ALDRICH, SYLVIA EVELYN
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Miss Aldrich was retired January 1, 1964 after 39 years of service.
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Questions and Answers. A shortened booklet
May 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM

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.
Sylvia Evelyn Aldrich a retired missionary died May 11, 1952 in Hadley, Michigan. She was born in Lyons, Michigan, August 8, 188X. In 1916 she graduated from Ypsilanti Normal (now Michigan State Teachers College) and received a B.S. degree there in 1927. She received a M.A. degree in 1931 from Presbyterian College of Christian Education and a M.A. degree in 1938 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 Hsinchu, as teacher and advisor, and also instructor at Hay Training Institute for District Bible Schools. (Yes, 1920-31 and 1937-39, she served as educational supervisor and instructor at primary and junior high schools in Hsinchu and taught the district Bible lessons. She was ordained local elder in 1936 and had the joy of seeing 1 of her Bible students ordained local elder at the 1947 Centennial of Methodist Missions in Fujian.

Sylvia Aldrich returned in 1950 for furlough. In the fall of 1951, she went to southern Shansi to teach at the Teacher Training School in Taiyuan. In the spring of 1952, 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 2 out of the 50 to 70 new applicants could be accepted. She helped start the Higher Teacher Training Course at Taiyuan in 1952.

Sylvia Aldrich worked in Hunan, and later served as inspector of teachers in the Hunan area. In 1951 in Hsinchu, she was director of her own mission group, taught Sunday School for the children of Hsinchu Primary School, and a church. She also taught at one of the seven schools of district served as session pres. from 1945-1948, the chairman of that district program area for mutual church.
BIRTH: Date: August 8, 1896

Place: Lyons, Michigan

CITIZENSHIP: U.S.A. Yes NATURALIZED:

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Group: W.S.C.F.

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NAME: Alrich, Sylvia E.
FIELD: China.

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BIRTH: Date: Aug. 8, 1896
Place: Lyons, Ill.

CITIZENSHIP: U.S.A. NATURALIZED:

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1. Full name

2. Permanent address

3. Place and date of birth

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?

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 think 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?

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, no God and:

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 part of the expense incurred on your account as the Society may judge equitable?
15. (a) What special field, if any, do you prefer? 
(b) What reasons have you for this preference? 
(c) Are you, nevertheless, willing to go wherever the Board may deem it best to send you? 

16. (a) To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign-Missionary Society? 
(b) Have you carefully studied its constitution and by-laws and are you willing to be governed by them? 

17. Have you any views which would prevent your cordial co-operation with the missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal Church? 

18. Would you be willing to give up any personal habit which might grieve your fellow missionaries and lessen your influence for good? 

19. Have you any scruples against the use of medicine? 

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

21. Does your experience lead to the conclusion that you can cheerfully acquiesce in the decision of a majority? 

22. Are responsibilities calmly and cheerfully borne? 

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? 

24. What is the condition of your health? 

(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.

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Give list of subjects you are prepared to teach.

What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them?

Can you play the piano or organ? 
Can you lead in song? 

Have you any knowledge of bookkeeping? 
Can you write stenography?

What other business training have you had?
26. Have you had practical experience?
(a) If in Mission, Church or Y. W. C. A. work, give time and place.
(b) If a teacher, name the schools and the time in each, the grades and subjects taught.
(c) If a physician, have you had hospital experience?
   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?

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:
HISTORY OF MY LIFE:

I, Sylvia E. Aldrich was born on a farm in 'Tunisian Hallow', Lyon Township, Eaton County, Michigan, August 8th, 1866. Early childhood was spent on a farm near Paris, Michigan. Then, at nearly five years old, we moved to a farm near Calo, Michigan. There I lived 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 he 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 those 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 house in the various places where we lived. After moving to Lyons I entered school there and completed my grade and high school education. In the fall of 1886, I entered the Michigan State Teacher's College where I worked for the two years of the normal course. I was accepted from this course in June 1888. In the fall of that year I began my first teaching at Burson, Michigan.

In the fall of 1887, I entered the Scenical Normal School (then known as Western Michigan State Teacher's College) where I worked for my normal work the two years of the normal course. I was accepted from that course in June 1889. In the fall of that year I began my first teaching at Burson, Michigan. I taught there until the fall of 1890.
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My Life History Con't.

She was the next day, talked to me for over an hour and then said:
"All you said for China in January?" This was very sudden and 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 of 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 Binheja, 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, etc., etc., etc. My third year I began teaching from the material that we had worked out. This was all 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 sabbatical came after school in June of 1925. It was saddened by the death of my only brother (killed by a horse). I got off the train at ten F... heard the news and boarded the train the next morning to attend the funeral. I came home and was a blessing to my mother and to my sister-in-law and to an orphan child.

In September of '25, I re-entered my 2nd year to go where I was directed. This was called the summer of '26. That fall I went in again and prepared to return to the field. I arrived in the field in '26.

This term of service was some 12 years in the revolution of '19 had taken place and all places of responsibility in schools had been taken over by the Chinese and the schools reverted to the government. Our High School had to make a choice between training teachers or preparing students for college. We chose the latter. They were some in your in so that nothing could be done with the government took over the training of teachers and reduced the standard and type of teacher. We continued to use our own high school curriculum giving them 'in-service-training.' While this was great, it proved very disheartening one and the teacher usually learned more on the job than in the class room. Besides this supervision and training, I seemed to be 'pinch-hitting' in most all positions when one went on furlough or when someone decided she did not want that position. This 'putty' job had good experience and I certainly learned about all the tasks on a mission field.

In Feb. of '27 following a five weeks trip in the village, I returned to the mission house. But there 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 Seminary. A Norwegian nurse was going to Korea via U.S.A.
History of My Life Cont'd.

agreed to bring us home. As we arrived in Jaiy 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 permission to go around the district with a group if I did not walk too much nor carry any heavy cases. From that time on I continued to improve. In the Spring of 1924 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 B.A. degree. She arranged that the courses I had taken would count. She also arranged for us to take two correspondence courses after I returned to China.

I arrived on the field in August of 1924. Because of the semi-revolution in Peking, we were sent to Peking to study Mandarin, the language the government was trying to make the universal one. This was another great experience and great help in the school work as all teaching in schools had to be done in that dialect. I returned to Manchuria in Jan. 1925.

During this term I also had various positions. Bible women, Bible school work, helping to prepare lesson plans for the teachers, supervision of the schools, preaching to the churches, etc. It was my privilege this term to be in training for lay workers, as well as training the teachers. Our higher course was given in Peking at Theological College, several of the students 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 no permanent leaders, the preachers moved and then the leadership was gone. It was during this term that I began Institute for the Presbyterians. Some of the preachers had wives who had very little education, they were not able to help in the church work. These women were, I believe the most appreciative (except the Laymen) of all the groups that attended Institute.

In 1926 I returned again on furlough. I returned to the Presbyterian College of Christian Education in January of 1926, where I completed my work for a 'Second' course in 1927. Since there was no short-term graduation, I returned in June of 1927 and was assigned with the class of '27. My major was on "The Origin and Development of the Principle Versions of the Chinese Bible." The material had to be used to write a textbook for Biblical studies for the High School. The principal and the classes were so well done that I was able to return to the field. I was anxious to call the war after Christmas but war was declared before that time. The year 1928 I spent tracking "vans in U.S. Finally in 1929 I had permission to return to China. This was taken across the Atlantic, around Africa, to India, over the Indian Ocean to China, across all the way down to the coast. It was accomplished without any accidents also no war in Borneo and other rains.

War was still in progress and we had extra shift teaching and I did not know what I was doing. We were able to help some of the F.C.L. who were left to train the Chinese. There was never a time when witnessing for Christ was not uppermost in my life.
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 one 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 '45 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 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 fall of 1956. 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 called 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 doing out to help with the examining of the last 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 English, which is a foreign language to them. Witnessing for Christ and trying to get others to believe in Him in this new land 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 that had room to work as well as teach. Beginning in May of 1954, I became Principal of the School. After moving into the new building, the increased 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 get into school. It was heart breaking for me to have to refuse so many. Only sixty were in out of 600 to 700 applications.

I was to have gone 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 at the Higher Teacher Training Course at Old West, Co. Rhodesia. (D.V.)
# 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 Uldrich**
2. Home address. **Lyon, Michigan**
3. Place and date of birth. **Lyon, Michigan**
4. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United States, for convenience in case of emergency.
   - Mrs. Carl Ashburn - 105 Grant Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan
   - Ada Ashburn - 1000 Ann Arbor, Michigan
5. Education:
   - Names of schools:
     - Michigan State Normal College 1918
     - Board of Education
   - Period of Study:
     - 1918
   - Dates of Graduation:
     - 1918
   - Degree:
     - B.A.
6. Positions in America occupied before appointment.
   - teacher
   - teacher
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:

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Note: No field material since 1950.
PRE-MISISONARY 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.

WORK 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 AFRI:

China - Africa
1/1922 Hsingwa, Foochow, China
6/1926 Hamilton Girls High
English and Normal Instruction
9/1926-27 Furlough - Ypsilanti State Normal Col. Ab
9/1928-33 Sienyu, Hsingwa, China - Educational Supervisor
Teacher and advisor of Hamilton Girls city Primary and Rural schools.

4/1933 to Furlough Presbyterian College, special courses working on
5/1/31 Bible and Bible and Hebrew.
1/1933 to 4 months Yung Lang Language School
1/1935-37 English and school training, English, Latin, and
District Bible Class's instructor and advisor.
1937-39 Sienyu
Advisor and Instructor, Junior High School, Primary schools,
while Inst.
for file copy only
from: A. Feeney
to: Mrs. P. Roderick Nail

July 11, 1955

NAME: Sylvia Evelyn Aldrich

BIRTHPLAC: Lyons, Michigan, August 9, 1896

FAMILY: Father - Died when family was very young
Mother - Mrs. Jesse Aldrich
1 brother, 2 sisters

PARENT: ST ANDR.: Hadley, Michigan
PARENT AGR.: Old Umtali, P. O. P.2h Umtali, So. Rhodesia, Africa

CHURCH: Lyons Methodist, Lyons, Michigan

COM. RIG.: Michigan

JURISDICTION: Northcentral

DATE OF CONC. LOC.: Cell 1921

FILL OF J.U.VI.C.: China

FIRST SAILING: Hsiangfu City, China January 1922

FINAL DESTINATION: Hamilton Girls High, Hsinjuss, China

EARLY LIf: 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

Dick. State Teachers College 1918 Normal Certificate

1927 B.S.

Presbyterian College 1934 Special Study

Christian Education 1941 M.A. Bible and Religious Ed.

Conference Course of Upper 1950 Not completed

Additional:

Special courses, teaching and religion education
WORK IN FIELD:
1922-26 Hingwe, Foochow, China. Hamilton Girls High - English and Normal Instruction.
1926-33 Sianyu, Hingwe, China. Educational Supervisor. Teacher and advisor of Hingwe Girls City Primary and Rural schools.
1933-37 Hingwe Women's Training Inst. Lay and District Bible Women's instruction and advisor.
1943-49 Hingwe, Fukiien, China. Advisor and instructor, senior high schools in the surrounding villages.

Notes: no file material since 1955.

May 1955 - Principal, Teacher Training School - Untali, So. Rhodesia.
Roderick Dale From: Mrs A Feeney

August 1, 1955

SYLVIA MTJN ALDRICH

BIRTHPLACE: Lyons, Michigan, August 8, 1896

FAMILY: Father - Died when family was very young, Mother - Mrs Jessie Aldrich, 1 brother and 2 sisters

PAST ADDRESS: Hadley, Michigan

PRESENT ADDRESS: Old Umhali, P.B.P. 2h Umhali, So. Rhodesia, Africa

CHURCH: Lyons Methodist, Lyons, Michigan

CONFERENCE: Michigan

JURISDICTION: Northcentral

DATE OF COMMISSION: Fall 1921

FIELD OF SERVICE: China

FIRST SAILING: Peking City, China January 1922

FINAL DESTINATION: Hamilton Girls High, Peking, 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 - Diploma
Michigan State Teachers College - 1918 - Normal Certificate

MISSIONARY TRAINING: Special courses, teaching and religious education.

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

Hobbies: Reading, good music, Tennis and other outdoor sports.

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

FURLOUGHS: 1926-27
Xpalluri State Normal College - A.B.

1933-34
Presbyterian College, Working on M.A. degree in Bible and Religious Education.
Peking Language School - 6 months.

1939-43
Presbyterian College 1941-M.A. - Religious Ed.
Conference, course of study - 1942 - Ministerial course not completed. Far prevented return to field at end of regular furlough.

1949-50
Scarratt College - January to August 1950-M.A. Contact: E. S.


e.g. Chicago University, Chicago, Illinois

Institutional Work - Chicago - United Methodist
Attended all District meetings before starting again.
Studied Conference on Mission; Board of Home; Jurisdiction; M.A. degree;
With the School of Mission; Fieldwork Abroad, 1949.

47th Annual Assembly & Western Conference; Prayer Retreat

131-63 West, Illl.
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