

# **Guide to the Papers of Mary Dumm**

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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

Mary Dumm (1916- ) was a Methodist Episcopal Church medical missionary to India. She received a B.A. from Swarthmore College in 1938, and an M. A. (1940) and a Ph.D. (1943) from Bryn Mawr College. Dumm was also a Harvard Medical School research fellow in biological chemistry.

From 1942 to 1944 she was an instructor of physiology and biochemistry at Bryn Mawr. In 1944 she became an instructor in the biochemistry department in the College of Medicine at New York University and remained there until 1956. While at N.Y.U. she also worked in the department of medicine with a research group conducting studies on nutrition and metabolic disease. Dumm became an adjunct assistant professor in biochemistry in 1950.

In 1956 she went to India and began work at Christian Medical College in Vellore, North Arcot, where she lectured in biochemistry and nutrition and was active in research.

### Scope Note

The Mary Dumm Papers document her work as a missionary. The bulk of this collection is correspondence written by Dumm to her parents, Elizabeth and Walter Dumm of Madison, New Jersey. Dumm wrote to her parents on a weekly basis while she was in India, and this correspondence is from 1959 to 1972. Several letter indices were included with the letters. These were probably prepared by her parents, but are not complete for the entire years. Also included in the correspondence are several postcards from a trip Dumm took to Europe in 1969. Other correspondence included in this collection is addressed to her parents and concerns Mary's work. Some of these letters were written by individuals who had visited or who had contact with Dumm while she was stationed in India. The remaining letters addressed to her parents are from the Vellore Christian Medical College Board, the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Global Ministries, and "Dear Friends" letters from other missionaries in India.

There are numerous news clippings regarding Dumm's work, life, and accounts of talks and presentations on her missionary experience in India. All the clippings have been photocopied from the originals because of deterioration. Programs and newsletters also document some of these presentations. Twenty-five black and white photographs are also included. All have been identified and dated. The second part of this collection documents the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India. Items in this section of the papers include publications, articles, miscellaneous materials such as brochures, book announcements, pamphlets, and news clippings.

## **Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

## **Subject Terms**

### ***Subject Names - Corporate***

Christian Medical College and Hospital

### ***Subject Topics***

Missions.

Women

### ***Subject Geographic***

India.

### ***Genre***

Articles

Clippings

Correspondence

Newsletters

Photographs.

Programs

Publications

### ***Occupations***

Missionary.

## Container List

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1305-3-5:18	Correspondence	1972
1305-3-5:20	Correspondence	1963-1968
1305-3-5:21	Correspondence--To Mr./Mrs. Dumm	1959-1971
1305-3-5:22	Correspondence--To Mr./Mrs. Dumm	1959-1968
1305-3-5:23	Correspondence--To Mr./Mrs. Dumm	1961-1965
1305-3-5:24	Correspondence--To Mr./Mrs. Dumm	1961-1970
1305-3-5:25	Programs	1959-1966
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