Mission Documentation in North America

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South Asia Missionary Archives Guide

A preliminary guide to archival collections relating to American Protestant missionary activity in South Asia (including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burma/Myanmar, Ceylon/Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, and Pakistan) - with a focus on the holdings of undergraduate liberal arts colleges in the United States.

Over the years, scholars have benefited greatly from Archie R. Crouch's project to identify and describe archival materials related to Christian missionary activity in China, which resulted in the monumental *Christianity in China: A scholars' guide to resources in the libraries and archives of the United States* and is now carried forward by the Ricci Roundtable. This website is a first step toward providing comprehensive information about archival collections documenting missionary activity in South Asia. Compiled by Margo Warner Curl of the College of Wooster, these first sets of descriptions are primarily of holdings of undergraduate college archives, and in some cases, seminary or denominational archives housed at the colleges.

More about the project...

Browse the holdings of the following repositories:

- Anderson University
- Andrews University
- Bates College
- Bethel College (KS)
- Bucknell University
- Calvin College
- Iowa Wesleyan College
- Linfield College
- Lipscomb University
- Malone College
- Manchester College
- McPherson College
Repository
Anderson University and Church of God Archives
Nicholson Library
Anderson University
1100 East Fifth Street
Anderson, IN 46012

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Staff Archivist
vnienman@anderson.edu
(765) 641-4285

Denominational affiliation (historic or current)
Church of God

URL
http://library.anderson.edu/archives.html

Cited in Crouch Christianity in China, 1989
IN-5

Source of data
http://library.anderson.edu/archives.html
Anderson Library Catalog

Date data gathered
June 22, 2006

General Collection name of collection
Anderson University and Church of God Archives
The Documentation of Christianity in Asia Consortium (DCIA) is a collaborative project, the purpose of which is to improve the documentation of Christianity in Asia through the identification and description of both primary and secondary source documents.

The DCIA Guide (currently under development) is envisioned to be a web based tool that will identify primary sources and other material related to Christianity in Asia are located. Additionally, other resources may be located through consortial members' catalogs and special collections, including the Special Collections of the Yale University Divinity Library, The Centre for the Study of Christianity in Asia (CSCA), and the online library catalogs of the participating member institutions.

The website for the project is hosted by Yale University Library.
Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches

National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America
Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1811-1919 (inclusive)
Corp Author: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Publication: 1811-1919
Document: English : Archival Material : Microform
Libraries Worldwide: 1

Correspondence, 1790-1872.
Author: Wilberforce, Samuel, 1805-1873. Publication: 1790-1872
Document: English : Archival Material
Libraries Worldwide: 1

Foreign Office records: confidential print, Borneo and Sulu, 1844-1905 (inclusive).
Corp Author: Great Britain, Foreign Office. Publication: 1844-1905
Document: English : Archival Material : Microform
Libraries Worldwide: 1

Mary Strong Clemens 1912-1934, papers
Author: Clemens, Mary Strong, 1873-1968; Smith, J. J. Publication: 1912-1934
Document: English : Archival Material
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Title: Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1811-1919 (inclusive)

Corp Author(s): American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

Year: 1811-1919

Language: English

Descriptor: Missions -- Africa, Missions -- Singapore, Missions -- Thailand, Missions -- Borneo, Missions -- China, Missions -- Japan, Missions -- India, Missions -- Middle East, Missions -- Turkey, Missions -- Armenia, Missions -- Syria, Missions -- Assyria, Missions -- Mexico, Missions -- Hawaii, Missions -- Micronesia, Cherokee Indians -- Missions, Choctaw Indians -- Missions, Dakota Indians -- Missions
ArchiveGrid is an important destination for searching through historical documents, personal papers, and family histories held in archives around the world.

Thousands of libraries, museums, and archives have contributed nearly a million collection descriptions to ArchiveGrid. Researchers searching ArchiveGrid can learn about the many items in each of these collections, contact archives to arrange a visit to examine materials, and order copies.

A sampling of the thousands of contributors to ArchiveGrid:

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Chicago Symphony Orchestra
Cornell University Library
Harvard University
International Institute of Social History (IISH)

Minnesota Historical Society
Museum of Northern Arizona
National Library of Australia
New York Public Library
Orthodox Church in America
Putnam County Historical Society

Radio City Music Hall
Smithsonian Institution - Archives of American Art
State Library of Massachusetts
University of Minnesota
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Warwick
Results for BORNEO MISSIONS

1. **Foreign Office records: confidential print, Borneo and Sulu, 1844-1905 (inclusive), [microform]** Great Britain, Foreign Office.
   Contact information for Yale University
   The records consist of thirty-nine volumes of the confidential print relating to Borneo and Sulu. The confidential print is a collection of selected correspondence, memoranda and other documents...
   Read more
   ... confidential print Borneo and Sulu 1844-1905 (inclusive)...
   ... print relating to Borneo and Sulu The confidential...
   ... to the missions The records constitute Public Record...
   ... Borneo History Great Britain Foreign relations British North Borneo Great Britain Foreign relations...

2. **Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1811-1919 (inclusive) [microform]** American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
   Contact information for Yale University
   The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was founded in 1810 and, by the end of the 19th century, its mission work had spread all over the world. Many of the ABCFM missionaries...
   Read more
   ... Thailand Missions Borneo Missions China Missions...
   ... for Foreign Missions Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions 1911-1919...
   ... 1834-1919 (Reels 149-223); Unit 3 Missions to Asia 1827-1919 (Reels 224-387); Unit 4 Missions to Asia...

3. **General revelation and syncretism [microform] : a case study from Indonesian Borneo / Carmen J. Bryant.** Bryant, Carmen J. (Carmen Julia).
   Contact information for Harvard University - Andover-Harvard Theological Library
   Read more
   ... Christianity and other religions Missions Borneo MHAF MFC...
   ... [microform] a case study from Indonesian Bornea...

   Contact information for Yale University
   Pamphlets documenting work in specific countries: Australia, Bechuansland, Borneo, Buma, Canada, China, Gambia, Gold Coast, Guiana, India, Japan, Korea, Madagascar, Mashonaland (Southern Rhodesia) ...
Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1811-1919 (inclusive) [microform]

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.
Papers of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 1811-1919 (inclusive) [microform]
Arrangement of Materials: Arranged in six units: Unit 1: Letters to Domestic Correspondents, 1834-1919 (Reels 1-148); Unit 2: Letters from Missionaries to Africa, 1834-1919 (Reels 149-223); Unit 3: Missions to Asia, 1827-1919 (Reels 224-387); Unit 4: Missions to Asia, 1812-1919 (Reels 388-591); Unit 5: The Near East, 1817-1919 (Reels 602-720); Unit 6: Missions on the American Continents and to the Islands of the Pacific, 1811-1919 (Reels 721-868).

Contact an archivist to learn more about access to materials in this collection

Yale University
Location: Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect St., New Haven, CT 06511.
Location: City-D
Call Number: Film Ms32

Notes and Summaries:


Originals are located at Harvard University Library.

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was founded in 1810 and, by the end of the 19th century, its mission work had spread all over the world. Many of the ABCFM missionaries established the first United States contact with these countries. The
Archive Finder is a current directory which describes over 206,200 collections of primary source material housed in thousands of repositories across the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland.

Powerful searching integrated with detailed subject indexing helps researchers to uncover historical collections. Further information is available at About Archive Finder.

To find out how you can submit details about your repository's collections to Archive Finder, please see the Submitting Information page.
Collection results (5 results)

1. **ArchivesUSA**
   - American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
   - Harvard University, Houghton Library, Department of Collections
   - Cambridge, MA, USA
   - Add to Marked List

2. **NIDS UK/Ireland**
   - Borneo Mission Association
   - The Bodleian Library of Commonwealth and African Studies
   - Oxford, Oxfordshire, England
   - Add to Marked List

3. **NIDS UK/Ireland**
   - Library Manuscripts
   - Royal Geographical Society
   - Add to Marked List

4. **ArchivesUSA**
   - Rader, Paul
   - Papers, 1922-1971
   - Billy Graham Center Archives
   - Wheaton, IL, USA
   - Add to Marked List

5. **ArchivesUSA**
   - Reformed Church in America, Board of Foreign Missions
   - Records, 1832-1950
   - New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Library
   - New Brunswick, NJ, USA
   - Add to Marked List

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Collection name: Rader, Paul (1879-1938)
Repository details: Billy Graham Center Archives, Wheaton IL
NJDLS fiche number: 3.205.126
NUCMC number: MS 85-413
Type: Papers
Collection dates: 1922-1971
Extent: 1 ft.
Description: Protestant evangelist, of Chicago, Ill. - Sermon notes, prayer letters, letters, newsletters, brochures, sheet music, audio tapes, and other papers, relating chiefly to Rader's work as founder and pastor of Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, including his radio preaching, visits to tabernacle missionaries in China, and his Bible correspondence course. Includes one tape of Rader preaching (1932). Gifts of various individuals, 1979-1980. Finding aid in the repository.
Finding aid: http://www.wheaton.edu/libarch/ARC5C/1/4
NUCMC index terms: AUDIO tapes; BIBLE; Study; CHICAGO (ILL): Churches and religious affairs; Evangelistic work; CHICAGO Gospel Tabernacle (ILL); CHINA: Churches and religious affairs; Christian missions; MISSIONARIES; China; NEWSLETTERS; Evangelistic work; PRAYER letters; RADER, Paul, 1879-1938; RELIGION; Evangelist; RELIGIOUS broadcasting; SERMONS; 20th century; SHEET music
Repository Full Record

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ArchivesUSA

Repository name: Billy Graham Center Archives
Repository mailing address: 500 College Ave., 3rd Floor, Wheaton, IL 60187
Phone number: (630) 752-5310
Email address: bgcaco@wheaton.edu
Website URL: http://www.wheaton.edu/ogc/archives/archhp1.html

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Days of service: M-F 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sa 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Materials solicited: The Billy Graham Center Archives gathers administrative records, personal papers and oral histories which document the story of North American nondenominational Protestant evangelism and missions (primarily by Evangelical, Fundamentalist and Pentecostal Christians) from the 1700s to the present, primarily during the 20th century. Central to the collection are the records of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Also included are documents on Evangelical congresses and conferences. The documents not only record religious themes but political, economic, and social events as well. The types of records include correspondence, reports, minutes, photographs, films, audio and video tapes, scrapbooks and photo albums, posters, slides, lantern slides, etc.

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Total volume: 8300+ cubic feet
Inclusive dates: 1667-present

Collections available:
"Country Church of Hollywood" (radio program) - Collection
"Hour of Freedom" (radio program) - Records
Acosta, Milton Alphonso - Oral History Collection
Adams, Judith Rachelle (Whittingham) - Oral History Collection
Adams, Judith Rachelle Whittingham - Oral History
Aderyn, David Howard - Papers
Aderyn, Ruth Winifred Temple - Oral History Collection
Aderyn, Ruth Winifred Temple - Oral History
Adrians, Joshua - Oral History Collection
Adrians, Joshua - Oral History
Resources by format

- Library Catalogs: local and worldwide
- Indexes and Abstracts
- Reference Tools and Bibliographies
- Selected Journals - Electronic and Print
- Selected Internet Sites and Electronic Texts
- Primary Sources
- Organizations and Institutions
- Electronic Discussion Lists

Resources by subject areas:

- Bible
- Church / Denominational / Ecumenical
- Church History
- Ethics and Social Issues
- Missions & World Christianity
- Systematic / Doctrinal Theology
- Practical Theology
- Religion and the Arts

Yale University Library Subject Guide for General Religion
Overview of Electronic Resources at the Divinity Library
Image Resources
Free Online Resources for the Study of Christianity
How can I find.....?

This guide provides pointers to resources for conducting research in Christian studies at Yale University. For more information, or if you have suggestions for additions, please contact the Research Services Librarian at the Yale Divinity School Library, Amy Leppitain (amy.leppitain@yale.edu)
Online content

- **Internet Mission Photography Archive** - photographs contributed by six mission archives
- **ATLA Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative** - includes missions-related maps, photographs, postcards, texts, statistics
- **Basel Mission Picture Archive** - photographs taken on the boundary between European and African and Asian cultures between 1850 and 1950
- **Boston University Digital Research Archive, Christian Mission collection** - digitized historical texts
- **World Missionary Conference, 1910, Edinburgh - Volumes 1 - 9**
- **Missionary E-Texts Archives** - an electronic repository of historical texts by, about and for missionaries
- **Project Canterbury** - Anglican history; includes digitized texts re. missions
- **Human Relations Area Files / eHRAF Collection of Ethnography**
- **Project on Religion and Economic Change** - data related to Protestant and Catholic missions
- **Adherents.com** - adherent statistics and religious geography citations
The Internet Mission Photography Archive offers historical images from Protestant and Catholic missionary collections in Britain, Norway, Germany, and the United States. The photographs, which range in time from the middle of the nineteenth to the middle of the twentieth century, offer a visual record of missionary activities and experiences in Africa, China, Madagascar, India, Papua-New Guinea, and the Caribbean. The photographs reveal the physical influence of missions, visible in mission compounds, churches, and school buildings, as well as the cultural impact of mission teaching, religious practices, and Western technology and fashions. Indigenous peoples’ responses to missions and the emergence of indigenous churches are represented, as are views of landscapes, cities, and towns before and in the early stages of modern development.
COLLECTIONS

Mission Photographs of the Moravian Church, Herrnhut, Germany
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Mission Photographs of the Leipzig Mission, Germany
View (620 items) | About

Mission Photographs of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Maryknoll, New York
View (3703 items) | About

Mission Photographs of the Archives and Manuscripts Division, School of Oriental and African Studies, London
View (2116 items) | About

Mission Photographs of the NMS Archives, Norwegian Missionary Society, Stavanger
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Mission Photographs from the Yale Divinity School Library, New Haven, Connecticut
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Opening of church at Kouti, Benin, ca. 1925-26.

Description

"Opening of New Church at Kouti." This new church built entirely by local subscription was being opened by the visiting English missionary. Local Methodists from a wide area had come along for the celebration. Next to the chapel is a large cotton tree. From a set of lantern slides entitled "Dahomey, the stronghold of the fetish" compiled by Frank Deaville Walker (1878-1945), editor of the Methodist Missionary Society magazines Foreign Field and its successor, Kingdom Overseas. Many of the photographs Walker used were his own, taken on visits to the MMS mission fields between 1920 and 1937. His trip to West Africa when the photographs in this set were taken took place ca. 1925-1926.

Title:
Opening of church at Kouti, Benin, ca. 1925-26.

Record ID:
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Names & Dates
Reference tools

- **Researching World Christianity: Doctoral Dissertations on Mission since 1900** - currently over 5,700 dissertations listed in the database
- **Missionary Periodicals Database** - info re. periodicals on foreign missions published in Britain
- **Cumulative Bibliography of the International Review of Missions**
- **World Christian Database** - Center for the Study of Global Christianity, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- **Portals to the World (LC)**
- **Basic bibliography for world Christianity** - Very brief list of core books for the study of world Christianity
- **Bibliografia Misonal y Ecumenica** - compiled by John Gorski
- **Missionaries in Fiction** - an informal listing of works of fiction that feature missionaries
This database incorporates compilations of missions-related dissertations published in the July 1983, July 1993, and July 2003 issues of the International Bulletin of Missionary Research, and has been expanded in its scope. First, it includes English-language doctoral dissertations without regard to country of origin. Secondly, rather than focusing narrowly on missions, it also includes dissertations dealing with Christianity outside the West. Excluded are dissertations about Christianity in Europe, Australasia, and North America, with the exception of aboriginal missions in those areas. Thirdly, it expands the chronological scope to include dissertations presented since 1900. Fourth, the earlier compilations were limited to "research" doctorates, understood to include the Th.D. and the Ph.D.; the present compilation includes all doctoral level dissertations and theses that we could identify, including the D.Min. and D.Miss. Finally, we consulted many more sources to identify theses and dissertations than did the predecessor compilations, including websites and published bibliographies (a bibliography of sources consulted will be included with the database). As a result, the number of titles identified increased from 2,371 in its three predecessors to 5,911. The creation of this database was undertaken in collaboration with the International Bulletin of Missionary Research, and made possible by the support of the Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, Conn.
Organizations

- Churches in Evangelism and Mission Directory (WCC)
- Global Mapping International - gateway for evangelical missions information and websites
- International Association for the History of Religions
- International Association for Missions Studies
- International Conference on Computing and Missions
- Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization
- Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity - Calvin College
- Towards 2010 - Celebrating the centenary of Edinburgh 1910
- Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity
Websites of important archival and manuscript repositories

• **North America:**
  – Yale Divinity School Library Special Collections
  – Billy Graham Center Archives
  – Episcopal Church Archives
  – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
  – Missionary Research Library, Burke Library, Union Theological Seminary, New York / Additional information
  – Presbyterian Historical Society
  – Southern Baptist Convention, International Mission Board
  – United Church of Canada Archives
  – United Methodist Church General Commission on Archives and History

• **UK:**
  – Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, University of Edinburgh
  – Methodist Archives and Research Centre (U.K.)
  – School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
  – Mundus: Gateway to missionary collections in the United Kingdom

• **Europe**
  – Bibliothèque du Défap-Service protestant de mission
  – Franckesche Stiftungen zu Halle
  – Mission 21, Evangelisches Missionswerk Basel
  – World Council of Churches Archives