

**ALDRICH, SYLVIA EVELYN**

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She returned to the United States in 1949 for furlough. In the fall of 1950, she went to Southern Rhodesia (now Rhodesia) to teach at the Teacher Training School in Old Umtali Mission. In the spring of 1954, she became principal. She helped start the Higher Teacher Training Course at Old Umtali in 1958.

Miss Aldrich was retired January 1, 1964 after 39 years of service.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Tracey K. Jones, Jr.

We regret to inform you of the death of Miss Sylvia Aldrich on Wednesday, May 14th. She was a retired missionary, who served first in China and then in Rhodesia, and is survived by a sister: Mrs. Charles Vilas, 3574 West Lane Drive, Hadley, Michigan 48440.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the American Cancer Fund or to scholarships for students in Rhodesia where Miss Aldrich taught.

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Sylvia Evelyn Aldrich a retired missionary died May 14, 1969 in Hadley, Michigan. She was born in Lyons, Michigan, August 8, 1896. In 1916 she graduated from Ypsilanti Normal (now Michigan State Teachers College) and received a B.A. degree there in 1927. She received a M.A. degree in 1941 from Presbyterian College of Christian Education and a M.A. degree in 1950 in Secondary Education from George Peabody College.

Sylvia Aldrich sailed to China in 1922 under Northwestern Branch Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Most of her service was at Hamilton Girls High School in Hingna, as teacher and advisor, and also instructor at Lay Training Institute for District Bible Women. From 1926-30 and 1937-39, she served as educational supervisor and instructor at primary and junior high schools in Sienyu and taught the district Bible women. Miss Aldrich was ordained local elder in 1940 and had the joy of seeing 4 of her Bible students ordained local elders at the 1947 Centennial of Methodist Missions in Fukien.

Sylvia Aldrich returned in 1944 for furlough. In the fall of 1950, she went to Southern Rhodesia to teach at the Teacher Training School in Old Uthuli Mission. In the spring of 1954, she became principal and moved into a new building where the student body could be doubled to over 100--although it still meant that only 60 out of the 600 to 700 new applicants could be accepted. She helped start the Higher Teacher Training Course at Old Uthuli in 1951.

Miss Aldrich was married January 1, 1941 (she called it betrothed) to a man of service. In 1942 she had a son and in 1943 a daughter. Her engagements, taught Sunday School and was chairman of spiritual life of the local church. She also taught at one or two summer schools of mission and served as resource person. From 1960-63 she was chairman of First District Program Area for spiritual growth.

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BIRTH: Date: August 8, 1896

NAME: Aldrich, Sylvia F.

Place: Lyons, Michigan

FIELD: China

CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. Yes. NATURALIZED:

Date:

Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
	Mrs. Jessie Aldrich	Hadley, Mich.	Mother
	Mrs. Earl Hayes	Lapeer, Mich. R.F.D.	Sister
	Mrs. Charles Vilas	Hadley, Mich.	Sister
	Mrs. Lloyd Aldrich	Orlando, Florida	Sister-in-law (Brother Killed, 1926)

HOME CHURCH: Lyons, Michigan

Lyons Methodist

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group	Conference	Jurisdiction
W.S.C.S.	Michigan	North Central

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
Lyons High School . . . . .	1916		Lyons, Mich.
Michigan State Teachers Col. . . . .	1918	Normal Certificate	Ypsilanti, Mich.
Michigan State Teachers Col. . . . .	1927	A.B.	
Presbyterian College of Christian Education . . . . .	1934	Special Study	Chicago, Ill.
Presbyterian College of Christian Education . . . . .	1941	M.A. (Bible & Rel. Ed.)	
Conference Course of Study (Ministerial) . . . . .	1941		Not completed

DATE OF COMMISSION: Fall, 1921

DATE OF FIRST SAILING: January, 1922

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

RETIREMENT:

DEATH:

WITHDRAWAL:

RESIGNATION:

OCT 7 1955

NAME: Oswald, William E.

FIELD: China

APPOINTMENTS:

Conference	Date	Place	Work
Hingwa	1922	Hingwa City . . . . .	Language Study
Hingwa	1923	Hamilton Girls' H.S. . .	English
Hingwa	1924-26	Hamilton Girls' H.S. . .	Normal Instruction
Hingwa	1928-30	Sienyu . . . . .	Educational Supervisor
Hingwa	1930-33	Hamilton Girls' City Primary, Rural Schools .	Teacher and Adviser
Hingwa	1934 (6 Months)	Peking Language School	
Hingwa	1935-37	Hingwa Woman's School and Lay Training Institute .	Instructor and Adviser
Hingwa	1937-39	Sienyu . . . . .	Adviser and instructor Junior H. S., Primary Schools, Lay Train. Instit tute, and the District Bible Women
Hingwa	1939 (Feb.-May)	Hingwa, Hamilton Girls H. S. . . . .	Instructor and Curriculum Builder
Hingwa	1943	Hingwa . . . . .	Hamilton School

FURLOUGHS:

Left Field	Arrived U. S. A.	Left U. S. A.	Arrived Field	Comments
June, 1926	August, 1926	May, 1928	June, 1928	Communist uprising-- detained
April, 1933	May, 1933	June, 1934	August, 1934	Ill, furlough early
May, 1939	June, 1939	August, 1943	November, 1943	

NOTE--assigned to full-time itinerating with salary Sept. 1942-1943

NAME: Alrich, Sylvia E.

FIELD: China.

APPOINTMENTS:

Conference	Date	Place	Work
Pinghua	1922	Pinghua City	Language study
"	23	Hamilton Girls' School	English
"	24-26	"	Normal Instruction
Pinghua	28-30	Sienyu	Educational supervisor
"	30-33	Hamilton Girls' School City Primary, Rural Schools	Teacher and Adviser
"	34 ( six months)	Peking Language School	
"	35-37	Pinghua Womens' School and Lay Training Institute. District Bible Women	Instructor and Adviser
"	37-39	Sienyu	Adviser and instructor Junior High school, Primary schools, Lay Training Institute and the District Bible Women
"	Feb - May 39	Pinghua	Hamilton Girls' High School Instructor and Curriculum Builder
"	1943 -	FURLOUGHS:	1943 - 1944

Left Field	Arrived U. S. A.	Left U. S. A.	Arrived Field	Comments
June 1, 26	Aug. 1926	July 1926	June 1927	Completed uprising 1927
April 1, 33	July 1933	Oct 1, 34	Aug. 1934	ill before early
July 1, 35	June 1939	Aug. 1943	<del>arrived but prevented return</del>	

note - assigned to full time itinerating and salary voided Sept 1942 -



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BIRTH: Date: Aug. 8, 1896

NAME: Albrich, Sylvia E.

Place: Lyons, Michigan

FIELD: China

CITIZENSHIP: U. S. A. X NATURALIZED:

Date:

Place:

RELATIVES:

Date	Name	Address	Relationship
	Mrs. Jessie Albrich	Hadley, Mich.	Mother
	Mrs. Earl Hayes	Lapeer, Mich. R.F.D.	sister
	Mrs. Charles Vilas	Hadley, Mich.	sister
	Mrs. Lloyd Albrich	Orlando, Florida	Sister-in-law
			brother killed 1926

HOME CHURCH: Lyons, Michigan

Lyons Methodist

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group	Conference	Jurisdiction
W. S. C. S	Michigan	North Central

EDUCATION:

Institution	Date	Degree	Comments
Lyons High School	1916		Lyons, Mich.
Michigan Teachers' College	1919	Normal Certificate	Ypsilanti, Mich.
" " " "	1927	AB	
Presbyterian College of Christian Education	1934	Special Study	Chicago, Ill.
" " " "	1941	MA (Thesis on Missions)	
Conference Course of Study (1941)	1941		of the Board

DATE OF COMMISSION:

Feb 1941

DATE OF FIRST SAILING

Feb 1941

FURTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA:

RETIREMENT:

DEATH:

WITHDRAWAL:

RESIGNATION:

June, 1920

FORM 1



Woman's Foreign Missionary Society  
of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church

Candidate Blank: Application

1. Full name *Miss M. M. ...*
2. Permanent address *... ..*
3. Place and date of birth *... .. 1876*
4. Name, address and occupation of parents (or guardian) *...*
5. Are your parents, or (if deceased) were they, members of a church?  
If yes, of what denomination?
6. Are you a Student Volunteer? *No*
7. (a) 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 Paragraphs 1 to 25 of the Discipline of 1916?  
(b) When and where did you unite with the Church?  
(c) Of what church are you now a member? *... ..*
8. (a) What is your habit as to Bible study?  
(b) Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures?  
(c) Have you made any study of essentials of Christian doctrine? (Let your detailed answers give a careful statement of those Christian doctrines which you consider essential.)
9. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord?
10. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifested in the past?
11. (a) Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon yourself the work of a foreign missionary?  
(b) What reason have you for so believing?  
(c) How long have you entertained this conviction?  
*Answer questions 8, 9, 10, 11 in detail on a separate sheet.*
12. (a) Do you believe that in every form of mission work the paramount duty of a missionary is to make Christ known as Master, Lord and Saviour?  
(b) Do you purpose to make such effort the chief feature of your missionary career, no matter what other duties may be assigned to you?
13. Do you purpose to enter the foreign missionary work for life, if God will?
14. If, however, you should within five years resign for other than physical or other disqualifications approved by the Society, do you promise to refund such a proportion of the expense incurred on your account as the Society may judge equitable?

15. (a) What special field, if any, do you prefer? *Foreign Missions*  
 (b) What reasons have you for this preference? *Love of the work*  
 (c) Are you, nevertheless, willing to go wherever the Board may deem it best to send you? *Yes*
16. (a) To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? *Some*  
 (b) Have you carefully studied its constitution and by-laws and are you willing to be governed by them? *Yes*
17. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church? *No*

18. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which might grieve your fellow missionaries and lessen your influence for good? *No*

19. Have you any scruples against the use of medicine? *No*

20. Are you a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages, from opium, cocaine and other narcotics? *Yes*

21. Does your experience lead to the conclusion that you can cheerfully acquiesce in the decision of a majority?  
 Does this necessity when met produce mental perturbation and discontent? *Yes*

22. Are responsibilities calmly and cheerfully borne?  
 Do they produce disquietude, care, anxiety, worry and sleepless nights? *No*

23. Is your temperament such as to lead to the belief that you can easily adapt yourself to the new and strange condition of life in a foreign field? *Yes*

24. What is the condition of your health? *Good*

(Answer questions in Form 2 and procure testimony of a competent physician according to Form 3.)

25. Outline the extent and character of your education.

(a) Full Names of Schools	Periods of Study	Dates of Graduation	Degrees	Specialities
<i>High School</i>	<i>1910-1912</i>	<i>1912</i>	<i>B.S.</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>College</i>	<i>1912-1914</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>B.A.</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>Life Certificate</i>	<i>1914</i>	<i>1914</i>		<i>Education</i>

(b) Give list of subjects you are prepared to teach. *History, Geography, Science, English, Latin, Spanish, Bible, Civics, Social Studies, Physical Education, Music, Art, Bookkeeping, Stenography, Typewriting, Sewing, Dressmaking, Millinery, Hairdressing, Beauty Culture, etc.*

(c) What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them? *Latin and Spanish*

(d) Can you play the piano or organ? *Yes* (e) Can you lead in singing? *Yes*

(f) Have you any knowledge of bookkeeping? *Yes* (g) Stenography? *Yes*

(h) What other business training have you had? *Yes*

26. Have you had practical experience?

(a) If in ~~Mission~~, Church or Y. W. C. A. work, give time and place.

*Lyons*  
*Blighton 2nd*  
*Church* { *First - One yr.*  
*Apprentice - 2 yrs.*

(b) If a teacher, name the schools and the time in each, the grades and subjects taught.

*yes Y.W.C.A.* } *Evangelical*  
*High School*  
*Medical*  
*Specials*  
*ships*

(c) If a physician, have you had hospital experience?

If yes, where and how long?

Have you had independent practice?

If yes, where and how long?

(d) If in business, give name and address of firms.

27. Have you been married? If yes, is your husband living?

Are you engaged to be married?

28. Are you liable for debt?

29. (a) Is any one dependent upon you for support?

(b) Is there now or likely to be in the near future any one dependent upon you for personal care?

30. Have you applied to any other Society and, if so, with what result?

Date.....

Signed.....

*Emily A. ...*

Present Address .

On reserve side of this sheet give names and addresses of at least ten persons who are able to give information relative to your Christian usefulness, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, success in teaching and in the management of finances. The list should include pastors, instructors, women friends and others. State your relationship with the persons named.

Please enclose a photograph of yourself, also a letter outlining your personal and family history and describing your Christian experience and motives for seeking missionary service.

Fill out and send with letter and photograph to

DECLARATION OF LOYALTY.

Are you a loyal citizen of the United States of America?

Will you by word and act hold allegiance to the Government of the United States of America before your allegiance to any other government?

Signed.....

*Emily A. ...*

MISS SYLVIA ALDRICH  
HADLEY  
MICHIGAN

HISTORY OF MY LIFE.

I, Sylvia E. Aldrich was born on a farm in  
"Punkin Hollow" Lyons Township, Ionia County  
Michigan, August 8th, 1896. Early childhood  
along with that of a baby brother's was spent  
here. When I was nearly five years old  
we moved to a farm near Falo, Michigan. We live  
there only a year and then moved to a farm  
near Sheridan, Michigan. Here my first  
sister was born.

After a year or two father was tired of  
farming, so we moved to Lyons, Michigan.  
We lived there part of the time and part of  
the time went with my father on the  
Construction jobs, living in tents. One  
of these places impressed me very much  
as my brother and I went to school with the  
Indian children. We were the only white  
children in that District. My early education was obtained in the  
little red school houses in the various places where we lived. After  
moving to Lyons I entered school there and completed my grade and  
high school education there, graduating as Valedictorian of the class.

When I was around ten years of age I was definitely converted  
and joined the church. During my study of Geography, I became very much  
interested in China and the Chinese... One night during my early years  
a definite call came to me to prepare for the Mission field. From that  
time on all my thoughts and activities were directed to that end. I  
joined all the organizations that told anything about Missions, King's  
Heralds, Standard Bearers, Student Volunteers etc. I read everything I  
could find on China as well as other countries.

My mother was left a widow during my Junior year in High school.  
With four children, the youngest only a few months old it was necessary  
for my brother to go to work without finishing High school. I went  
to work for a neighbor and succeeded in finishing my High School thanks  
to good friends.

In the fall of 1916, I entered Ypsilanti Normal School (now known  
as Eastern Michigan State Teacher's College) where I worked my way through  
the two year Life Certificate Course. I was graduated from that course  
in June 1918. In the fall of that year I began my first teaching at  
Brighton, Michigan. I taught Junior High.

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She came the next day, talked to me for over an hour and then said; "Will you sail for China in January?" This was very sudden but I said, "Yes". The rest of that summer and fall was spent in getting ready. I was still under contract to teach in Flint, and kept the possibility a secret from teachers and students until my application to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was accepted. I resigned at Thanksgiving time. The students and teachers were very much surprised but were anxious that I go as well.

On January 7th, 1922 we sailed for China. This was my first Ocean trip and I enjoyed every bit of it. We arrived at the station in Kinkwa China, on the 22nd of February 1922.

My first year and a half was spent in language study, full time the first year and half time the second year, and every year after that as time afforded. Part time during the second year I worked with one of the Chinese teachers writing the material for the Training Course. There was nothing in Chinese available in Methods, Management etc. My third year I began teaching from the material that we had worked out. This was all done in Chinese. I am not sure what the students learned but I learned a great deal. What looks fine on paper does not always work in reality. We were changing the material all the time to get the best results.

My first furlough came after school in June of 1926. It was saddened by the death of my only brother (kicked by a horse). I got off the train at ten P.M. heard the news and boarded the train the next morning to attend the funeral. My coming home was a blessing to my mother and to my sister-in-law and their unborn child.

In September of '26, I re-entered my school to complete my B.S. degree. This was completed in summer of 1927. That fall I spent in reading and preparing to return to the field. I arrived on the field in 1928.

This term of service was some difficult as the revolution of '27 had taken place and all places of responsibility in schools had been taken over by the Chinese and the schools registered with the government. Our High school had to make a choice between training teachers or preparing students for college. The committee chose the latter. They were sorry in a year or so but nothing could be done then. The government took over the training of teachers, reduced the standard and type of teacher. We continued to use our own High school graduates giving them 'in-service-training'. This was my task and it proved a very challenging one and the teachers really learned more on the job than in the class room. Besides this supervision and training, I seemed to 'pinch-hit' in most all positions when others went on furlough or when someone decided she did not want that position. This 'putty' job was good experience and I certainly learned about all the tasks on a mission field.

In Feb. of 1931 following a five weeks trek in the villages, I returned to the mission house. That night I had a severe attack of Gall Bladder trouble. After a week the mission doctor sent me to Shanghai where I was operated on March 1st. I was to leave the hospital when the Chinese doctor discovered a blood clot. This was partially absorbed. I returned to the House in Shanghai from the Seventh Day Adventist Sanitarium. A Norwegian nurse was going to Norway via U.S.A.

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agreed to bring me home. We arrived in May and I went to bed for nearly three months. I was determined that I would get well and the Dr. said only one way, stay in bed. In September the doctor gave me permission to go around the Districts with a group if I did not walk too much nor carry any heavy cases. From that time on I continued to improve and in the Spring of 1934 I went to Presbyterian College of Christian Education for a refresher course.

Here my plans were changed. The head of the Bible department was determined that I work on a M.A. degree. She arranged that the courses I had taken would count. She also arranged for me to take two correspondence courses after I returned to China.

I arrived on the Field in August of 1934. Because of a semi-revolution in Fukien, I was sent to Peiping to study Mandarin, the language the government was trying to make the universal one. This was another great experience and a great help in the school work as all teaching in schools had to be done in that dialect. I returned to Ningjwa on Jan. 1st 1935.

During this term I also had various positions, Bible Women, Bible school work, helping to prepare women and men for Sunday Pastors, supervision of the schools, preaching in the churches etc. It was my privilege this term to begin definite training for Lay workers, as well as training for workers. Our higher course was given in Foochow at the Theological College, several of the women from the Bible were able to qualify and took the advanced training. The Lay work was a boom to the churches in the villages as they had permanent leaders, the pastors moved and then the leadership was gone. It was during this term that I began an Institute for the Preachers' wives. Some of the preachers had wives who had very little education, were not able to help in the church work. These women were, I believe the most appreciative (except the Ladies) of all the groups that attended Institutes.

In 1936 I returned again on furlough. I returned to the Presbyterian College of Christian Education in January of 1940, where I completed my work for my Master's Degree in December. Since there was no mid-term graduation, I returned in June of '41 and was admitted with the class of '41. My Thesis was on "The Origin and Development of the Principle Versions of the Chinese Bible". This material was to be used to write a text book in Biblical Studies for the High School. War prevented this and my return to the field in 1941. I was already to sail the day after Christmas but war was declared before that time. The year 1942 I spent itinerating here in U.S.A. Finally in 1947 I had permission to return to China. This was taken across the Atlantic, around Africa, to India, over the Hump by plane to China, across all the provinces to the coast. It was accomplished without any accidents altho we were in bombings and other raids.

War was still in progress and we had made shift teaching and did not know what might happen. We were able to help some of the C.I.'s who were sent to train the Chinese. There was never a time when witnessing for Christ was not uppermost in my life.

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During this term the Chinese-Japanese war stopped. Things were beginning to return to normal when the Communist threat came on the horizon.

At the Annual Conference of 1944 I was ordained 'Local Deacon' as well as some of the Chinese girls later. In 1946, I was ordained 'Local Elder'. It was a great joy to me to see four of my Bible students ordained "Local Elders at the Centennial in 1947. One hundred years of Methodist Missions in Fukien. Little did anyone fully realize that in less than ten years all Missionaries would be out of China.

My furlough was due in fall of '49 but as things began to grow worse it was thought advisable for me to leave in May of '49. This I did. It was not long after this that the Communists took over Fukien as they had done in the North and West.

The Fall of '49 I spent speaking and attending Conferences. Since the China field seemed to be closed I began to think about another field of Service.

Ever since the Unification of the churches I had wanted to go South to see things there at first hand. I decided to go to George Peabody and get a M.A. degree in Secondary Education. I entered the College in January 1950. I lived at Scarritt college taking courses in Anthropology under Dr. Brown. I was graduated from George Peabody in the Summer of 1950. During the time there I was approached about going to So. Rhodesia to teach in the Teacher Training school. Since that was one of my interests I agreed.

I sailed for So. Rhodesia in Oct. 1950 arriving at the station on the 17th of November. Schools were in the last days of the school year so I made myself useful going out to help with the examining of the Day schools.

I began my teaching in the Teacher Training school in January of 1951. I was a bit disappointed after I arrived on the field to find that the Teacher Training Course was for lower primary work, in which I had had no training or experience. However, I began to make the best of it and after the first year managed to get down to the level of the students' understanding. The students take the course all in Eng. which is a foreign language to them. Witnessing for Christ and trying to get others to believe in Him is the same the world over and the students of the Training school soon found a way into my heart.

We were in very crowded conditions for the first two and a half years, then we moved into a new building and had room to breathe as well as work. Beginning in May of 1954, I became Principal of the school. After moving into the new building we increased the student body to over a hundred instead of the 40 or 50 we had before. Even with this increase only a small fraction of the students got into school. It was heart breaking for me to have to refuse so many. Only sixty to ten in out of 600 to 700 applications.

I was to have come on furlough in 1956, but since the person who was to take over did not return, I stayed over a year rather than send half of the class that I had taken in home in the middle of their course.

I arrived home in February this year (1957). I expect to return to the Field in Jan. 1958 to help start the Higher Teacher Training Course at Old Umtali, So. Rhodesia.. (D.V)

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**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. *Sylvia Evelyn Aldrich*
2. Home address. *Lions, Michigan*
3. Place and date of birth. *Lions, Michigan*
4. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United States, for convenience in case of emergency.
  - Mrs. Hester Aldrich, Hackett, Michigan*
  - Mrs. Carly Washburn - 205 Grand Avenue, Hackett, Michigan 2/26/24.*
  - Adelia Aldrich, Lions, Michigan*

5. Education:

Names of schools.	Periods of Study.	Dates of Graduation.	Degrees
<i>Michigan State Normal College</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>Life</i>
<i>Michigan State Normal College</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>1918</i>	<i>Life</i>

6. Positions in America occupied before appointment.

*Teacher, District High School, Hackett, Michigan*  
*Teacher, School system, Hackett, Michigan*

*Teacher, Michigan Teachers' retirement office*

7. Date of appointment. 8. Branch.

9. Appointment on the foreign field.

10. Daughter of missionary? 11. Student volunteer?

12. Remarks.

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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.

FURLOUGH:

5/1939 - 8/1943 A Presbyterian College of Christian Education  
1941 MA in Bible and Religious Education  
1942 Conference Course of Study (Ministerial) course  
not completed.  
War prevented return to field as end of regular  
furlough.  
1943 to Hingwa, Fukien, China  
1949 Advisor and Instructor in Senior High School in the  
surrounding villages  
1949 Furlough - Lectures - attended meetings  
1/1950 to  
3/1950 at Scarritt College MA  
October 20, 1950 sailed to Capetown  
Old Umali Mission  
P.B.P. 24 Umali  
U. Rhodesia, Africa, Teacher training school

FINAL DESTINATION:

Note: No file material  
since 1954.

PRE-MISSIONARY EMPLOYMENT:

2 yrs. Teachers - Brighton High School  
Teacher - Flint School System  
Clerk - Michigan Teacher's retirement office  
Practical nursing

HOBBIES: Reading, good music, Tennis and other active sports.

EXPERIENCE IN WORK OF CHURCH:

Started at early age to take active part in church work. Later Y.W.C.A.  
work and devotional meeting for young people.

WORK IN FIELD:

China - Africa

1/1922 Hingwa, Foochow, China

6/1926 Hamilton Girls High

English and Normal Instruction

9/1926-27 Furlough - Ypsilanti State Normal Col. AB

9/1928-33 Sienyu, Hingwa, China - Educational Supervisor

Teacher and advisor of Hamilton Girls city Primary and  
rural schools.

4/1933 to Furlough Presbyterian College. special courses working on

6/1/31 MA degree in Bible and Religious Ed.

3/1934 to 7 months Working Language School

6/1934 1935-37 Michigan Women's School Training on Bible. Lay and  
District Bible Women's Instructor and advisor.

1937-39 Kenya

Advisor and Instructor, Junior High School, Primary schools,  
Bible Inst.

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July 11, 1955

NAME: Sylvia Evelyn Aldrich

BIRTHPLACE: Lyons, Michigan, August 8, 1896

FAMILY: Father - Died when family was very young

Mother - Mrs. Jessie Aldrich

1 brother, 2 sisters

PERMANENT ADDRESS: Hadley, Michigan

PRESENT ADDRESS: Old Umali, P.O. P.24 Umali, Co. Rhodesia, Africa

CHURCH: Lyons Methodist, Lyons, Michigan

CONFERENCE: Michigan

JURISDICTION: Northcentral

DATE OF COMPLETION: Fall 1921

FIELD OF SERVICE: China

FIRST SAILING: Hingwa City, China January 1922

FINAL DESTINATION: Hamilton Girls High, Hingwa, China

EARLY LIFE: Was one of four children raised by widowed mother who was  
Methodist and gave her children a religious background.

EDUCATION:

Lyons High School	1916	Diploma
Mich. State Teachers College	1918	Normal Certificate
	1927	A.B.
Presbyterian College	1930	Special Study
Christian Education	1931	MA Bible and Religious Ed.
Conference Course of Study (Industrial)	1932	Not completed

EMPLOYMENT:

Special courses, teaching and religious education

WORK IN FIELD: 1922-26 Hingwa, Foochow, China.  
Hamilton Girls High - English and Normal Instruction.  
1928-33 Sienyu, Hingwa, China.  
Educational Supervisor. Teacher and advisor of Hamilton Girls's City  
Primary and Rural schools.  
1935-37 Hingwa Women's Training Inst. Lay and District Bible Women's  
instruction and advisor.  
1937-39 Sienyu, Hingwa, China.  
Advisor and instructor, Jr. High School, primary schools, Bible Inst.  
1943-49 Hingwa, Fukien, China.  
Advisor and instructor, senior high schools in the surrounding villages.  
1950 Transferred to Africa.  
Old Umtali Mission, PBP 24, Umtali, So. Rhodesia Africa.  
Teacher training school

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*Wang 1954 - Principal - Teacher Training School - Umtali, So. Rhodesia.*

*Export to Africa to field Umtali, 1958.*

Roderick Dail from: Mrs A Feeney

August 1, 1955

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Michigan State Teachers College - 1918 - Normal Certificate

MISSIONARY TRAINING: Special courses. Teaching and religious education.

PRE-MISSIONARY EMPLOYMENT: 2 yrs. Teacher - Brighton High School.  
Teacher - Flint School System. (Clark School)  
Clerk - Michigan Teacher's retirement office.  
Practical nursing.

HOBBIES: Reading, good music, Tennis and other active sports.

EXPERIENCE IN WORK OF CHURCH: Started at early age to take active part in church work.  
Later YWCA work and devotional meeting for young people.

FURLOUGHS: 1926-27 Ypsilanti State Normal College - A.B.  
1933-34 Presbyterian College. Working on M.A. degree in Bible and Religious  
Education.  
Peking Language School - 4 months.  
1939-43 Presbyterian College 1941-M.A. - Religious Ed.  
Conference course of study - 1942 - Ministerial course not com-  
pleted. War prevented return to field at end of regular furlough.  
1949-50 Scarritt College - January to August 1950 M.A. Course in Bible

3-1-51 - Jan. 5-8 Interdenominational Workshop - Chicago Federated Faculties.  
Chicago University.  
Attended all District meetings before itinerancy began. Attended  
Conference on Missions, Beech Hill Falls; Jurisdictional Conf., Detroit;  
Michigan Conf. School of Missions; Furloughed Missions Conf.  
38th Annual Assembly of Women Ministers; Prayer Retreat  
Wesley Woods, Mich

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