

**ANDERSON, MARY ALTHEA**

February 1, 1947

MISS MARY ANDERSON  
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MRS. S. ROSENBERG

Miss Mary Anderson was born on the island of Mauritius, March 11, 1878.

Miss Anderson was educated in France having attended the Lycée de filles in Paris. She graduated from <sup>Missionary</sup> Lank/Trinity, where in class work, she also acted as a student nurse. She also worked in a hospital in France.

In October 1908, Miss Anderson sailed from France to be in her work in Algeria, North Africa where she was under appointment to do French evangelistic work. She was associated with <sup>Miss</sup> family with <sup>Miss</sup> work which in their work were the <sup>Miss</sup> <sup>Miss</sup> the latter two founded.

Miss Anderson was retired June 1, 1946. Her residence is 11 Rue (Algiers) Algeria, North Africa.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Althea Anderson

Miss Mary Anderson, retired missionary, died on May 29, 1963, in the French hospital, London, England. She was born in 1879 and was 84 on March 14--the second daughter of missionary parents. She was educated in France at the Lycee Moliere in Paris and graduated from Bunbank Missionary Training Home in Glasgow, Scotland. She was a trained nurse.

In 1908 Miss Anderson began work in Algiers, North Africa, under appointment to do evangelistic work for the American Mission. She was associated with the Misses Emily Smith and Pora Welch in their work among the Kabyles. After her retirement in 1948, Miss Anderson continued to live in Algeria until 1962 when she was taken to England because of her health to be near a relative.

The September 1959 issue of THE ALTHOMIST WOMAN has one of the poems that Mary Anderson wrote, and the following is part of that poem. "Let not now thy heart be troubled, Fear not, may be of good cheer, I. Lo! I am forever with thee, I, thy rock, thy Strength, thy Stay. Thy sure Refuge, only trust me. I am with thee all the way! So His strength overflows our weakness and there bursts a song of praise, From our heart, for He, our Jesus, He is with us all our days."

MEMORANDUM

June 3, 1963

To: Mrs. J. Fount Tillman  
Mrs. W.H. McCallum  
Mrs. Ann Brown  
Miss Derby  
Miss Hatkin  
Mrs. Webster

From: Miss Ruth Lawrence

This is to inform you of the death on May 29th, 1963 of Miss Lary  
Althea Anderson, in the French Hospital, London, England.

Miss Anderson retired from service in North Africa on June 1, 1946,  
having served since 1911.

The closest relative with whom this office corresponds is: (A cousin)

Mr. Ralph J.B. Anderson  
Slyfield House, Stoke D'Abernon  
Cobham, Surrey  
ENGLAND

Ruth Lawrence  
Executive Secretary  
Africa, Europe

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BIRTH: Date: March 14, 1879

NAME: Anderson, Mary Althea

Place: Algiers

FIELD: North Africa

CITIZENSHIP: ~~U.S.A.~~ <sup>British</sup> NATURALIZED:

Date: Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
March, 1945	Miss Esther Anderson	Cottage St. Pierre El Biar	Sister

HOME CHURCH:

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group	Conference	Jurisdiction
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, First Church, New Castle		

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
Educated in France			Trained for missionary work in Burnbank Training Home, Glasgow - and as student nurse in Alice County Hospital (Scotland)

DATE OF COMMISSION: 1903

DATE OF FIRST SAILING Octobe 1903 (from France)

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

RETIREMENT:  
DEATH:  
WITHDRAWAL:  
RESIGNATION:

NAME: Anderson, Mary A.

FIELD: Algiers, North Africa

APPOINTMENTS:

Conference	Date	Place	Work
Appointment has always been to French Evangelistic work in Algiers			

FURLOUGHS:

Left Field	Arrived U. S. A.	Left U. S. A.	Arrived Field	Comments
July 1920	September 1920	February 1921	February 1921	Recalled by cable to Algiers owing to influenza epidemic in Girls' Home, El Biar
June 1923	June 1923	Feb. 1929	Feb. 1929	Detained in Paris from Sept. '29 to Jan. '30 suffering from sciatica and unable to travel
July 1927	Sept. 1927	April 1933	Oct. 1933	spent May-Oct. '33

My home not being in the U.S., I only spent such time there as was deemed necessary for visiting churches, colleges or camps and institutes - the "rest" period being spent from July-Sept. 1921 - July to Jan. '29 - May-Sept. '33 with my family in France or England.

BIRTH: Date: March 14, 1879

NAME: Anderson, Mary Althea

Place: Algiers

FIELD: North Africa

CITIZENSHIP: ~~U.S.A.~~ <sup>British</sup> NATURALIZED:

Date:

Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
March, 1943	Miss Esther Anderson	Cottage St. Pierre El Biar	Sister

HOME CHURCH:

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group	Conference	Jurisdiction
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, First Church, New Castle		

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
Educated in France			Trained for missionary work in Burnbank Training Home, Glasgow - and as student nurse in Alloa County Hospital (Scotland)

DATE OF COMMISSION: 1908

DATE OF FIRST SAILING: October 1908 (From France)

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

RETIREMENT:  
DEATH:  
WITHDRAWAL:  
RESIGNATION:

NAME: Anderson, Mary A.

FIELD: Algiers, North Africa

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NAME: Mary B. Andersson.

FIELD: Algiers - U. Africa

APPOINTMENTS: French Evangelistic Work -

Conference Date Place Work

Appointment has always been to French Evangelistic work in Algiers.

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Left Field	Arrived U.S.A.	Left U.S.A.	Arrived Field	Comments
I. July 1920	September 1920.	February 1921.	February /21.	recalled by cable to Algiers owing to influenza epidemic in Girls' Home S.S. Bazar.
II. June 1928	June 1928.	Feb. 1929 -	Feb. /29.	Detained in Paris from Sep. 1929 to Jan. 1930 suffering from St. Vitus' dance & unable to travel to France.
III. July 1937	Sep. 1937.	mid. April 1938.	3rd Oct. /38.	- spent May to Oct /38 in France & England.

\* My home not being in the U.S. I only spent such time there as was deemed necessary for visiting Churches, Colleges or Camps & Institutes - the "rest" period being spent from July to Sep. 1921 - from July to Jan /29. & from May to end of Sep. /38 with my family in France or England.

BIRTH: Date: *14<sup>th</sup> March 1879* NAME: *Mary Althea Anderson*

Place: *Algiers -* FIELD: *N. Africa.*

CITIZENSHIP: *British* ~~.....~~ Date: Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
<i>March 1943</i>	<i>Mrs Esther Anderson</i>	<i>Cottage St. Pierre El. Bias -</i>	<i>Sister</i>

HOME CHURCH:

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION: *Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (1<sup>st</sup> Church  
Newcastle.)*

Group

Conference

Jurisdiction

Education: *Educated in France -*

Institution

Date

Degree

Comments

*Trained for Missionary Work  
in Burnbank Training Home  
Glasgow -- & as Student  
Nurse in Alloa County  
Hospital (Scotland)*

DATE OF COMMISSION: *1908*

DATE OF FIRST SAILING *October 1908.*  
*from France*

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

RETIREMENT:  
DATE:  
WITHDRAWAL:  
RESIGNATION:

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JUN 26 1961

May 18, 1961

Dear Retired Missionary:

Please complete the following information and return it as soon as possible to this office. A self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying.

NAME Mary Alice ANDERSON  
STREET ADDRESS 2 rue Caïn Akined, El-Biar  
CITY Algiers STATE Algeria U. Africa  
BIRTH DATE 14 March 1879

X NEXT OF KIN None (all the members of my family already "Called Home")

STREET ADDRESS (see below)  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter any comments you may have regarding your retirement records or any ways in which we may be of better service to you. We ask for your next of kin since it is most important that we know someone through whom you can be reached at all times. If you have no close relatives, you might wish to indicate a close friend. X

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Ruth Lawrence*

Executive Secretary

X COMMENTS: My closest friend - the most kind, like a devoted Christian I know is Melle Henriette GIRARDI, for 7 years in teaching in our Mission school in Naples - (But she does not speak or understand English) Algiers until and for 12 years my Assistant Missionary here in Algiers until my retirement when my French Evangelistic work was closed down there being no members of our Methodist Mission to carry on. She has reformed my best friend (q. Mrs. Julia Terry et al.) If, ever necessary the best person to write to would be -  
The Superintendent - Methodist Mission  
La Palmerie 13 Chemin Beauvau - El-Biar, Algiers

# Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

## FORM 1.

1. Full name. *Mary, Althea, Anderson* Residence. *68 rue Rovigo. Algiers. Africa*
3. Place and date of birth. *St. Louis of Mauritius, March 14<sup>th</sup> 1879*
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord? Answer this question somewhat in detail. *I know that I have salvation through Jesus Christ, because of the witness of the Holy Spirit with my spirit that I am a child of God, & because of the ever increasing desire to grow in the knowledge of Jesus - of His resurrection.*
5. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a regular attendant upon its services and are you fully in accord with its doctrines as set forth in Part I, Division 1, of the Discipline? *Yes - in all things.*
6. Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures? *Yes - both in my own home where I was brought up to love & study the Word, & later, in the*
7. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past? *Ever since I realized Christ as my personal Saviour some 18 years ago, I may say I have considered all whom I had to do with as souls to be saved.*
8. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary? *This is my deep conviction, I should not otherwise have dared take up the work!*
9. How long have you entertained this conviction? *For ten years past.*
10. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field? *Yes -*
11. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? *I have had the privilege since I came to N. Africa of meeting Mrs. Fisher & Miss Parsham & other members of the Society & have endeavored to gain as much knowledge as possible of the work.*
12. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church? *No.*
13. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which might grieve your fellow missionaries and lessen the influence of your example over the native Christians? *Yes.*
14. Are you a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages and from opium, cocaine and other narcotics? *Yes.*
15. What is the condition of your health? (Answer questions in Form Two and procure testimony of a competent physician according to Form Three.) *Good.*
16. Outline the character and extent of your education. Name the institutions in which you were educated, the course or courses pursued and date of graduation. *I received a French education in the Lycée in Paris & hold one or two French diplomas.*
17. What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them? *I have always known French, as well as Spanish, & have studied German & Italian with average facility, & am now studying Russian.*
18. Have you a knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental? *Yes.*
19. Have you had business training, and in what line? *No.*
20. What positions have you held in business or professional life? *I gave 2 or 3 lessons in English to French boys in Algiers for work.*
21. Executive ability. Provide testimonials relative to your success in teaching and in the management of financial matters.
22. Have you been married? If so, is your husband living? *No.*
23. Are you engaged to be married? *No.*
24. Are you liable for debt? *No.*
25. Is any one dependent upon you for support? *No.*
26. Give names and addresses of at least ten persons including pastors, instructors and others who are able to give information relative to your Christian usefulness, your adaptability to people and circumstances, and your general fitness for the work. *Dr. E. T. T. ... 15 St. ... Algiers.*
27. A photograph should accompany your application. *Mrs. M. ... 68 rue Rovigo - Algiers - Africa.*
28. Have you read the rules applying to missionaries and do you promise to abide by them? *Yes.*

Signed

*Mary Anderson*

Date

*March 8<sup>th</sup> 1911*

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

FORM 2.

PHYSICAL REPORT.

(Confidential.)

Personal Questions to be Answered by the Applicant

1. (a) Is your health now good? *Yes. --*  
 (b) Has it always been good? *Yes. --*
2. Are you accustomed to take regular exercise? *Yes* - In what form?
3. How many hours were you accustomed to spend in study each day during your education? *5 in classes, or 5 in study*  
 How many hours are you able to spend in study each day now? *I can spend several hours in study with*  
*out fatigue & with great enjoyment, but*
4. Does brain work in the evening prevent sleep at night? *No* *the pressure of duties debar a*
5. (a) Have you ever had any difficulty in sleeping at night? *No* *missionary is full work from such*  
 (b) Do you now have any difficulty sleeping at night? *No* *a privilege.*
6. Have you ever applied for a life insurance policy? *Yes* If yes, was your application granted, and by what company? *North British*  
*Worcester*
7. Have you ever been under the professional care of any physician? If yes, state when, for what disease or diseases, and  
 give address of physician, if living. -- *No* *(London)*
8. Are you specially sensitive to the heat of summer? *No*
9. Have you ever suffered from (a) Neuralgia? Bad Headaches? Nervous Exhaustion?  
 Dizziness? Pain in the Back? Fits? Convulsions? Paralysis?  
 Apoplexy? Insanity? Sunstroke? Fainting? Discharge from the Ear?  
 (b) Habitual Cough? Asthma? Pleurisy? Pneumonia?  
 Chronic Catarrh? Spitting of Blood? Consumption? Shortness of Breath?  
 Palpitation of the Heart? Dropsy?  
 (c) Malaria? *Yes* Piles? *Yes* *with hemorrhoids!* Varicose Veins? *slight* Rupture? Rheumatism? *Have a tendency*  
*to rheumatism.*  
 Gout? Chronic Constipation or Diarrhoea? Dyspepsia or any Disease of the Digestive  
 Organs? Colic of any kind? Tumors or Swellings? Urinary or Bladder Trouble?
10. (a) Are you now suffering from, or subject to, any disease, malformation or weakness? *No*  
 (b) Or have you had any severe disease (except the usual diseases of children) other than those stated in the above  
 answers?  
 (c) Or received any injury or undergone any surgical operation? When? *1907* For what? *pile*
11. (a) Have you any defect of eyesight? *No*  
 (b) Of hearing? *No*
12. As far as you know, are the following organs in a healthy state Brain? Nervous System? *Yes*  
 Muscular System? Heart? Lungs? Abdominal Organs? *Yes*
13. Have you been successfully vaccinated? *Yes* - When last? *in 1907*
14. Is there, or has there been, anything in your physical condition, family or personal history or habits, tending to shorten  
 your life, or mar your usefulness as a foreign missionary, which is not distinctly set forth above?
15. Date and place of birth? *London, Missionary - Dec. 14, 1877*

Date *March 8th 1911.*

Signed

*Mary Anderson*  
*68 rue Rovigo - Algiers*  
*Africa*

*Up to the age of 5 or 6, being born in a tropical climate - & coming to Europe at the age of 4*

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

INFORMATION BUREAU.

It is very desirable that each missionary shall fill the blanks in Form Four and return to the General office of the Society, Room 611 150 Fifth Ave., New York.

Form 4

1. Full name. *Mary, Althea Anderson* 2. Present residence. *68 rue Rovigo. Algiers  
W. Africa*
3. Home address. *37 Ave. <sup>de</sup> l'Armée - Paris - France.*
4. Place and date of birth. *Island of Mauritius. March 14<sup>th</sup> 1879*
5. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United, for convenience in case of emergency.  
*Nearest relatives: Rev. S. H. Anderson  
37 Ave. <sup>de</sup> l'Armée - Paris - France*  
*I have no near relatives in the United States.*
6. Educated at what institutions and in what specialty?  
*Lycée Molière - Paris.*
7. Date of graduation.
8. Date of appointment.
9. Under what Branch?
10. What positions in foreign field, with date of each.
11. Dates and length of furloughs.
12. Remarks.
13. Send photograph; also notify general office of any change in address of yourself or relatives. (See ?)



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society  
of the Methodist Episcopal Church

Form 7

To be filled out by accepted candidates and sent to the General Office, Room 710, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

1. Full name. *Miss Mary Anderson*
2. Home address. *68 rue Lavigero, Algiers, Algeria.*
3. Place and date of birth. *Island of Mauritius, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1879.*
4. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United States, for convenience in case of emergency.  
*Miss Anderson has no near relatives in the United States. Her father is Rev. J. H. Anderson, 37 Ave. de la Paix, Paris, France.*
5. Education:

Names of schools.	Periods of study.	Dates of graduation.	Degrees.
<i>Educated at the Lycée <sup>Holier</sup> in Paris</i>	<i>and has one or two French diplomas</i>		
<i>Graduate of <sup>16</sup> months training for a 15. rue de la Paix</i>	<i>in servant gardens -</i>	<i>Glasgow, Scotland</i>	
6. Positions in America occupied before appointment.
7. Date of appointment. *Jan. 1911.*
8. Branch. *Foreign Missions*
9. Appointment on the foreign field. *City of Algiers, Algeria.*
10. Daughter of missionary?
11. Student volunteer?
12. Remarks.  
*Miss Anderson is a very capable and energetic worker. She has a strong sense of duty and is well qualified for the work of a missionary. Her father is a well known and respected minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Paris.*

NOTE.—It is important that the General Office be notified of changes in address of missionaries and their relatives. Each missionary is requested to send two photographs of herself to the General Office.

FILE: MARY ANDERSON

Miss Ruth Lawrence

STAFF ITEMS  
AFRICA AND EUROPE  
JULY 7, 1959

Miss Mary Anderson, retired missionary, Algeria, <sup>British citizenship,</sup> was born on the Island of Mauritius, British territory. Her father was also born on the Island of Mauritius, of missionary parents of Scottish descent; her mother came from an old French Huguenot family. The family never lived in England. They considered ~~France~~ France their home. The father worked with the McCall Mission in Paris from 1881 until the time of his death.

Miss Mary Anderson began missionary work in Algeria in October, 1933 and continued there until her retirement June 1, 1943. During the war it was necessary for Miss Anderson and her sister to establish their home in Algeria. After that there was no home or family in France to which they could return. They are both in very bad health at the present time. Algeria may be considered Miss Mary Anderson's "native country" as much as any other place.

RECOMMEND that Miss Mary Anderson, Algeria, North Africa, retired, be considered as living in her native country and that she be eligible to receive the medical help available for retired missionaries.



NAME (IN FULL)	BIRTH DAY	APPOINTMENT	FIRST SAILING	ARRIVAL FIELD	FIELD
ANDERSON, MARY ALTHEA	3/14/1879	-/1911			NORTH AFRICA
	BIRTH PLACE				
	Island of mauritius				
CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. <u>No</u>	NATURALIZATION DATE	RETIREMENT	RESIGNATION	WITHDRAWAL	DEATH
British		6/1/48			5/29/63
PLACE					MARRIAGE NAME

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION: JURISDICTION Northeastern

CONFERENCE \* Erie

LOCAL SOCIETY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

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EDUCATION		
DATE	INSTITUTION	DEGREE
	Lycee Molier, Paris Missionary Training Home, Glasgow, Scotland	

DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
	Miss E. Anderson	Cottage St. Pierre El Biar, Algeria, North Africa	Sister

OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Parents were missionaries in French Colony -  
British  
Island of Mauritius. Miss Anderson first went to  
Algiers from France in October 1908.

EX COMMITTEE ACTIONS.

9/44 - furlough approved  
for Oct. 1944

checked - JUL 1 1955

on W.F.M.S. retirement  
B.L.B.

FURLOUGHS

APPOINTMENTS

FURLOUGHS					APPOINTMENTS		
LEFT FIELD	ARRIVED U. S.	LEFT U. S.	ARRIVED FIELD	COMMENTS	DATE	PLACE	WORK
7/20	9/20	2/21	2/21	Most of furloughs spent in Eng. and France with family.		Algiers, N. Af.	Evangelistic work with French people.
6/28	6/28	2/29	2/29				
7/37	9/37	4/38	10/38				
	<del>1/11</del>	<del>9/20</del>					
	<del>2/21</del>	<del>2/29</del>					
	<del>9/37</del>	<del>4/38</del>					
	1/11	9/20	9 yr 8 mo	5 mo			
	2/21	6/28	7 yr 4 mo	8 mo			
	2/29	9/31	8 yr 7 mo	7 mo			
	4/38	6/1/46	8 yr 2 mo	20 mo			
			21 yr 21 mo				
			26 mo				
			2 yr				
			34 yr 41 mo				
			30				
			37 yr 5 mo				

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT SALARY

FROM	TO	FROM	TO

Photographs from this  
file have not been  
included but are  
available upon request.  
For more information  
please contact  
[research@gcah.org](mailto:research@gcah.org)