

ARGELANDER, FRANK A.

U Z I The "re united " Argelander family
Christmas 1941 in Lakewood Ohio

Standing Frank Henry and Frank A.

Seated, Clara, Alice, Ruth, Edward and Helen May

Frank attends E. C. I. a Methodist school
in Evanston

Arglander, Frank August
 Present Address: Cleveland, Ohio
 Birth: 29 Apr 1880
 Birth place: Cleveland, Ohio
 Appointed: 1913
 Withdrawn: 1915
 Death: 1915
 No. 4
 Cut Miss Soc. Photo
 House (1913-1915)
 Education - Degree: B.A. Baldwin Wallace Academy (1913-1915)
 Wife or Husband: Clara Elizabeth Schleman Dec 15, 1919

Conference Relations
Huangsi 1921 (Zull);
 FIELDS OF LABOR
Manpei (Language), 18-
Kinkiang, 1 - Wm.
Nash College - Prof. of
Hist. & Geog. Nov. 19 -
Princ. of Higher Trij. Sch.,
and Heokai Chapel, N. 20 -
Aug. 1923

Kinkiang - Oct. 1924 -
Tokyo - Instructor in Aoyama
College 1927 - (Temp.
orary arrangement due to
war conditions in China)
Kinkiang, - Huangmei Dist. Mission-
ary, Nov. 1930 - Also Head of Eng.
Dept. of Higher Education, Nash Aca-
demy, Nov. 1930 -

BIOGRAPHICAL
A student of the
Western Missionary
College at Cleveland,
Ohio, in 1908.
Sailed for China in
1913.
Before entering college had
4 years' business experience in
N. Y. and eight years in Cleve-
land, Ohio.

Absent From Field Aug. 23 - Sept. 11, 1924;
Jan. 20, 1931 -

Joined M. E. Ch. Cleveland,
Ohio, in 1908
Returned to preach in 1916

Studies of the 4th year, 1926

Full mem. Huangsi Conf. 1921

Helen Mary Argelander, born October 14, 1921, at Kiukiang, China
Frank Henry " " April 14, 1923
Ruth Eleanor " " February 15, 1928
Edward James " " July 25, 1930, Wuhu, China (Gen. Hospital)

Father - Mr. ^(died in 1905) Frank Argelander

Mother

Oakers

~~2334 West 125th St,~~

~~Mrs. Argelander, 14505 Baldwin Ave.,~~

~~14505 Baldwin~~

14505 Baldwin Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio (2/11/31)

Present Address	Birth	Appointed	Withdrawn	Death	No.
Angelander Clara Elizabeth Schlemmer	June 9	Arr. on Field			
From	Place			Cut Miss Soc.	House
Brea, Ohio	Cleveland Ohio			Photo	
Wife or Husband	Education - Degree				
Frank August Angelander Dec 15, 1919	A. B. Baldwin Wallace '18				

Conference Relations

FIELDS OF LABOR

Kisugai

Tokyo, Japan (because of war conditions in China) April 1922-

BIOGRAPHICAL

Joined Methodist Episcopal Church in 1910
By student volunteer
taught school one year
Sailed November 27, 1919

A sister, Miss Laura Schlemmer is a teacher of English in the Knowles Bible Sch.

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Jan. 20, 1931-

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Name: Clara Elizabeth Argelander (Mrs. Frank A.)
Permanent American Address: 1108 Foster St. Evanston, Illinois

Where Born: Cleveland, Ohio

Parents names: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schleman (deceased)

Schools - Colleges - Degrees (years)
Baldwin Wallace College 1918 B.A.

What work (where? when?) between school and missionary service:

Taught English and History in { Royatton High School
for one year { Parma Ohio

When appointed a missionary (or deaconess or pastor): 1919

If ordained, when? where? by? —

When did you first go into mission work? where stationed?
1919 Married to F. Argelander in Shanghai, China 1919

Places of service -- types of work -- institutions -- years, etc:

Homemaker in China Also teacher. Stationed in China 1919 to 1931
Japan 1927-28 China 1937-41
Liberia 1947-50
Austria 1951-56

Served in various capacities as dormitory matron, directing kitchen and dining room, teaching various subjects in mission schools at home and abroad

Wood Junior College - matron and cook
Evanston Collegiate Institute - cook
North China American School - boarding department

Foreign languages spoken; other talents:
Chinese and German

Any books written? special research? please describe:

Description of your special work on field (needs of people, opportunities, numbers reached, plans for future, etc.) Anything else of interest to church people or newspaper readers:

WORLD DIVISION - RETIRED MISSIONARY
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Please record the following change of address:

FROM:

Mrs. Frank A. Argelander (Clara E)
Sechshauser Strasse 56/7
Vienna, Austria

TO:

Deceased
(Survived by husband)

Harry Greenberg
Assistant Treasurer
HG:lc 12/20/69

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 19, 1969

REV. FRANK A. ARGELANDER

(1890 - 1975)

"Neither death, nor life ... shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8:38, 39.

In his 1974 New Year Letter to his friends, the Rev. Frank Argelander wrote: "Because of Him life has been worth living and I look in confidence to that future existence for which this earthly life is but a preparatory schooling."

This "future existence" began for him on August 23, 1975 when he passed away in a hospital near the home of his daughter in Chesterland, Ohio. In the August issue of the ROBINCROFT REPORTER, we quoted Mr. Argelander as saying that he was "reluctantly leaving" for several months' vacation and would "miss his cozy room and the 'leisure table' as well as the kindness and good will shown him at Robincroft." Robincroft will surely miss him - this gentle, good humored man with his tremendous concern for the future of the world and an especial regard for young people.

Frank Argelander was born in Brooklyn on April 29, 1890 of German parentage. His childhood was drab and shadowed by poverty and lack of opportunity. At the age of eleven he dropped out of grade school and worked at various jobs for the next twelve years. When he was 18, a great change took place in him by a religious experience which resulted in his return to schooling. He graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College, Brea, Ohio in 1918 and went to China that same year.

He was privileged to spend many active years as a missionary teacher and preacher on four continents in different nations - China and Japan, Georgia and Mississippi in the USA, Liberia in West Africa and Austria in Europe. His wife, Clara, to whom he was married 50 years, shared these experiences with him. They had five children.

He retired from active service in 1957 and lived in Greencastle, Indiana before coming to California in 1965. He lived in Claremont prior to coming to Robincroft on January 15, 1972. He has traveled extensively both in the United States and abroad since becoming a resident here.

Also in the New Year Letter he concludes with this poem:

The Christ who came to break the barriers down,
Set up by barren creeds,
Across the globe from zone to zone,
Like sunlight he proceeds....
He came to give the world's starved heart
The perfect love it needs.

"Like sunlight he proceeds ..."

The time for a memorial service at Robincroft will be announced.

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FROM:

TO:

Rev. Frank A. Argelander
Meyer Hall 30
275 Robincroft Drive
Pasadena, Calif. 91104

DECEASED 8/23/75

per Ltr. 8/28/75
Robincroft
Abby Westenberg
Administration Secty
275 Robincroft Drive
Pasadena, Calif. 91104

S. JOSEPH BOZEK 1423

EFFECTIVE DATE

The Reverend Frank A. Argelander has been a missionary to China for the past fove years, serving under the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kiukiang. His mission station is/a city situated 450 miles from Shanghai on the ~~Yantze~~ ⁱⁿ Yantze River and is the center of the porcelain and silk industries of that part of interior China. At Kiukiang, which means in Chinese "Nine Rivers", the Methodist mission establishment embraces schools of several kinds under the Women's Foreign/ Missionary Society, William Nast College and the Water-of-Life Hospital maintained by the Board of Foreign Missions. Twenty-seven white missionaries are at work there in their various specialties, many of them engaged in educational work on the faculties of the different mission schools. The results of mission work at Kiukiang, according to reports to headquarters is "limited only by funds and the strength of the mission staff". Mr. Argelander is actively associated ~~with~~ or familiar with the entire operation ~~at~~ at Kiukiang of the ~~many-sided~~ many-sided task of establishing the Christian religion in a heathen land, and organizing a native church and educating leaders from among the ~~if~~ converts themselves.

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Name: Frank W. Anglander

Permanent American Address: 19205 Longview Rd, Maple Heights, Ohio
1100 Foster St. Evanston, Ill. ^{during April} April 1, 1957

Where Born: Brooklyn, N.Y.
April 29, 1890

Parents names: both deceased Frank and Augusta Anglander

Schools - Colleges - Degrees (years)

St. Winifred's Catholic and Prep. School 1910
Columbia, Union Seminary 1932

What work (where? when?) between school and missionary service:

Before entering school was with NYC as bill clerk

When appointed a missionary (or deaconess or pastor):

appointed to China 1918

If ordained, when? where? by? in Michigan, China, by Bishops John and Samuel
1920

When did you first go into mission work? where stationed?

1918 in Language School, Hankow, China
1919 Illinois West College, Michigan, China

Places of service -- types of work -- institutions -- years, etc:

Illinois West College, Teacher and treasurer, 1919-25, 1932-31
Noyama Seminary, Tokyo, Japan, Teacher, 1927-28 (wasuction from China)
St. John's Seminary, St. John, China, 1932-37 (wasuction from China)
St. John's Seminary, St. John, China, 1937-41 (wasuction from China)
Principal, Teacher and Chaplain
Pastor in two churches, Cleveland, Ohio, 1942-44
St. John's Seminary, St. John, China, Teacher 1944-46
Assistant of College of St. John, Toronto, Canada 1947-50
Pastor of St. John's Church, Victoria, British Columbia 1951-55

Foreign languages spoken; other talents:

Chinese, Japanese, French.

Any books written? special research? please describe:

Occasional articles and church papers in earlier years.
I was a frequent contributor to the "Political and Social" section of the "World" magazine, and also to the "Political and Social" section of the "World" magazine.
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Description of your special work on field (needs of people, opportunities, numbers reached, plans for future, etc.) Anything else of interest to church people or newspaper readers:

For many years I worked with students.
I have many friends in America... only the best groups

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When appointed a missionary (or deaconess or pastor):

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1919 William West College, Hankin, China

Places of service -- types of work -- institutions -- years, etc:

William West College, teacher and treasurer, 1919-23, 1924-31
Woyama Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan Teacher, 1927-28 (vacation from China)
S. T. S. Seminary, T. S. S. for 12 1932-37 Dean, teacher.
North China American School, 1937-41 (principal, teacher, Chinese
principal, teacher and deacon
Pastor in two churches, Cleveland, Ohio 1942-44
Wood Junior College, Madison, Miss. Teacher 1944-46
President of College of West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va. 1947-50
Pastor of Second Methodist Church, Vienna, Austria 1951-55

Foreign languages spoken; other talents:

Chinese and German.

Any books written? special research? please describe:

Occasional articles for church papers in earlier years.
I was always interested in the religious and political conditions of the people
as well as the political situations and the pressure of daily work
prevented me from giving much time to these matters.

Description of your special work on field (needs of people, opportunities, numbers reached, plans for future, etc.) Anything else of interest to church people or newspaper readers:

For many years I worked in the field of education.
I was always interested in the religious and political conditions of the people
as well as the political situations and the pressure of daily work
prevented me from giving much time to these matters.
I was very happy that I had some influence in
winning some people for the missionary task who are now engaged in
that great program. Former students are now pastors and teachers in
America and on the foreign field.

W. W. Reid
Board of Missions and Church Extension
of the Methodist Church
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The Rev. Frank A. Argelander, president of the College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia, and a former missionary-educator in China, will be the guest-speaker at

on

. Mr. Argelander, now on furlough in the United States, will speak on his experiences of recent years in Liberia, the oldest mission field of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Argelander first entered the missionary service of the Methodist Church in 1918, after twelve years of business experience in New York and in Cleveland. He was assigned that year to the William Nast College in Kiukiang, Kiangsi Province, China, and his China mission service which ended in 1940 was all in that city and in its environs. During the period, he was at various times professor of Bible and of English in the College, principal of the primary school, district missionary organizing churches and schools in the villages and towns surrounding Kiukiang, and treasurer of the Methodist mission. For a period he was also principal of the School for American Children in Tungchow, North China. While home in America, he was for a period on the faculty of Mt. Zion School, Mt. Zion, Georgia.

In 1947, Mr. Argelander was recommissioned a missionary of the Methodist Church and assigned to the principalship of the oldest educational institution of the Board of Missions overseas -- the College of West Africa. This institution was founded by Methodism's first overseas missionary, the Rev. Melville B. Cox in 1832. Although it has had its "ups and downs" through the century because of the illness of missionary principals due to Monrovia's climate, it has been the school at which most of the republic's ablest leaders have been trained.

Mr. Argelander was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was educated at Baldwin-Wallace College, Garrett Biblical Institute, and Union Theological Seminary.

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During all these years Mrs. Argelander was both a homemaker and a teacher. She worked especially among the women of China and of Liberia; and sometimes she was in charge of dormitories, and directed the activities of the kitchen and the dining rooms. All of these skills came into later good service when she undertook to make homes and to give food and clothing to refugees who fled from the communists in Hungary.

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