

Guide to the Anderson Family Papers

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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

Karl E. Anderson (1867-1946) and his wife, Emma Jennie Wardle Anderson (1878-1963), were education missionaries with the Methodist Episcopal Church in India from 1899 to 1932. Educated at Cornell College (M.A., 1899) in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, He was recruited as a missionary by Bishop James Mills Thoburn. Karl Anderson was appointed to India in June 1899 and sailed on October 21, 1899. He worked first in Madras (1899-1901) and later in Bangalore (1901-1909). On October 23, 1903 he married Emma Jennie Wardle.

In January 1909 Anderson returned to the United States on furlough and took a leave of absence from missionary work. He was active in the Upper Iowa and Northwest Iowa Conferences, but was later reappointed to India on November 19, 1913 to work in Kolar, Bangalore, and Bidar. From 1926 to 1930 he served as District Superintendent for Bidar. He retired June 1, 1932, and died at Glendale, California on September 5, 1946.

Emma Jennie Wardle Anderson was educated at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa (1903), and at the Chicago Training School. Before becoming a missionary, she taught music at the Chicago Training School from 1901 to 1902. She was first appointed to the India field in April of 1903 and sailed to India on September 19, 1903. In that year she married Karl Anderson. She worked with her husband in Kolar, Bangalore, and Bidar until their retirement in 1932.

Dorothea Anderson Kemper, missionary and educator, was the daughter of Karl and Emma Anderson. She served as a short-term educational missionary in southern India. She later taught religious education in the San Francisco Theological Seminary and in the California public schools.

Scope Note

This collection contains items related to the Karl E. Anderson family. The bulk of this collection are Karl Anderson's diaries which are dated 1897-1905, 1914-1915, 1924, 1926-1927, and 1929-1934. The diaries contain information about his daily experiences and religious observations. Other records include sermons and writings which are in outline format (undated), notes from which Anderson preached (undated), and a poem (undated). There are also several biographical materials (1931-1970) in this collection. Dorothea Anderson's materials of creative writings (undated) are located in a single folder. These items are mostly plays and articles on Indian mission subjects. There is also a folder of letters and articles (1933- 1945) by or about Bishop William F. Oldham. This includes correspondence from Oldham and a copy of his funeral service bulletin. Oldham was the subject of a 3,000 word biography written by Emma Anderson. Helen Rieger Emmerson has a manuscript (1970) on the history of the Lisbon, Iowa, United Methodist

Church. This piece covers the time period when Anderson pastored the church. In addition there are two photographs: one of the General Committee of the Foreign Mission Board from November 1913, and a second picture of the General Executive Committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society in October 1923. The two artifacts in this collection include a Bidar metal vase (undated) with a copy of a legend and a woven straw tray (undated).

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The collection is organized by record type. When possible, materials in the record types are arranged chronologically. All undated material will be found at the beginning of each folder in which they are located.

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

Preferred Citation

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, Anderson Family Papers, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the item's call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Index Terms

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Anderson, Dorthea
Anderson, Emma Jennie Wardle
Anderson, Emma Wardle
Emmerson, Helen Rieger
Oldham, William Fitzjames
Pickett, J. Waskom

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Missionaries
Women

Subject Geographic

India
Iowa

Genre

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Correspondence
Diaries
Obituaries
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Poetry
Sermons

Occupations

District Superintendent
Minister
Missionary

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