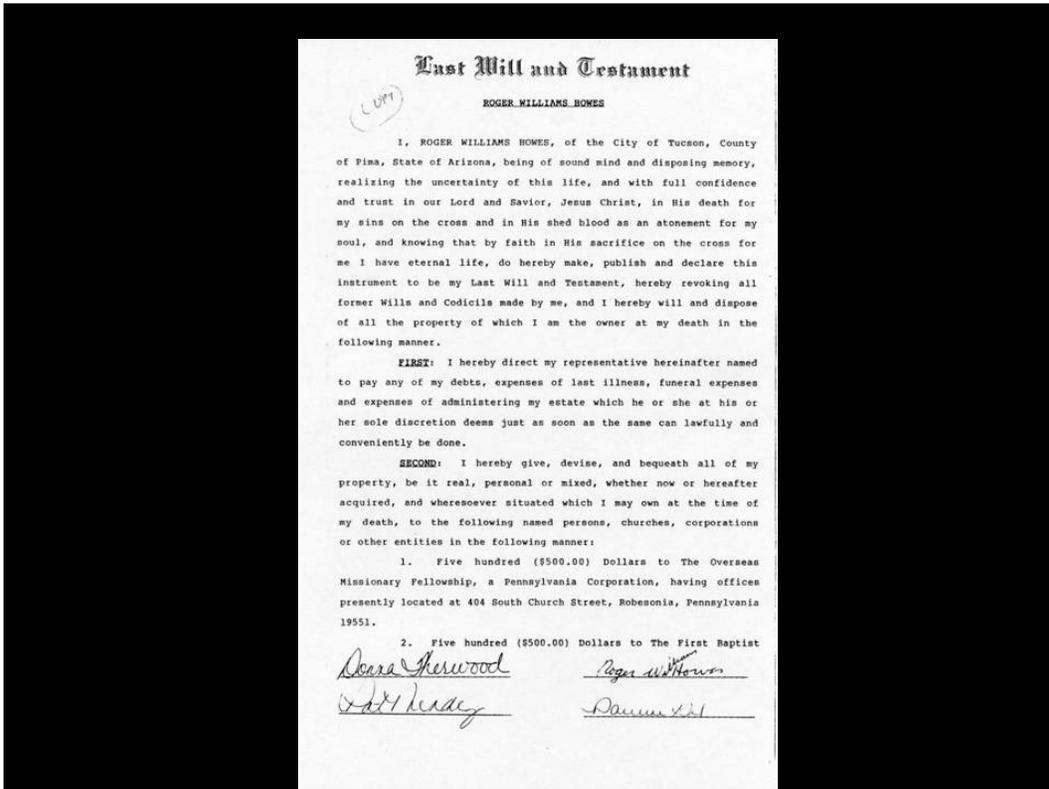
This Marriage was solemnized between us: Roger Williams Howes in the Presence of us: M. H. Batstone A. M. Stone
Mary Fickett C. G. Seale Deacon in Holy Orders in the Diocese of West China.

Insert in margin Notes if original etc

Next is the marriage certificate for the Howes with their signatures at the bottom and names of their fathers.



This is Roger's U.S. Certificate of Naturalization which state that he was a Canadian citizen. Why would he need to be naturalized since he was born in Massachusetts? Well, according to his daughters he was taken to Canada as a young child and became a citizen there. Later he had to apply for U.S. Citizenship.



Also in the folder is the will for Roger Howes. Note his strong Christian witness in the first paragraph.

I, Roger Williams Howes, of the City of Tucson, County of Pima, State of Arizona, being of sound mind and disposing memory, realizing the uncertainty of this life, and with full confidence and trust in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in His death for my sins on the cross and in His shed blood as an atonement for my soul, and knowing that by faith in His sacrifice on the cross for me I have eternal life, do hereby make, publish and declare this instrument to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills and Codicils made by me, and I hereby will and dispose of all the property of which I am the owner at my death in the following manner.

Miscellaneous Documents

Some miscellaneous genealogical items of interest are in several collections.

Married

and he, the said Col. Samson Mathews* (No. 5) is the ancestor who assisted in establishing American Independence, while acting in the capacity of County Lieutenant of Militia of Augusta County, Virginia during the latter years of the Revolution, and rendered efficient services. Was made a Colonel and fought in the Battle of Yorktown

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

Applicant affirms his adherence to the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence and his unqualified support of the Constitution of the United States of America, to the end that the inalienable rights of the citizen may be preserved and our ideal representative government perpetuated.

ANCESTOR'S SERVICE

"SECTION 1. Any man shall be eligible to membership in this Society who, being of the age of eighteen years or over, and a citizen of good repute in the community, is the lineal descendant of an ancestor who was at all times unflinching in his loyalty to, and rendered active service in, the cause of American Independence, either as an officer, soldier, seaman, marine, militiaman, or minute man, in the armed forces of the Continental Congress, or of any one of the several Colonies or States, or as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, or as a member of a Committee of Safety or Correspondence; or as a member of any Continental, Provincial, or Colonial Congress or Legislature; or as a recognized patriot who performed actual service by overt acts of resistance to the authority of Great Britain."—*Constitution of National Society S. A. R., Article III, Section 1, adopted June 5, 1907, and as amended.*

Membership is based upon one original claim; when the applicant derives eligibility by descent from more than one Revolutionary ancestor, and it is desired to file additional claims, separate applications, to be marked "Supplemental Applications," should be made in each case and filed with the original.

State fully such documentary or traditional authority as you found the following record upon, and also the residence of ancestors, with dates of birth and death, if known.

By order of the Board of Trustees, May 3, 1911, the recipient of a certificate granted on this application agrees to surrender his certificate upon failure to pay his membership dues, unless his membership shall cease by reason of death or actual disability, to be determined by the Society of which he is a member.

My ancestor's services in assisting in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution were as follows:

Commissioned as Lieutenant in the Augusta County, Virginia, Militia. During the
same period of the latter years of the Revolution he rendered efficient
service and was commissioned a Colonel in the same organization. He fought at
the battle of Yorktown.

which is needed for Member

Dr. Lemuel Nelson Bell, a Presbyterian medical doctor to China, and father-in-law of Billy Graham, once applied and was accepted into the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution through his great, great, great, great grandfather, Samson Mathews. That's four-time great grandfather. Mathews was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Augusta County, Virginia, militia and fought in the battle of Yorktown.

My National No. 152096
and I own a copy of the *Register* 1920

APPLICANT'S WORKING SHEET

National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution
Washington, D.C.

(Miss or Mrs.) *Lucretia Nelson* *Bell* Wife or Widow of _____
 Descendant of *Lambert Matthews*

1. I am the daughter of ^{son}
James Conway Bell born on *2-15-1854* at *White Bluffs, Graham Va.*
 died at *Waysboro Va.* on *3-4-1927* and his (first or _____) wife
Ruth Lee McLean born on *9-1-1862* at *Palmdale in Washington, Va.*
 died at *Waysboro, Va.* on *10-22-1953* married on *10-27-1882*

2. The said *James Conway Bell* was the child of
Johan Marshall Bell born on *2-22-1815* at *Rockbridge Co. Va.*
 died at *White Bluffs, Graham Va.* on *4-27-1890* and his (first or _____) wife
Charlotte Alexander born on *4-6-1822* at *Lancaster, Va.*
 died at *Lexington Va.* on *1-7-1896* married on *4-1-1839*

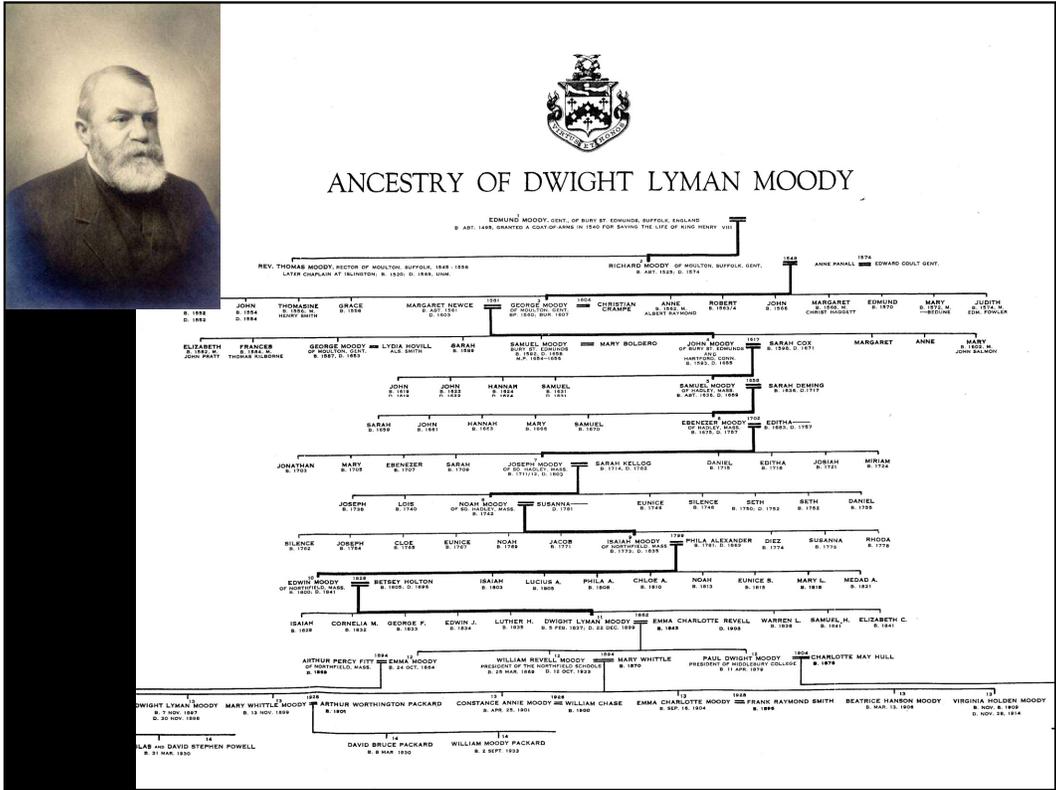
3. The said *Johan Marshall Bell* was the child of
James B. Bell Jr. born on *5-25-1778* at *Augusta Co. Va.*
 died at *Bella Valley, Va.* on *4-18-1855* and his (first or _____) wife
Mary Ann Bell Nelson born on *7-14-1784* at *Rockbridge Co. Va.*
 died at *Bella Valley, Va.* on *4-25-1841* married on *6-1-1810*

4. The said *Mary Ann (Bell) Nelson* was the child of
Alexander Nelson born on *1-14-1749* at *Rockbridge Co. Va.*
 died at *Rockbridge Co. Va.* on *1-2-1834* and his (first or _____) wife
Ann Matthews born on *7-17-1763* at _____
 died at *Rockbridge Co. Va.* on *1-19-1829* married on *1-29-1784*

5. The said *Ann Matthews* was the child of
Lambert Matthews born on _____ *1724* at _____
 died at *Wassentown Va.* on _____ *1807* and his (first or _____) wife
Mary Beckhart born on _____ at _____
 died at _____ on _____ married on *9-11-1757*

6. The said *Lambert Matthews* was the child of
Johan Matthews born on _____ at *Enn, England*

Bells application papers are in Collection 8, box 1, folder 38 and may be viewed by researchers.



An interesting chart showing the Ancestry of Dwight Lyman Moody is in Collection 318, box 38, folder 10. It goes back nine generations to Edmund Moody who supposedly saved the life of King Henry VIII. The photo is from the D. L. Moody photo file.



The
Pitcairn Island Register:

From the Destruction of the Bounty
up to the present time..

Kept by John Buffell sen.

When are they now! the unjust's tale, and
Whose outrageous feelings urg'd them on to crime?
Perish'd, they wander'd on from land to land,
To Pitcairn's came and perish'd in their prime.

What need I tell their hapless leader's fate
(Slain by the hand of one he deem'd his slave)
Save to the rash I would this fact relate,
No mound nor maile mark'd his dubious grave

Then proceed for these I hold the pen
To mark their Birth into this fair abode;
When Love, to Marriage prompts the youth,
Or when by Death the soul returns to God.

[Signature] JMB

Most of us have heard about the Mutiny on the Bounty and possibly have seen the film by the same title. In Collection 146: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (Microfilm Reel 38) is the Pitcairn Island Register.

Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Remarkable Family Events.	
Date	Particular Names &c.
1790	
January 23	The M. Ship Rowley burned at Papeete Island
October	Same year died Paote wife of John Williams Thursday October 10th born
1791	
8	This year Matthews Journal. Friend M. Coy.
1792	S. Elizabeth Will born S. Harris Justice
1793	Massacre of part of the mutineers by the Tahitians. The Tahiti men all killed, part by jealousies among themselves, the others by the remaining Englishmen. Mary Christian born.
1794	
	A great desire in many of the women to leave the Island a boat built for the purpose of conveying them launched, and eight of them for whom that she did so for how they launched out upon the ocean where could they have gone or what could a poor ignorant woman have done by themselves drifting upon the waves but ultimately have fallen a sacrifice to their folly
8 May 1796 Dec 27	The two first cruises made for the purpose of fishing seen within view in north the mutineers greatly alarmed. a heavy surf and bad weather the ship drove to the S.E.
April 23 1798	M. Coy distilled a bottle of ocean spirit from the S. west. The copper kettle of the Bounty made into a still frequent indication the consequence, M. Coy in particular

“Births, deaths, marriages, and remarkable family events” are recorded in the register. Note the entry for the year 1793.

“Massacre of part of the mutineers by the Tahitians. The Tahiti men all killed, part by jealousies among themselves, the others by the remaining Englishmen. Mary Christian born.”

**Ephemera of
William Franklin Graham, Jr. "Billy"
- Collection 74**

The materials in this collection were gathered by the BGC staff about Billy Graham or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association which were not produced by the BGEA.

① June 20 1913
 Our father B. M. Coffey
 born June 6th 1842 at Springs
 Place near Sevierville 3 miles
 north of Pineville on Sugar
 Creek. Sived on farm until
 war broke out between the
 states 1861. Enlisted in
 March 1862 in Co. H 11th
 N.C. Regiment, 1st Div. 1st U.S.
 U.S. Army. ^{and got 1st Lieut. rank}
 at Camp Mangum of in-
 structions at Raleigh N.C.
 Had measles while there
 exposed from there to Will-
 mington spent most of the
 winter there, ordered back to
 North from N.C. to Va.
 until May 63. Then ordered
 to Harrodsburg, then ordered
 there got a ^{flu} while
 there.

Information of importance to genealogists are items in Folder 1-7 which deal with the life of North Carolinian Benjamin Morrow Coffey, Graham's maternal grandfather. The folder consists of photocopies of documents in the possession of the Graham family. It includes a four-page biographical sketch of Coffey's war service. It was written in 1913 by Annie Lee Coffey Barker (although it is unsigned) and was probably dictated by Coffey himself.

**B. M. Coffey, Confederate
Soldier, Dies in Steel Creek
Brave Soldier, Good Man**

After two years of failing health, borne with patience, Mr. B. M. Coffey passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Balles, 412 Worthington avenue, May 29th, at 7:30 p. m.

All the family was present when the end came, except Mr. S. O. Marks of Clarksville, Va.

Mr. Coffey was born June 6th, 1842, at Steel Creek, where he spent his boyhood days and after life, until about six months ago, when he moved to Charlotte.

He was the son of J. M. Coffey and Eliza Annie Alexander, daughter of the late Col. Augustus Alexander. When the war broke out between the states he was one among the first to respond to the call of his country, at the age of 19 years.

He belonged to Company H, 11th N. C. Regiment, Fetterly's Brigade, Health's division, A. P. Hills corps. His captain being W. L. Grier, commanded by Col. C. Leyenthrope. First camped at Camp Mangum of instructions at Raleigh, N. C. He was ordered to Wilmington, where he spent most of the year. Then ordered back and forth from North Carolina to Virginia until May, '63. He was then ordered to Hanover Junction. While there he got a furlough home on the 28th of May, spending his 21st birthday at home. While at home the army moved up the Rappahannock river near Fredericksburg, Va., and from there took up the march to Gettysburg, crossing the river at Sheperdstown, about four feet deep, arriving at Gettysburg the last day of June. He was wounded the first day of battle, July 1, '63, about 3 p. m. and lay upon the battlefield until the fight was over. He was carried off the field by the late J. M. Cooper. He was wounded in the left lower limb. While still lying on the ground a shell burst and struck him in the right eye. He remained lying near the battlefield until

This sketch appears, very slightly edited, in a newspaper obituary of Coffey two years later, also extant in the folder.

John Buijse/Buyse

All the documents I've mentioned tell stories about those who went out to serve the Lord. We see only glimpses of their lives through the records left behind. Through their struggles, successes, disappointments, etc. we can vicariously experience what it was like to walk in their shoes. I close with a letter written by AIM missionary John Buyse, dated January 17, 1918.

(C O P Y)

EXTRACT FROM MR. BUIJSE'S LETTER.

Ara, Congo Belgo, via
Mombasa, Africa,

Jan. 17, 1918.

.....

When you receive this letter you doubtless have learned from the Africa Inland Office as to the death of my dear little wife and my little girl.

We expected the baby to arrive about the middle of February. Wife had been well right along until last week when she took a severe cold which resulted in a hard cough and severe pain all over the body which was almost unbearable. Five times the Lord removed the pain in answer to prayer. The permanent deliverance came when on Tuesday, 1:30 A. M., she gave birth to a perfect but dead baby girl. Baby was normal and weight between eight and nine pounds. It looked just like its mother and had long black hair. Wife felt well during the day. At night she took suddenly ill and died peacefully at 8:30 P. M. She had a chill at night which caused a high fever.

I had buried baby with my own hands that same day, but I took it up again next morning and placed it in the same bamboo coffin with wife. Wish you could have seen them lying together, baby in wife's arms. They just looked as if they were enjoying a peaceful sleep. A party of missionaries from a distant station came to help me bury them.

The Lord has taken all that was dear to me on earth. Why? Because He loved us so much that He wanted a gift, a real love gift, the best I had. Should I refuse Him? A thousand times, No. He has blessed wonderfully in the trial. No rebellious thoughts, no why has entered my heart. Just loving submission to His loving will. I never felt Him so near as these past few days. My dear little wife and baby girl are in glory. Their death is going to be used by God to save this wicked, God-refusing tribe. It will be a glorious day when the earth will open up and my dear ones will enter their new bodies. They have met Jesus now.

We were married 15 months. She has enriched my life, and our fellowship has been sweet. She was the all-round missionary. I miss her in every way but the Lord will make up for all things He wants done.

.....

Yours in the One who said, "Behold, I come quickly,"

(Signed) John G. Buijse.

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(Signed) John G. Buijse

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