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Allen L. Ham Papers

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Biography

Allen Leslie Ham was born on October 13, 1889 near Minneapolis MN. He briefly studied engineering at Walla Walla College before going on to Pacific Union College, College of Medical Evangelists, and then the Foreign Mission Academy (now Washington Adventist University). He went to China in 1913, becoming the Director of the Cantonese Mission Field from 1914 to 1934, and the Superintendent of the South China Union Mission from 1935 to 1942.

When Hong Kong fell to the Japanese in 1941, Ham was taken as a prisoner of war until the summer of 1942, when he was repatriated. He immediately went back to church service as President of the Southern Asia Division, serving for eight years (1942 to 1950). His final post was as a General Conference General Field Secretary and Vice President of the General Conference, serving for another eight years (1950 to 1958), after which he retired.

Ham married Nina Feran Wilcox on December 23, 1912. Together they had three children, Lyle and Beatrice, born in Hong Kong, and Doris, born in Canton China.

Scope and Context

This collection contains A. L. Ham’s personal appointment books for most of the years from 1946 to his retirement. These may be interesting to show a General Conference leader’s schedule. There are also some sermons. Perhaps the most significant contribution are the many photographs of Seventh-day Adventist work primarily in India but also some from Africa during the 1940s and 1950s.

Arrangement

The majority of Ham’s collections are sermons contained in envelopes and notebooks. Also notable are picture slides of Africa and photographs of India located in the second half of this collection.

Extent

3 Hollinger boxes [1.2 linear feet].
Use

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I. Personal

Appointment Calendars
Box 1 Folder 1 1946, 1948 to 1950
Box 1 Folder 2 1951 to 1954
Box 1 Folder 3 1955 to 1958
Box 1 Folder 4 1959 to 1960

II. Sermons

Box 1 Folder 5 Titles, A to G
All Things Are Yours
Arise, Shine
Baptism
Be Ye Perfect
The Challenge of a Great Cause
Christmas
Detractors
The Enemy Has Landed
Followers of the Master
The Glory of the Cross
The Glory of the Cross (rev. 1963)

Box 1 Folder 6 Titles, H to R
Handwriting on the Wall
Holy Spirit
No Failure of a Mission
Perfection and Sanctification
Prepare to Meet Thy God
Prepare to Meet Thy God (rev. 1963)
Prophetic Guidance
The Quest for Power
Remember Lot’s Wife
Revelation of the Father
Rewards Hundred Fold
Rewards of Sacrifice and Service
Box 1 Folder 7  Titles, S to W
Shaking Time
Since the Fathers Fell Asleep
So Little Time
Spiritism
Supreme Leadership Devotion
Thine Be the Glory
What Manner of Persons (1963)
What Manner of Persons (1966)
Wonders of Tomorrow

Box 1 Folder 8  Notebook 1: Notes and sermon outlines
Box 2 Folder 1  Notebook 2: Sermon outlines
Box 2 Folder 2  Notebook 3: Sermons for specific church services
Box 2 Folder 3  Notebook 4: Notes and sermon outlines
Box 2 Folder 4  Notebook 5: Sermon outlines, poems, songs, quotations
Box 2 Folder 5  Notebook 6: Sermon outlines
Box 3 Folder 1  Notebook 7: Sermon outlines
Box 3 Folder 2  Notebook 8: Sermons outlines, illustrations, etc.
Box 3 Folder 3  Notebook 9: Sermon outlines
Box 3 Folder 4  Loose papers: Sermons, song lyrics, illustrations

III. Photographs

Picture Slides of Africa

Box 3 Folder 5

Sheet 1
Church in Cape Town
Maluti Hospital, Africa
Nurse at Maluti Hospital
East Africa Union Conference
East Africa Union Conference
Site of new Division Headquarters, Salisbury
Church at Salisbury
Evangelists and teachers and wives, Uganda
Kampala Church
Kendu Hospital New Wing
Kendu Mission Hospital
Kendu Hospital home of nurses
Kendu Hospital house
Kenya Lake Mission
Gendia Mission Home
Kamagambo school
Workers House Kamagambo
Kamagambo school
Kamagambo school
Bulawayo church

Sheet 2
Elder Anderson’s School
Church Elizabethville
Division Office and church, S.A.
Helderberg College
Helderberg College
Helderberg College
Dining hall, Helderberg College
Helderberg College
Blum (?) Union Headquarters
Maluti
Maluti Hospital
Maluti Hospital
Sedaven
Sedaven school
SDA Church Pretoria
Church Bulawayo
Solusi School
Principal’s Residence (Solusi)
Congo Union
Congo Union Com.

Sheet 3
East Africa Union Home
East Africa Union Com.
Press - Uganda
Hospital Lake Victoria
Staples family

Photographs of India

Box 3 Folder 6
Assam Training School
Assam Training School, Jowai
Assam Training School, Jowai
Adventist Training School
Staff, 1945
Girls at ATS ready to walk 20 miles for annual meeting
Chapel exercise, ATS, March 8, 1945
Student converts, ATS, 1945
Students and teachers invested at ATS, 1946, with M. V. Broderson, advisor for ATS Society
N.E. Elementary Teachers Institute at ATS, 1946

Box 3 Folder 7
Meiktila
Principal’s bungalow, Meiktila
Meiktila girls dorm bungalow
Administrative building, Meiktila
Section of Administrative building, Meiktila
Meiktila printshop
Ruins of Meiktila, where once stood the printing press, Baldwin College, and water tank

Box 3 Folder 8
Narsapur High School
Narsapur High School
Staff, Narsapur High School

Box 3 Folder 9
RM Training School
Boys working new planer, RM Training School
Print shop, RM Training School
School boy plowing, RM Training School

Box 3 Folder 10
Robinson Memorial High School
Staff, Robinson Memorial High School, Karmatar
R. N. Dass, Principal, Robinson Memorial High School, Karmatar
Karmatar students with Pastor Mookerjee and Chaupin(?) and wives
High school students at Karmatar working in garden
Lace industry, Karmatar High School

Box 3 Folder 11
Roorkee Training School
Staff and students, Roorkee Training School
Teacher-Evangelist group, Roorkee
Girl students at Roorkee
Seventh-day Adventist Mission Farm, Roorkee
Student farming work, Mission Farm, Roorkee
Boys’ carpentry class, Roorkee
Box 3 Folder 12
Salisbury Park Church School
Salisbury Park church school group
Salisbury Park church school group
A. M. Job, Salisbury Park principal, and family

Box 3 Folder 13
Spicer Missionary College (SMC)
Spicer Missionary College staff, 1946
N. O. Matthews, SMC principal, and wife
O. S. Matthews, SMC registrar, and family
R. F. Juriansz, SMC accountant, and family
C. N. John, SMC preceptor, and family
Pastor G. Isaiah, SMC Bible instructor, and family (2 copies)
S. S. Pandit, SMC teacher, and family
K. S. Charles, SMC farm assistant, and family
Librarians, SMC
Mrs. B. Lowry with group of girls, SMC
Students baptized SMC, 1946
SMC graduates, 1946
SMC graduates, 1946
Girls at SMC

Box 3 Folder 14
Union High School
Portion of Union High School garden

Box 3 Folder 15
Vincent Hill School and College (VHC)
Vincent Hill School and College
Vincent Hill College
The staff, VHC
The choir, VHC
Girls’ Gym, VHC
Baptized students at VHC, 1949
Boys’ Dormitory, VHC
The Hospital, VHC
The Bakery, VHC
Girls’ Dormitory, VHC

Box 3 Folder 16
Other academic
Incomplete group of students
Students writing examinations
Indian student group
Box 3 Folder 17
Evangelism

Voice of Prophecy advertising on a bull
The Big Tent, Roorkee, Elder Ochs preaching
Lay preaching, Narasapan
Evangelistic effort, Trichinopoly
One village where a meeting was held
Lepcha VOP student and family with Bro Albert, VOP Secretary for Himalayan area
Brother Rick baptizing in Assam
Group baptized in village near Karmatar
Place where ten were baptized in Aijal, Lushai Hills
First caste family baptized in Zeluger Field, 1945
Lallian Zuala Sailoo, first convert from the Lushai
Zuala and his brother, the village chief in Aijal, Lushai hills
Five candidates baptized at Singhabahal, Orissa
Second baptism at Orissa Field
Sgt. Don Jacobson, baptized March 3, 1945, became a Seventh-day Adventist in the Army
Baptism November 1945
First family baptized from the Metch tribe at Satali, at the foot of the Bhutan hills

Village work
Picture by a missionary at village of Khasi hills
Branch Sabbath School near Nuzvid among Hindus. Two were baptized in 1946
Branch Sabbath School, Ranchi
Village school conducted by evangelist among caste people near Nuzvid, with children and parents
Village school near Narsapur
Village school in East Bengal
Tracts and Bible portions distributed at the Puri Jagaruath Car Mela, Puri, Orissa, July 11, 1945, estimated over 70,000 pilgrims present

Box 3 Folder 18
Medical work

Hospital under construction at Karachi, May 8, 1950
Residence, Karachi Hospital, May 8, 1950
Rear of residence under construction, Karachi Hospital, February 26, 1950
Surat Mission Hospital
Nuzvid Hospital Staff
Hospital staff on the opening day
Nursing trainees, Nuzvid
Medical camp at Laraduri (?)
Gopalganj Dispensary, East Bengal
S. N. Arinda, dispensary worker, Gopalganj, East Bengal Dispensary, Meiktilla
Dispensary, Jalirpar
R. N. Sircar, dispensary worker, Jalirpar
Group in front of new block (Lab and X-Ray Room),

Box 3 Folder 19
Publishing work
Oriental Watchman Publishing House group, 1946 (2 copies)
C. N. Abraham, OWPH Factory Superintendent, and family
J. S. Dason, Tamil Signs editor; G.C. Sircar, publishing house accountant; S.J. Louis, publishing house bookkeeper
First publishing house, Karmatar
Karmatar Press
P. N. Haldar, Printshop Manager, Karmatar

Box 3 Folder 20
Church life
The first Lushai Adventist church at Zokhawsang village, January 25, 1948
Sabbath keepers of Zokhawsang who built their church, January 25, 1948
Adherents who are building their own church at Lungleng village, March 16, 1948
Three men who built the second church with their own expenses, leaders at Khawchhete village, March 16, 1948
Second Lushai Adventist Church built by adherents of Khawchhete village, March 16, 1948
Lushai Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath School at Woodpet, Bezwada
Junior Sabbath School, Poona
Flag raising at the Junior Camp
Camp meeting at Roorkee (2 different pictures)
Girls cooking at Bihar M. V. Camp, 1949
Storytelling at the M. V. Camp
Colporteurs and workers attending the Hindi Magazine Institute at Karmatar
Location of one regional meeting in Bihar
Delegates bring their rice and curry at Gopalganj, March 19, 1947
Box 3 Folder 21  
Church leaders and workers  
Division Staff, 1946  
Northwest Union Committee, 1946  
S. N. Dass, West Bengal Mission Secretary-Treasurer, and family  
R. S. Fernando, Ceylon Mission Secretary-Treasurer, and family  
C. A. Hart, Assistant Division Secretary-Treasurer, and family (2 different photos)  
S. James, Office Secretary of Division Treasury, and wife (2 copies)  
Pastor P. D. Kujur, Bihar Mission Superintendent, and family  
I. K. Moses, Western India Union Secretary-Treasurer, and family  
Pastor B. Nowrangi, Munda Field in the Bihar Mission, and family  
E. D. Thomas, Division Secretary, Home Mission & Sabbath School Department, and wife  
V. Raju, Western India Office Secretary and Bookkeeper, and family  
M. S. Prasada Rao, Assistant Division Auditor, and family  
W. L. Sharalaya, Accountant at Division Treasury, and family  
Mrs. Po Shwe, wife of leading worker (2 copies)  

Box 3 Folder 22  
People  
Memories from Calcutta 1941, from the Stans to the Hams  
The Colletts at Washington Missionary College  
The Lilutan groups  
Two young boys from the Mitch tribe  
Thra Tha Myaing and Thra Paul  
Miss Gloria Thomas  
Miss Khan with teacher evangelist trainees  
Poona Dorcas Society group  
Going to the opening ceremony
Box 3 Folder 23

Places
- Street scene - damaged buildings, Rangoon
- Street scene, Rangoon
- Rock Fort, Trichinopoly, South India
- Scene (Shwe Yan bin?) of church and teachers’ cottages
- Graves of pioneers at Karmatar
- Car and road to Aijul
- Mission building Chuadanga

Box 3 Folder 24

Other
- Boys threshing rice at Karmatar
- Boys drawing water for irrigation at Karmatar
- Jute ready for the market
- Second load of jute
- One of Howard’s boxes being unloaded
- Cokins and some of Lange’s things loaded to be taken to Karmatar

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