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**General Collection**

**name of collection**

## Special Collections

### **background**

Special Collections comprise a remarkable legacy of materials which have come to the library over the course of the College's history, some dating from the founding of the Oberlin Collegiate Institute in 1833. Consolidated for the first time in 1974 when the library moved to Mudd Center, the collections have been acquired primarily as gifts and exchanges, and by identifying rare and valuable materials in the general stacks. Some materials have been purchased. [excerpted from <http://www.oberlin.edu/library/special/pol.html>].

### **finding aid**

OBIS catalog - <http://obis.oberlin.edu/>

### **materials**

#### **dissertations & theses**

Heinrich, John Charles, 1884- . *Inferiority reactions and mission policy in India*. Thesis (M.A.)--Oberlin College, 1932.

Kimball, Lorna Jean Thomas. *A critical evaluation of curricula in use among primary age children in the Marathi mission area of western India*. Thesis (M.A.)--Oberlin College, 1953

Wood, Ella Loleta. *A curriculum of religious education for illiterate village women of Rahuri district in the Marathi mission of western India*. Thesis (A.M.)--Oberlin College, 1938

#### **pamphlets**

Brown, Giles Gorton, 1869- . *Dawn in Sinnatamby's soul*. Boston, A.B.C.F.M., [1917].

Hills, M. M. Hutchins (Marilla Marks Hutchins). *The Free-Will Baptist mission in India*. Dover, N. H. : s. n., 1856.

Newell, Harriet, 1793-1812. *Memoir of Mrs. Harriet Newell, wife of the Rev. Samuel Newell, missionary to India*. [New York] : Printed for the American Tract Society, 1825.

Nott, Samuel, 1788-1869. *A sermon on the idolatry of the Hindoos, delivered Nov. 29, 1816, at the annual meeting of the Female Foreign Mission Society of Franklin, Connecticut : illustrated by an appendix*. Norwich, Ct. : Hubbard & Marvin, Printers, 1817.

Twente, Theophil H. *The church takes root in Chhattisgarh*. St. Louis, Mo., The Board of Foreign Missions, Evangelical Synod of North America, Evangelical and Reformed Church [1937?].

Twente, Theophil H. *I found a new India*. Philadelphia, Pa., The Board of International Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church [1948?].

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**General Collection**

**name of collection**

Oberlin College Archives

**background**

The Board of Trustees established a College Archives in 1966 to direct the administration's responsibilities to preserve the institution's "memory" and support the teaching mission. Today, the archives of the College comprise a unique body of materials containing information of administrative, legal, fiscal, and historical value to the institution. [excerpted from <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/about/archives/index.html>]

**Collection 1**

**name of collection**

Miscellaneous Missionary Records 1866 (1884-1938) – 1984  
RG- 38

**background**

Miscellaneous Missionary Records is a small, artificially assembled record group; however, these records provide valuable evidence of Oberlin's support for foreign missionaries during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Files reflect the involvement of both Oberlin College and the Oberlin community in promoting the mission work of the Congregational church. The collection includes records of the Oberlin Missionary Home Association, the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior, Ohio Branch, The American Missionary Association, and the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. [excerpted from <http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG38/scope.html>]

**extent**

1.6 lin. Ft.

**finding aid**

<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG38/index.html>

### **Collection 1.1**

#### **name of collection**

Series 1. Files of Oberlin Missionaries and Organizations, 1884-1938, 1954-1970. Subseries 1. Files relating to Oberlin Missionaries, 1884-1954

#### **background**

Consists of appointment forms of missionaries from the Oberlin College classes of 1844-1910, alphabetically arranged by student name; information about individual missionaries (1884-1932, 1951, n.d.); and letters sent in from the field (1916-1938, 1960-1970, n.d.).

#### **extent**

5 folders

#### **materials**

Appointment forms for alumni who served as missionaries in South Asia. Among these are John J. Banninga (Oberlin seminary 1907-08. Madura and Pasumalai, South India, 1901- ) and many others.

#### **correspondence**

Mariam E. Rogers, Marathi mission, letter to friends around the world, March 26, 1950

#### **records**

Lists of Oberlin missionaries, 1875-1912

*Oberlin Workers in Foreign Fields : graduate of the College who are missionaries or teachers in foreign lands. From the Oberlin Review, March 8, 1900.*

*Oberlin's Roll of Honor, [1836-1904] Lists Oberlin alumni who are missionaries.*

*Oberlin's Roll of Honor. From the Oberlin Review April 17, 1895.*

*Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Foreign Missionaries on the roll of members of the Second Church. From the Semi-Centennial Celebration of the Second Congregational Church of Oberlin, Ohio, 1910.*

*Volunteer band hand book. Oberlin OH : Oberlin College, 1911-1912. Lists Oberlin alumni who are missionaries.*

## **Collection 1.2**

### **name of collection**

Series 1. Files of Oberlin Missionaries and Organizations, 1884-1938, 1954-1970. . Subseries 2. *Oberlin Missionary Home Association files, 1890-1954.*

### **background**

The Association provided a home, the Tank Home Building, for “the case of children whose missionary parents felt that the welfare of their children made it imperative that they should be removed from the foreign and unchristian associations in which their parents were called to live and labor, and that they should be returned for their school life to the homeland. The Home contemplated especial care for younger children, pursuing studies in the Grade Schools.” In one report, the Home housed the following children from the Marathi Mission – Alice E., Annie, and John D. Harding, James M. Haskell; Archie, David, and Frederick Winsor; and of the Madura Mission – Arnold E., Marian, and Ward Burnell; Dorothy, Frances C. Richard, and Pauline Jeffery; Edward, Frances E., Gwen M., Henry L, M. Florence, and Sarah Capron Jones; Chester M. Dorothy; and Martha M. Van Allen; India – Ellen, Marguerite, Paul, Theodore, James H., and William Lawson.

### **extent**

3 folders.

### **materials**

Records, pamphlets, reports

## **Collection 2**

### **name of collection**

Oberlin File (1823- )  
RG- 21

### **background**

Includes material related to Oberlin alumni, including genealogical information, letters, lectures, writings by Oberlinians and about the College, diaries, song books, etc.

### **extent**

13.20 linear feet

### **finding aid**

<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG21/index.htm>

## **Collection 2.1**

**name of collection**

Margaret G. Hammaker, 1925-47

**background**

Margaret Hammaker, a missionary teacher in India, attended Oberlin College (1918-20), graduated from the Oberlin Kindergarten Primary Training School in 1923, received the B.S. degree from Columbia University in 1932, and attended Oberlin's Graduate School of Theology, 1939-40. Hammaker taught at Youngstown, Ohio from 1923-25 and then served as a teacher and principal at the Mary B. Harding Kindergarten Training School, Sholapur, India, 1925-64.

[\[http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG21/inventory2-2.htm\]](http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG21/inventory2-2.htm)

**materials**

There are 61 letters (1925-63) written to "Friends" from India telling of events at the school, of trips taken, calamities of nature, of cities visited, of holiday celebrations, and the like.

**Collection 3**

**name of collection**

Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association. Records, 1881-  
RG-15

**background**

The Oberlin Shansi Memorial Association (OSMA), a private foundation housed on the campus of Oberlin College, is administered by a Board of Trustees, a Student Committee, and an Executive Director. OSMA's purpose is to foster international respect and understanding through educational exchange with Asia. OSMA has its roots in the fervor for foreign missions that characterized the United States in the late nineteenth century. In January of 1881, a group of twelve students, primarily from Oberlin's Graduate School of Theology, applied to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM) to volunteer their services as a group, the Oberlin Band, for mission work, preferably in China. The end of the long Oberlin commitment in China led to a modification of OSMA's program and expansion to other parts of Asia. New emphasis was placed on student and faculty exchange programs. Major institutions involved included Obirin Gakuen and Nagoya University in Japan, American and Lady Doak Colleges in Madurai, India, and Tainan Boys School and Tunghai University in Taiwan. Later occasional exchanges occurred with colleges and universities in Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea, Hong Kong, Afghanistan, and the Philippines. The program in India halted for eight years beginning in 1970 by action of the Indian government, but resumed when U.S. relations with India began to thaw

in the late 1970's and early 1980's. [excerpted from  
<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG15/adminhist.html>]

Note: While scholar and student exchanges between Oberlin and Asia continue to the present day, the program became more secular in nature in the 1950s, so information from this current period is excluded from this guide.

**access/use restrictions**

Certain materials in Subgroup II and Subgroup IV are restricted, as noted on Inventory.

**extent**

69.47 linear feet

**finding aid**

<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG15/index.html>

**Collection 3.1**

Subgroup II. Administrative records  
Series 7. General files

**material**

**records**

Allahabad Agricultural Institute, 1953

**surveys**

Wynn C. Fairfield, survey of institutions for *A Study of Opportunities for the Future Program of OSMA* including:

Ahmednagar College, Aleppo College, Forman Christian College and Lady Kinnaird College, 1955-56

**Collection 3.2**

Subgroup III. Program Areas. Series 2: Madurai, India  
Managing Committee -- *Minutes, Reports, Correspondence*, 1959-71

**material**

**correspondence**

Appasamy, S. P., 1960-1969

Gosselink, Charles G., 1969-1971.

Shaw, John B., 1959-1966

**publications**

American College. *Bulletin*, 1969-70

American College. *Calendar*, 1962-63

American College. *Closing Assembly*, 1967

American College. *Journal of the Economic Research Seminar*, 1966-67

American College. *Magazine*, 1956, 1959, 1963

American College. *Voice*, 1965-67

Lady Doak College. *Catalog*, 1970-1971

Lady Doak College. *Magazine*, 1955, 1958, 1963-64, 1969-74, 1976, 1995-96, 2004

Lady Doak College. *Review*, 1966-80

**records, reports**

General, 1955, 1964-1973

American College, 1962-73, 1978-93

Lady Doak College, 1962-75, 1978-88, 1990-93

Lady Doak College Funds Corp., 1964-75

Madurai College, 1958-1964

Reports relating to Madurai College, 1957-64, 1966-71, 1981

**Collection 3.3**

**name of collection**

Subgroup V. Publications and Publicity

**material**

**records**

American College, Madurai, 1966

Burma Institute of Theology history, (1927-1977), 1997.

Lady Doak College, 1958, 1964, 2004

### **Collection 3.4**

#### **name of collection**

Subgroup VII. Audio Visual.

#### **material**

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

*India – Madurai Temple*, LDC, n.d. 8 mm. film

*India – LDC Bldg*, n.d. 8 mm. film

*India – LDC on Shansi Steps*, n.d. 8 mm. film

### **Collection 4**

#### **name of collection**

Other Individuals

RG- 30

#### **background**

In the holdings of the Oberlin College Archives are 385 manuscript groups of papers of individuals, families, and a few personal research collections. For purposes of intellectual control, these collections are classified under record group number 30, "Other Individuals." Each collection carries its own identification number, in consecutive fashion, under the number of 30.

#### **finding aid**

<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG30/index.html>

Some of the manuscript groups/collections are reported on the Oberlin Bibliographical Information System (O.B.I.S.) and on the online national bibliographical utilities as well; not all of the finding guides for the manuscript groups/collections appear on the College Archives website.

### **Collection 4.1**

#### **name of collection**

Horton, Walter Marshall, 1895-1966. Papers, 1903-67, 1925-67

RG- 30/4

#### **background**

Rev. Dr. Walter Marshall Horton (1895-1966), internationally known theologian and leader in the modern Ecumenical Movement, taught at Oberlin College and Graduate School of Theology from 1925 until his retirement in

1962. He spent 1962-63 in Bangalore, South India, teaching English and Theology at the United Theological College. He died in Oberlin on April 22, 1966 at the age of seventy-one.

**access/use restrictions**

Unrestricted

**extent**

6.5 linear feet

**finding aid**

<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG30/SG4/index.html>

**materials**

**conference materials**

International Missionary Council, Madras, India, 1938

**Collection 4.2**

**name of collection**

Gertrude F. Jacob Papers, 1931-82  
RG-30/85

**background**

Gertude F. Jacob (1908-1989), Oberlin class of 1929. Miss Jacob worked for the Graduate School of Theology (1944-1966) and the Oberlin College Archives (1966-1989).

**finding aid**

<http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/holdings/finding/RG30/SG85/>

**materials**

**correspondence**

Includes letters fro Margaret Hammaker (1941-1962), Tunnie Martin (1950-1981), Marion A. Presler (1962-1966), Miriam E. Rogers (1947-1980), and E. Lolita Wood (1945-1972), all missionaries to India.

**Collection 4.3**

Jones family. Papers, 1835-1995  
RG-30/107

**background**

George T. Jones (1897-1998), Oberlin A.B. 1920, A.M. 1923; Taught botany at Oberlin College from 1924-1965.

**finding aid**

[http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW\\_files/jones\\_family\\_t.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW_files/jones_family_t.html)

**materials**

**correspondence**

Inlcudes letters written by Mary Grant Burgess, 1939-1942, missionary to India.

**Collection 4.4**

Pond, C. N. (Chauncey Northrop), 1841-1920. Papers, 1852-1920  
RG-30/ 42

**background**

The papers of the Rev. Chauncey Northrop Pond reveal Pond's concern to document the lives of missionaries in China and other countries by collecting missionary correspondence and related historical materials. Pond's professional files offer a limited view of his sixty-year career as a Congregational minister. Series I of this collection includes correspondence of foreign missionaries, collected and received by C. N. Pond.

**finding aid**

[http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW\\_files/pond\\_t.html](http://www.oberlin.edu/archive/WWW_files/pond_t.html)

**materials**

**correspondence**

Received from India: Fuller, Jennie, 1893, n.d.

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