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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Title:</b>	Burke Library collection of missionary photograph albums
<b>ID:</b>	11329773
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1900 -- 1965
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This is an artificial collection that contains two albums: an African Missionary photograph album, dating from approximately 1900-1910, and including 60 photographs chiefly depicting missionary activities in Sub-Saharan Africa; and a Mennonite African missionary photograph album, dating from approximately 1955-1965, and including approximately 350 photographs chiefly depicting missionary activities in Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, and other unidentified locations likely in Sub-Saharan Africa.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, Burke Library collection of missionary photograph albums, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Biographical / Historical

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The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary (UTS) was founded in 1836. For most of its history it was known as the Library of Union Theological Seminary, and in 1983 was renamed in honor of Walter Burke, a board member and generous benefactor of the Seminary. In 2004, the Burke Library became a member of the Columbia University Libraries system. Its historical and current collection strengths include: the history of Christianity and ancient

Judaism, theology, biblical studies, ecumenical and interreligious history, and social ethics.  
Photographers of albums not identified.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in one series in chronological order.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2024-02-28

### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

This collection was purchased by the Burke Library in March 2015.

### **Processing Information**

Materials were placed in acid-free folders and boxes. The finding aid was created by Brigitte C. Kamsler in 2015 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2024.

### **Conditions Governing Use**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Missions -- Africa, Sub-Saharan -- Photographs
- Mennonites -- Missions -- Africa, Sub-Saharan -- Photographs
- Africa, Sub-Saharan -- Photographs
- Albums (books)
- Photographs

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## **Burke Library record group:**

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General collections

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## Collection Inventory

### Burke Library collection of missionary photograph albums, circa 1900 -- 1965

Physical Description: 0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box

Conditions Governing Access:

**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

#### Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains two albums: an African Missionary photograph album, dating from approximately 1900-1910, and including 60 photographs chiefly depicting missionary activities in Sub-Saharan Africa; and a Mennonite African missionary photograph album, dating from approximately 1955-1965, and including approximately 350 photographs chiefly depicting missionary activities in Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, and other unidentified locations likely in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Title/Description	Instances	
<p>African Missionary photograph album, circa 1900 -- 1910</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 1 album 60 photographs : sepia prints, 15 x 23 cm</p> <p><u>Material Specific Details:</u> Photographer not identified. Photographs mounted in album; black paper leaves with black cloth binding; several album leaves are empty, with adhesive indicating removal of photographs. Album manufactured by W. G. DeHaven and Co., Chicago. Some photographs are numbered.</p>	box 1	folder 1
<p><b>Scope and Contents</b></p> <p>Collection of 60 photographs, taken approximately 1900-1910, chiefly depicting missionary activities in Sub-Saharan Africa. Depictions include: individual and group portraits of missionaries with African men, women, and children in both Western and traditional dress; individuals engaged in agriculture, carpentry, printmaking, and other activities; landscape, livestock, and buildings.</p>		
<p>Mennonite African missionary photograph album, circa 1955 -- 1965</p> <p><u>Physical Description:</u> 1 album 350 photographs : black and white prints, 26 x 34 cm</p> <p><u>Material Specific Details:</u> Photographer not identified. Many photographs have manuscript captions on versos. Most photographs measure 6 x 9 cm or 6 x 6 cm.</p>	box 1	folder 2

Photographs mounted in album using adhesive corner mounts; some empty mounts indicating removal of photographs. Album consists of black paper leaves bound in green leather boards with yellow string tie binding; gold-lettering on front board.

### **Scope and Contents**

Collection of approximately 350 photographs, taken approximately 1955-1965, chiefly depicting missionary activities in Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, and other unidentified locations likely in Sub-Saharan Africa. Depictions include: individual and group portraits of missionaries and their families and African men, women, and children in both Western and traditional dress; individuals engaged in weddings, baptisms, agriculture, cooking, construction, and other activities; boats, airplanes, automobiles; landscape and livestock; building interiors and exteriors.

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Additional information, circa 1900 -- 1965

box 1

folder 3

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