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**General Collection**

**name of collection**

Mennonite Library and Archives

**Background**

The Mennonite Library and Archives (MLA) is operated by Bethel College with Mennonite Church USA in North Newton, KS, USA. The college takes primary responsibility for the historical library collection and the Historical Committee of Mennonite Church USA takes primary responsibility for the archival holdings. In everyday practice the library and archives operations are fully integrated. The purpose of the MLA is to collect, preserve, and make available personal papers, documents, periodicals, and books related to Mennonite studies. The MLA serves as the official archives of Bethel College, and one of two official archives for Mennonite Church USA (the other is Mennonite Church USA Archives - Goshen on the campus of Goshen College in Indiana), and as a research center promoting the study of Anabaptist and Mennonite history.

**access/use restrictions**

The MLA is open to the public

**materials**

**audio-visual**

*Bilder aus dem Missionsleben Indiens*. [S.l. : s.n., 190-]. Souvenir album of pictures, of mission work in India under the Board of Foreign Missions of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

*India kaleidoscope Holy respect, no less*. Videorecording. [Goshen, Ind. : D. Yoder Nyce, 1996]

*India music*. Sound recording. Hymns and traditional Indian instruments recorded in India.

Lohr, J. J. *A few pictures from Chhattisgarh and the central provinces of India : illustrating the scenery, the social customs of the Satnámis, and the late famine*. [s.l. : s.n.], 1899.

Slide sets: *India* [from the E.G. Kaufman, A. E. Kreider, and Herbert E. Dester collections]. 558 slides, color, includes many pictures of India missions; *Buddhism* [from the E. G. Kaufman collection] ca. ?? slides, color; *Hinduism* [from the E. G. Kaufman collection] 60 slides, color; *India: early Commission on Overseas Ministry work*, 80 slides, color.

*Subject Photograph File*. Includes photos of churches, education, leprosy work, medical, missionaries, missions, and people in India.

**manuscripts**

Bauman, Al. *Missions-India Revisited*. 1975

Schmidt, Linda. *A seventy-seven year transition: the General Conference Mennonite mission in India and the Bharatiya General Conference Mennonite Church, 1900-1977*. 1977.

Thiessen, Eleanor. *The Jansen Memorial School of Jagdeeshpur, India*.

Woelk, Kay. *Mennonite missions in India*. 1958.

**memorabilia**

*A Festival of 100 years of M.B. Church, India, 1889-1989* : souvenir. Secunderabad, India : Vani Press, 1990.

*Christian Hospital, Champa, M.P. : golden jubilee, 1926 to 1976*. Raipur : Laxmi Printing Press, [1976]

### oral histories

*Duerksen, Christena Harder. [Interview].* Sound Recording. Nov. 1, 1977.

*Bauman, Ella Garber.[Interview].* Sound Recording Oct. 9, 1977.

*Ratzlaff, Harold C. [Interview].* Sound Recording. June 21, 1977.

*Kornelsen, Helen. [Interview].* Sound Recording. July, 2, 1977.

*Schmidt, Mariam H. Penner. [Interview].* Sound Recording. Oct. 31, 1977.

*Sonwani, Amrit [Interview].* Sound Recording. June 23, 1977.

### reports

Asia Mennonite Conference (1st : 1971 : Dhamtari, India). *Official report of the First Asia Mennonite Conference.* Dhamtari, India : Mennonite Church in India, 1972

Moyer, Samuel T. (Samuel Tyson). *Annual report of missionaries.* Janjgir, India, 1921-1930.

Voth, J. H. (John Henry). [*Annual mission report*]. [Mulikapett, Hyderabad : J.H. Voth, 1911]

### serials

American Mennonite Mission (Dhamtari, India). *Annual Report of the American Mennonite Mission.* Dhamtari, CP., India: American Mennonite Mission, 1900-

Lib has: v. 1-38 (1900-1938) incomplete

American Mennonite Mission (Dhamtari, India). *Jährlicher Bericht der Amerikanisch-Mennonitischen Mission.* Dhamtari, India: Amerikanisch-Mennonitischen Mission, [1900?]-

Lib has: v. 10-13 (1909-1913) incomplete

*Bandhu.* Jagdeeshpur, India: Publication Committee of the General Conference Mennonite Churches.

Lib has: v. 12 (1953), #1, 8; v. 15-18 (1956-1959)}

*Directory of churches and missions in India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon.* Nagpur, India : National Christian Council, 1947-

Lib has: no.6, 1947/1949.

*Das Erntefeld.* Nalgonda, Deccan, India: Gedruckt in der Basler Missionsdruckerei in Mangalur, 1900-[1914].

Lib has: v. 2-10 (1901-1909) incomplete

*Far Eastern Relief Notes.* Akron, Pa.: Mennonite Central Committee, 1951-  
Lib has: v. 1-v. 4, no. 2 (1951-Fall 1954)

*India calling!* Janjgir, C.P., India : Published by the Missionaries of the  
General Conference Mennonite Mission of the Central Provinces in India,  
1940-  
Lib has: v. 1-34 (1940-1971) incomplete

*India-Indies News.* New Delhi, India: Mennonite Central Committee Relief  
Unit in India, 1948-[195-]  
Lib has: v. 2, no. 3-v. 3, no. 2 (Oct. 1948-Sept. 1949)

*India-Java News.* Calcutta, India: Mennonite Central Committee Relief Unit in  
India, 1947-1948.  
Lib has: v. 1-v. 2, no. 2 (1947-July 1948)

*India mission news.* Dhamtari, C.P., India : [American Mennonite Mission in  
India], 1922-1934.  
Lib has: v. 1-13 (1922-1934) incomplete

*Java-Pakistan News.* Akron, Pa.: Mennonite Central Committee, 1950.  
Lib has: v. 4, nos. 1-2 (Mar.-Aug. 1950)

*Without the Camp.* London: The Mission to Lepers, [1897]-  
Lib has: nos. 119-248 (1926-1958) incomplete

### **Collection 1**

#### **name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1859-1968  
Board of Missions  
Assorted files

#### **extent**

16.5 cu. Ft.

#### **finding aid**

<http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/holdings/archives/gc1a11.pdf>

#### **materials**

##### **audio-visual**

Slides, photographs – India

#### **Miscellaneous**

Files on:

Delhi Peace Center  
Emmanuel Hospital Association  
Foreign Exchange Act  
India 1930-1949  
Kodaikanal Woodstock Association  
MELARC – Mennonite Literature and Radio Council  
Property transfer  
Scholarship  
TELARC – The Economic Life and Relief Committee  
Union Bible Seminary  
Vellore Christian Medical College and Hospital  
Village reconstruction organization  
Woodstock Advisory Committee

**pamphlets**

Board of missions printed matter - India

**Collection 2**

**name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1859-1969  
Board of Missions  
General files

**background**

Includes correspondence and records for all mission fields

**extent**

79.95 c.f.

**finding aid**

<http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/holdings/archives/gc1a01.pdf>

**correspondence**

From 1870 to 1944 all Mission Board correspondence was filed chronologically. India correspondence is interfiled by date with correspondence from all other mission fields.

Correspondence - India 1945-1949, Foreign fields - India 1950-1969, Mission worker correspondence (by name) 1951-1960, Field worker correspondence (by name) 1961-1969

**minutes**

India minutes 1966-1969

**reports**

Korba 1925-1945

Basna 1925-1943  
Bethesda Leper Home 1926-1945  
Birra 1926-1936  
Champa 1925-1945  
Jagdeeshpur 1944-1945  
Janjgir 1925-1945  
Mauhadei 1925-1945  
Medical 1929-1945  
Statistical 1933-1945  
Annual conferences 1917-1931  
Annual conferences 1942-1945  
Financial reports 1965-1969

### **Collection 3**

#### **name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1859-1968  
Board of Missions  
India 1907-1970

#### **extent**

3.35 cu. Ft.

#### **finding aid**

<http://www.bethelks.edu/services/mla/holdings/archives/gc1a06.pdf>

#### **materials**

##### **audio-visual**

Mission station maps  
Mission building blueprints

##### **biographies**

Biographies of India missionaries

Duerksen, Christine. *Annie C. Funk – our missionary*. [n.d]

##### **correspondence**

Correspondence 1947-1961

##### **diaries**

Champa station diaries, 1900-1975  
Jagdeeshpur station diary 1925-1972  
Janjgir station diary 1902-1965  
Korba station diary 1911-1976  
Mauhadih station book 1911-1955  
Medical station diary, 1925-1949.

**manuscripts**

Stauffer, Anna ms. on India

**minutes**

Basna station minutes 1927-1934

Jagdeshpur station minutes 1935-1966

Minutes and reports 1950-1966

Minutes of conferences of Mennonite missionaries in India 1909-1953

Secretary-treasurer journals 1910-1940

**miscellaneous**

Materials gathered by Ruth Unrau when writing her India missions history.

Papers by P. A. Penner and O. A. Waltner on history of mission work in India, 1956

**records**

Mission helper and protégé records

**reports**

P. W. Penner reports to mission board 1908-1916

**serials**

*Basna newsette*, October 1941.

**vernacular language materials (e.g. Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, etc.)**

Poster: Bible verses in Hindi

**Collection 4**

**name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1970-2002

Commission on Overseas Mission

Central Files

**background**

Includes records and correspondence for all mission fields.

**extent**

47.95 c.f.

**correspondence**

Field files - India, 1970-2001, Mission worker files by name, 1970-2001

**Collection 5**

**name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1970-2002  
Commission on Overseas Mission  
Assorted files

**extent**

44.7 c.f.

**manuscript**

Schmidt, Linda. *A Seventy-Seven Year Transition: The General Conference Mennonite Mission in India and the Bharatiya General Conference Mennonite Church 1900-1977*. Original typescript

**records**

India "permanent" files, ca. 1978

**Collection 6**

**name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1970-2002  
Commission on Overseas Mission  
Audiovisual materials

**extent**

45 c. f.

**audiovisual**

India slides 1950-1982, slides by S. T. Moyer ca. 1950s,

slide set: *India in transition*.

*Shekar Singh: Training Leaders in India* (film, 8 min.), India program by Angela Rempel,

photographs.

**Collection 7**

**name of collection**

General Conference Mennonite Church 1970-2002  
Commission on Overseas Mission  
India

**extent**

2.6 c.f.

**audiovisual**

Film "Project Relocation" (.3 cu. ft.) (move of Union Biblical Seminary to Pune)

**correspondence**

India files 1966-1979

**minutes and reports**

India minutes and reports (bound volumes) 1967-1987

**miscellaneous**

Files Ruth Unrau gathered for book on India missions history

**Collection 8**

**name of collection**

Harvey R. Bauman Papers 1919-1961

**background**

Dr. Harvey R. Bauman, a General Conference Mennonite medical missionary to India (1925-1961) worked at hospitals in Jagdeeshpur and Champa.

**extent**

0.6 c.f.

**materials**

Correspondence, 1919-1960, financial records, 1923-1960, minutes and programs, General Conference Mennonite Mission, 1941-1960, annual conference reports, 1952-1960, printed materials, maps and vernacular language materials

**Collection 9**

**name of collection**

Samuel Tyson Moyer Papers 1918-1970

**background**

Samuel Tyson Moyer, a General Conference Mennonite minister, was a missionary to India (1920-1956), founded the Phuljhar mission working with Gara outcasts, in 1939 was transferred to the Jangjir Bible School and later became principal of Janzen Memorial High School in Jagdeeshpur.

**extent**

4.6 c.f.

**materials**

Correspondence, 1920-1970, financial papers, 1923-1967, minutes and reports to Mission Board, 1918-1957, Jangjir Mission Station annual reports, 1922-1934; children's books, booklets, and misc. materials in vernacular languages

**Collection 10**

**name of collection**

Peter A. Penner, Elizabeth Dickman Penner, and Martha Richert Penner Papers 1898-1948

**background**

Peter A. Penner, a General Conference Mennonite minister, was a missionary to India (1900-1941) serving at the Bethesda Leper Home, Champa.

**extent**

5.45 c.f.

**materials**

Documentation on the beginning and development of General Conference Mennonite mission in India, personal diaries of Peter Penner, correspondence (ca. 1920s & 1930s) of Anna Penner (Mrs. Ferdinand) Isaac, also a missionary in India.

**Collection 11**

**name of collection**

Peter W. Penner Papers 1896-1960

**background**

Peter W. Penner, a General Conference Mennonite missionary to India, 1908-1949.

**extent**

3.6 c.f.

**materials**

Diaries, 1898, 1904, 1907-1912, 1925-1941, 1945-1946, 1948, correspondence, 1896-1960, sermons, 1911-1947, lectures, 1911-1945

**Collection 12**

**name of collection**

Peter J. Wiens Papers 1901-1945

**background**

Peter J. Wiens, a General Conference Mennonite missionary to India, 1906-1937, founded the Muahadih mission station.

**extent**

1.6 c.f.

**materials**

Diaries, 1907-1943, correspondence, 1901-1945, accounts 1921-1936, sermons, lectures, notebooks and clippings, misc.

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