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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.

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### **Biographical Note**

Ethel Lindy Mabuce (1886- n.d.) was a Methodist Episcopal Church missionary to Burma. She attended Mayfield College (Missouri) and taught in the county schools of Missouri prior to becoming a missionary. Mabuce graduated from Chicago Evangelistic Institute in 1911 and from Taylor University (Indiana) in 1916. She worked as an assistant registrar there. Later that year she was appointed by the Des Moines Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and began work in Rangoon, Burma. In 1921 she was furloughed but did not return to the mission field because of ill health and her 1923 marriage to Reverend Christopher J. Soelberg.

### **Scope Note**

This collection contains a photocopy of a manuscript entitled I Always Wore My Topi- The Burma Letters of Ethel Mabuce, 1916- 1921. It was edited by Lucille Griffith in 1972 from letters written by Ethel Mabuce and entered for consideration of the Jesse Lee Prize. This manuscript recounts Mabuce's experiences as a missionary to Burma. It is 704 pages in length and was published by the University of Alabama Press in 1974.

### **Arrangement**

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Page order of manuscript.

### **Access Restrictions**

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

### **Restrictions on Use**

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### **Preferred Citation**

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, Ethel L. Mabuce Manuscript, 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.



## Subject Terms

### *Additonal Creators - Personal*

Griffith, Lucille, ed..

### *Subject Topics*

Women.

### *Subject Geographic*

Burma.

### *Genre*

Manuscripts.

### *Occupations*

Missionary.

## Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1305-3-6:1	Manuscript, p. 1-152	Undated
1305-3-6:2	Manuscript, p. 153-301	Undated
1305-3-6:3	Manuscript, p. 302-451	Undated
1305-3-6:4	Manuscript, p. 452-600	Undated
1305-3-6:5	Manuscript, p. 601-704	Undated