

# **Guide to the Mildred Simonds Journals**

1903-1945



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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

### Biographical Note

Mildred Simonds (1876-1969) was a Methodist Episcopal Church missionary to India for forty years. She received a certificate from the State Normal School in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, in 1895. In 1902 she graduated from the Chicago Training School. Prior to entering mission work, Simonds taught school in Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois. In 1903 she was a teacher for one year at Chaddock Boys' School in Chicago. During her time at Chaddock she was consecrated as a deaconess.

In 1905 she was accepted as a missionary by the Des Moines Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and a year later she sailed for India. From 1906 to 1927 Simonds was stationed at Vikarabad in the South India Conference. She was involved in evangelistic and education work including supervising village and night schools and adult education. From 1927 to 1938 Simonds was stationed at Tandur and Narayanpet. She also worked at Dalthabad in 1942. During her missionary years, Simonds took four furloughs: 1913, 1920, 1928, and 1936. She retired from missionary work in 1946.

### Scope and Content Note

This collection contains nine handwritten journals kept by Simonds while she was a missionary in India. The journals record her daily activities while serving in the mission field.

### Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The journals are organized chronologically.

### Related Material

Records of the Mission Education and Cultivation Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Microfilm Edition of the Mission Biographical Reference Files.

Records of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

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## Index Terms

### *Subject Terms*

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Women

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India

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### *Occupation Terms*

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