

**Guide to the Herman C. and Ethel Anderson
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

Herman C. Anderson, Evangelical Church pastor in Nebraska and Texas, and Ethel Glyde Lea Anderson served as Evangelical Church missionaries to China in the 1920s.

Herman C. Anderson (1888-1966) was born January 10, 1888, at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska. He received his education at the Academy at York, Nebraska; at Western Union College (now Westmar University), Lamars, Iowa; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Garrett Theological Seminary, Chicago; and at the New York Biblical Institute.

In 1912, he was licensed to preach by the Nebraska Conference of the United Evangelical Church, and was ordained deacon in 1916. In 1919 he began his service as a missionary in China's Hunan Province. He returned to the United States in 1922 to receive his elder's orders and to wed Ethel Glyde Lea, who returned with him to China. From 1926 to 1929, he served as a pastor in Indiana, and from 1929 to 1944 in Texas. He retired to Wichita Falls. He died on June 4, 1966.

Ethel Glyde Anderson (nee Lea) (1897-1961) was born March 7, 1897 in Erie, Pennsylvania, and later moved with her family to Elgin, Illinois. She was educated at Elgin High School; Elgin Junior College; and Northwestern University. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and an accomplished musician.

She joined the First Methodist Church in Elgin around 1909. After completing her B.S., she taught mathematics and music in high school for two years. In 1921 she was appointed missionary to China by the United Evangelical Church, and in 1922 married H. C. Anderson. She returned to the United States with her husband. She died in 1961.

Scope Note

The collection contains materials related to the missionary activities of the Herman and Ethel Anderson. This includes a manuscript written by Herman C. Anderson entitled "The Good in the Chinese." In addition, there are fifteen black and white photographs, a map of British origin of the missionary stations of the China Inland Mission, and two small books on the Chinese alphabet. There are also several textiles and artifacts reflective of Chinese life. This includes: six salt dishes with three lids and five spoons; a coin; a desk set (stamp, inkwell with lid, letter opener, a pen, and a tray); a statue; two fans (one ivory and one silk); one pillow case; one set of chop sticks (metal and wood); a woman's silk blouse; three purses; one wallet; one runner; and two wall hangings.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Material is arranged by record type.

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, Herman C. and Ethel Anderson Papers, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the items' call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Index Terms

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Lea, Ethel G

Subject Topics

Missions

Women

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China

Genre

Manuscripts

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Textiles

Occupation

Missionary

Container List

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