ANDERSON, MARY ALTHEA
February 5, 1927

MISS F. E. BARTLETT
W. E. CARPENTER

Miss Mary Anderson was born on the island of Mauritius, Feb. 14.

Miss Anderson was educated in France and attended the St. 
Missionary College in Paris. She graduated from Baillie/Irwin, Scotl. in 1895, cot-
land. She also attended the Hospital Nurse's Institute in Edin.

In October 1916, Miss Anderson sailed from France to be in her work
in India. Forte. It was there she was under appointment to the Church em-
ission. Miss Anderson was associated with the friendly and unselfish in their
work among the Banyans, the work the latter two families.

Miss Anderson was retired June 1, 1947. She resides in A
For (Angora) Libya, Sept. 10th.
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 11—the second daughter of missionary parents. She was educated in France at the lycée moliers in Paris and graduated from Bumbeil Missionary Training Home in Glasgow, Scotland. She was a trained nurse.

In 1906 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 habitues. After her retirement in 1945, 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 ALIENIST JOURNAL 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, 11. lo! I am forever with thee, I, thy rock, thy strength, thy sky. Thy sure refuge, only trust me. I am with thee all the way! By his strength overcome our weakness and there bursts a song of praise, From our heart, for he, our Jesus, he is with us all our ways!"
MEMORANDUM

June 3, 1963

To: Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
    Mrs. U.H. McCallum
    Mrs. Ann Brown
    Miss Derby
    Miss Atkins
    Mrs. Webster

From: Miss Ruth Lawrence

This is to inform you of the death on May 29th, 1963 of Miss Ivy

Miss Anderson retired from service in North Africa on June 1, 1946,
having served since 1914.

The closest relative with whom this office corresponds is: (a cousin)
Mr. Ralph J.J. Anderson
Umfield House, Stoke D'Abernon
Cobham, Surrey
ENGLAND

Ruth Lawrence
Executive Secretary
Africa, Europe

AF
NAME: Anderson, Mary Althea
FIELD: North Africa

BIRTH: Date: March 14, 1979
Place: Algiers

CITIZENSHIP: British
NATURALIZED:

RELATIVES:

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SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group          Conference          Jurisdiction
Women's Foreign Missionary Society, First Church, Foo Castle

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DATE OF COMMISSION: 1900
DATE OF FIRST SAILING: October 1900 (from "yanan")

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RESIGNATION:
NAME: Anderson, Mary A.
FIELD: Algiers, North Africa

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BIRTH: Date: March 14, 1879
NAME: Anderson, Mary Althea

Place: Algiers
FIELD: North Africa

British CITIZENSHIP: NATURALIZED: Date: Place:

RELATIVES:

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

HOME CHURCH:

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION:

Group| Conference| Jurisdiction
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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)

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**NAME:**  Mary B. Anderson  
**FIELD:**  Alqin, U. Africa  
**APPOINTMENTS:**  French Evangelistic Work  

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**Comments**
- Recall to U.S. for one year 1920-1921.  
- Large summer 1921.  
- French Evangelistic Work.  
- Called back to U.S. in 1922.  
- Left Algiers to study in U.S.  
- Left U.S. in August 1923.  
- French Evangelistic Work.  

**Note:** My home not being in the U.S. I only spend such time there as was deemed necessary for visiting Churches, Colleges or Camps.  
**Note:** the 'real' period being spent from July to Sep 1921.  
**Note:** From July to Jan 29.  
**Note:** From May to end of Sep 38 with my family in France and England.
**Name:** Mary Althea Anderson  
**Place:** Algiers  
**Field:** N. Africa  

**Citizenship:** British  

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**Home Church:**

**Sharing Organization:** Women's Foreign Missionary Society (1st Church Newcastle)

**Education:** Educated in France

**Institution**  
**Date**  
**Degree**

**Date of Commission:** 1908  
**Date of First Going:** October 1908

**First Going To:**

**Retirement:**

**Resignation:**
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 ____________________________

STREET ADDRESS ____________________________

CITY ____________________________ STATE ____________

BIRTH DATE ____________________________

NEXT OF KIN ____________ (all the members of my family already Called Home)

STREET ADDRESS ____________________________

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.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Executive Secretary

[Handwritten note:]

X COLETTES: My closest friend. She is quite pleasant, I think. Made here 4 years ago, a lovely Christian. I visited her recently, but she does not speak English. My retirement started on 1st July 1961. Her last letter was on 1st October. She has started a new job on 1st December. The Superintendent of the Methodist Mission would be. If necessary, the best person to write to would be

The Superintendent - Methodist Mission

El Béar, Algiers
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church

FORM 1.

1. Full name. Mary Allen Anderson.
2. Residence. 68 rue Bourg, Algiers, Algeria.
3. Place and date of birth. France, April 14, 1879.
4. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord? Answer this question somewhat in detail. I have been led to an acceptance of Christ as my Saviour by a conviction of the necessity of the Holy Spirit in my life, because of the grace and love of God in Jesus Christ. (Please give your testimony of faith.)
5. Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a regular attendant upon its services and are you fully informed as to public doctrine as set forth in Part 1, Division 1, of the Discipline? Yes.
6. Have you had special systematic study of the Scriptures? Yes. Also in my own home when I was a child.
7. Do you desire to come under the influence of the Church, and are you 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.
8. Are you a total abstainer from all forms of alcoholic beverages and from opium, cocaine and other narcotics? Yes.
9. What is the condition of your health? (Answer questions in Form Two and procure testimony of a competent physician according to Form Three.) Good.
10. 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.
11. To what extent are you acquainted with the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society? I have lived in Algiers since 1895. I have been a member of the Foreign Missionary Society since 1899. I have attended all public meetings of the society.
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.
17. What languages other than English have you studied, and with what facility do you acquire them? I have at my command a knowledge of French, Italian and Spanish. I have studied Arabic, Hebrew and some Chinese.
18. Have you a knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental? No.
19. Have you had business training, and in what line? Yes.
20. What positions have you held in business or professional life? Yes.
21. Executive ability. Provide testimonials relative to your success in teaching and in the management of financial matters.
22. Have you been married? Yes, to your husband living.
23. Are you engaged to be married? No.
25. Is any one dependent upon you for support? No.
26. Give names and addresses of at least ten persons, including teachers, instructor 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. [List of names and addresses.]
27. A photograph should accompany your application.
28. Have you read the rules applying to missionaries and do you promise to abide by them? Yes.

Signed Mary Anderson.

Date March 8th, 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?
   (6) Some classes or 7 to 8 hours in study with less than a week for extracurricular work.

4. Does brain work in the evening prevent sleep at night? No —

5. (a) Have you ever had any difficulty in sleeping at night? Yes — missionary is still without such a privilege —
   (b) Do you now have any difficulty in sleeping at night? No —

6. Have you ever applied for a life insurance policy? Yes, if yes, was your application granted, and by what company? Yes, yes.

7. Have you ever been under the professional care of any physician? Yes, state when, for what disease or diseases, and give address of physician, if living. — No —

8. Are you specially sensitive to the heat of summer? Yes —

9. Have you ever suffered from:
   (a) Neuralgia
   (b) Headache
   (c) Nervous Exhaustion
   (d) Dizziness
   (e) Pain in the back
   (f) Fits
   (g) Convulsions
   (h) Paralysis
   (i) Apoplexy
   (j) Insanity
   (k) Sunstroke
   (l) Fainting
   (m) Discharge from the ear
   (n) Habitual Cough
   (o) Asthma
   (p) Pleurisy
   (q) Pulmonary
   (r) Chronic Catarrh
   (s) Spitting of Blood
   (t) Consumption
   (u) Shortness of Breath

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? No,

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?
   (a) Brain
   (b) Nervous System
   (c) Muscular System
   (d) Heart
   (e) Abdominal Organs

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? November 14, 1867

Date March 8th

Signature: [Signature]

Address: 38 rue Foreign, Algeria

City: 0. African

Date: March 8th
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, Eliza Anderson. 2. Present residence: 68 rue Reveil, Algeria.


4. Place and date of birth: Island of Mauritius, April 14, 1879.

5. Names and addresses of nearest relatives in the United, for convenience in case of emergency:
   - None.

6. Educated at what institutions and in what specialty:

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.
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 Iourg—Algiers, Algeria

3. Place and date of birth. Island of Mauritius, Jan. 14th, 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. H. Anderson, 37 Rue de la Croix, Paris, France.

5. Education:
Educated at the Babtiste, Paris, and has one in the France diploma.
Graduate of the Edinburgh Training institute 1910, in current.ai Edinburgh, Scotland.

6. Positions in America occupied before appointment.

7. Date of appointment. 1916

8. Branch. Emil


10. Daughter of missionary? Yes

11. Student volunteer? No

12. Remarks.

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.
British citizenship,

Miss Mary Anderson, retired missionary, Algeria, 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 their home. The father worked with the McCall Mission in Paris from 1841 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 the war there was no home or family in France to which they could return. They are both in very bad health as 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.
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Parents were missionaries in French Colony - British Island of Mauritius. Miss Anderson first went to Algiers from France in October 1908.

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