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Biography

Lydia G. Stickle was born May 21, 1892, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Mr. & Mrs. John A. Stickle. For 13 years (1911-1924) she served as a school teacher at various schools in Canada, interspersed with studies at Walla Walla College and Pacific Union College. From 1924 to 1926 she worked at the Ellen G. White Estate Office at Elmhaven, California, helping to compile the Index to the Ellen G. White writings.

In 1926 she married William Ludlow Davy, a missionary to Nyasaland, Africa, immediately accompanying him to the mission field. She was likely his second wife, since there is a record of a Mrs. W.L. Davy who passed away from black water fever a year earlier in Nyasaland.

Lydia G. Davy wrote a number of articles about mission work in Africa, as well as several book manuscripts on prayer. As was common at the time, her articles were published under the name Mrs. W. L. Davy.

After serving in Africa for thirty years (1926 to 1956), Lydia G. Davy retired and returned to North America.

Arrangement

The Davy Papers are organized into three series: (1) Personal materials, (2) all manuscripts, articles, or other writing related to Africa, and (3) other writings and collected material, such as book manuscripts.

Provenance

The papers within this collection were donated by Stanley Stickle and his wife, Lydia Davy through Barbara Phipps, and received by the Center for Adventist Research on May 19, 1980.

Extent

1 box (0.4 linear feet)

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INVENTORY

I. Personal Documents

Fld 1 W.L. Davy Prayer List, 1940 to 1945

II. Africa

General

Fld 2 Journal, "Memories of Africa"

Copied letters, diary notes, students' compositions,
African beliefs and customs, etc.

Fld 3 Notes

"Notes from Mission Life," May 28 to August 2, 1936

"Items from North Nyasaland"

Handwritten notes about the territory and
ongoing mission work

Fld 4 Correspondence

Letters to Luwazi Mission from various individuals
(May 1946)

Fld 5 History

Mrs. W. L. Davy, "Early History of Malamulo Mission"

Mrs. W. L. Davy, "Early History of Seventh-day
Adventist Mission Work in Nyasaland"

"History of Seventh-day Adventists in North
Nyasaland"

Manuscripts

Fld 6 By Mrs. W. L. Davy

"Africa's First Youth's Congress" [Later published in
The Youth's Instructor, February 7, 1950]

"Dialogue" [Later published as "Listening to Reports"
in *Our Little Friend*, December 19, 1941]

"Lay Evangelism in North Nyasaland"

"Mission Schools as Evangelizing Agencies"

- “Out Where Doctors and Nurses are Needed” [Later published as “Where Doctors and Nurses are Needed” in *Missions Quarterly*, April 1, 1944]
- “Through Closed Doors” [Later published in *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, January 20, 1944]
- “Working for the Women of Africa,” [Later published in *Ministry*, January 1, 1942]

Fld 7 By Unknown Author [Probably Davy]

- “A Mission Trip in North Nyasaland” (sent off March 31, 1940)
- “The Place Our Educational Work Holds in Finishing Our Work”
- “Sequel to North Nyasaland Trip” (Handwritten)

Articles

Fld 8 By Mrs. W. L. Davy

- “Africa’s First Youth’s Congress,” *The Youth’s Instructor* (February 7, 1950)
- “Back to the Mission Field,” *The Youth’s Instructor*
Also includes other articles on missionary work in Africa
- “Lay Evangelism in North Nyasaland,” *Missions Quarterly* “Listening to Reports,” *Our Little Friend* (Dec. 19, 1941)
- “Searching for Black Diamonds Part One,” *The Youth’s Instructor* (April 27, 1943)
- “Searching for Black Diamonds Part Two” *The Youth’s Instructor* (May 4, 1943)
- “Searching for Black Diamonds Part Three” *The Youth’s Instructor* (May 11, 1943)
- “Where Doctors and Nurses Are Needed,” *Missions Quarterly* (April 1, 1944)
- “Working for the Women of Africa,” *The Ministry* (January 1, 1942)

Fld 9 By Other Authors

- I. J. Hankins, “Pioneer Work in the Dark Continent,” *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* (September 18, 1924).
- Mrs. P. A. Rinta-Aho, “The Mysterious Visitor,” *Children’s Missions Quarterly*

Fld 10 Testimonies

“How I Became a SDA” by Pastor S. K. Ngaiyaye

“What it Means to Me Personally to Have Received the Gospel,” by David Kumesembe, Barson Barto, Yolam Thavelak, Ackson Uriah, Ferster Nseula, and Jael Sopha

Fld 11 Miscellaneous

Song Lyrics, “Africa! O Africa”

Song Lyrics, “Cikondi Ca Mulungu”

List of Names and Mission Assignments.

This may be a list of students or delegates

Robert Muhanga, “The Most Beloved Person I Ever Met” (Handwritten)

III. Writings

Book Manuscripts

Lydia G. Davy, “Effectual Prayer”

Fld 12 Copy 1: 17 Chapters

Fld 13 Copy 2: Missing chapters 11, 13, 14

Unknown Author [Probably Davy]

Fld 14 “Prayers of the Bible”
Topical arrangement of Biblical prayers

Fld 15 “Senior Morning Watch” #1

Fld 16 “Senior Morning Watch” #2
Different content from “Senior Morning Watch” #1

Fld 17 “They Prayed”
Prayers of Old Testament characters

Fld 18 “They, Too, Prayed”
Prayers of New Testament characters, Reformers, and onwards

Other

- Fld 19 Other Manuscripts [Probably by Davy]
 “I Shall Hear in Heaven” (Handwritten)
 “Choosing One’s Life Work” (Handwritten)
 “Seventh-day Adventists at Pitt Meadows”
 (British Columbia)
 “The Old Homestead” (2 copies)
- Fld 20 Sermon and Speech
 Ellen G. White, “Lessons from the Fifty-Eighth
 of Isaiah,” January 23, 1904, St. Helena,
 CA (Copy for L. G. Stickle)
 John Stickle, “The Supreme Decision,” 1919
 PUC Graduation Speech
- Fld 21 Clippings
 Adele Stickle, “The Treasure in the Old
 Testament,” *The Youth’s Instructor*
 (August 24, 1937)
 Kenneth H. Wood, “Full Provision for Every
 Emergency,” *Advent Review and*
 Sabbath Herald (February 24, 1972).

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