

Register of the

Reid Shepard Papers

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Biography

Reid Shepard was born on May 1, 1888, in Otsego, Michigan, United States. He graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University). He married Ethel Cooper, a church school teacher, and they had a daughter, Dorothy (Cagle). In 1908, Reid graduated from college and later received his ministerial license at the seventh meeting of the West Michigan Seventh-day Adventist Conference, which was held in Otsego, Michigan.

Reid Shepard served as secretary and treasurer of the Lake Titicaca Indian Mission in 1917, which was based in Platería, Peru, and was later transferred to Bolivia. At that time, he began to think of a strategic place to begin preaching the Seventh-day Adventist message among the Aymaras of Bolivia.

Pastor Shepard was responsible for bringing many artifacts, both from Peru and Bolivia, to Andrews University in the United States. After several years of dedicated missionary service to the church on Lake Titicaca, Bolivia, and in the United States, he retired and moved to California, where he died in the city of Colton on January 15, 1977, at the age of 89. His wife and daughter, as well as eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, remained.

Chávez, Samuel Antonio. "Shepard, Reid Sears (1888–1977)." Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists. January 10, 2021. Accessed January 28, 2021. <https://encyclopedia.adventist.org/article?id=BGOT>.

Scope

The Reid Shepard Papers document a missionaries' life and work in Bolivia, South America during the 1950s-1960s. Also included are reports and incidents sent back to Shepard from Bolivia after he left. Shepard also wrote an autobiography and a history of the local Adventist mission in Bolivia.

The Reid Shepard Papers collection contains two autobiographical documents titled, *My Inheritance: Memories of His Youth by a Man Now Grown Old*, and *My Early Experiences in the Work*. There is correspondence between Shepard and Andrews University that includes a story written about a Bolivian convert [3 folders]; Bolivian mission reports including "El Ilimani" [4 folders]; reports from the Bolivian members [2 folders]; conference presidents over the Bolivian mission [2]; and personal letters from the Bolivian mission members [3 folders]. Shepard's writings include *A History of the Incas*, two copies of *The Story of the Mauri Indian Mission*, and Aymara Indian language lessons he, along with his wife, created [4 folders]. Lastly, included among other documents are photographic slides of the Aymara Indians, article clippings of Bolivian missions, and a letter containing the articles and a description of their uses which Shepard donated from his own belongings [4 folders].

Arrangement

The material is kept in chronological and topical sequence.

Extent

1 Hollinger Box [0.4 linear feet]

Provenance

Reid Shepard donated this collection to the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center in 1973.

Use

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INVENTORY

I. General/Biographical

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| Box 1 Fld 1 | “My Inheritance.” |
| Box 1 Fld 2 | “My Early Experiences in the Work.” |
| Andrews University / Louise Dederen regarding donation of these papers | |
| Box 1 Fld 3 | Jan to Jun 1973
[includes “Isidro and his Book”]. |
| Box 1 Fld 4 | Aug to Dec 1973. |
| Box 1 Fld 5 | 1974. |

II. Correspondence

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| La Paz, Bolivia Mission Reports | |
| Box 1 Fld 6 | “El Illimani” Bolivian mission reports, 1959 to 1960. |
| Box 1 Fld 7 | “El Illimani” Bolivian mission reports, 1961 to 1962. |
| Box 1 Fld 8 | Dated mission reports 1939 to 1971. |
| Box 1 Fld 9 | Undated mission reports. |
| Personal | |
| Box 1 Fld 10 | Reports from Bolivian members, 1928 to 1940. |
| Box 1 Fld 11 | Reports from Bolivian members, 1941 to 1961. |
| Box 1 Fld 12 | From B. Elkins (conference president) [14 letters]. |
| Box 1 Fld 13 | From N. M. Merkel (conference president). |

- Box 1 Fld 14 From an Uribe family.
- Box 1 Fld 15 From various Bolivian members.
- Box 1 Fld 16 For Ethel Shepard (wife).

III. Writings by Reid Shepard

- Box 1 Fld 17 "A History of the Incas."
- Box 1 Fld 18 "The Story of the Mauri Indian Mission, Bolivia"
(Draft).
- Box 1 Fld 19 "The Story of the Mauri Indian Mission, Bolivia"
(Bound).
- Box 1 Fld 20 Aymara Indians language lessons.

IV. Other

- Box 1 Fld 21 Aymara Indians projector slide transparencies.
- Box 1 Fld 22 Scripture verses and hymn sheets.
- Box 1 Fld 23 Various article clippings mostly about Bolivia
[10 items].
- Box 1 Fld 24 Letter from Shepard listing Aymara Indian
goods he donated to the Andrews
University Adventist Heritage Center.

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