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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Carey, William, 1761-1834
<b>Title:</b>	William Carey letter
<b>ID:</b>	4492558
<b>Date:</b>	1800-12-09
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 linear feet 2 linear feet; 1 OS box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	William Carey was an English Baptist missionary in England, known as the "father of modern missions," who founded the English Baptist Missionary Society (1792). He translated the Bible into Bengali, and was subsequently appointed Professor of Sanskrit and Bengali at Fort William College in Calcutta. He founded the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India (1820), as well as hundreds of schools and churches. This collection contains one handwritten letter by William Carey, written in December 9, 1800, soon after Carey had relocated from Bengal to Serampore. The letter addresses an individual who Carey calls "My Dear Bro."

### Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL 3: William Carey letter, box 1, 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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William Carey was born into humble beginnings in Paulerspury, Northhamptonshire, England in 1761. Carey joined the Baptist Church at the age of twenty-two in 1783, and became an English Baptist missionary in England, known as the "father of modern missions." He founded the English Baptist Missionary Society (1792), translated the Bible into Bengali, and was subsequently appointed Professor of Sanskrit and Bengali at Fort William College in Calcutta.

Carey continued to translate the Bible into various India dialects, and founded the Agricultural and Horticultural Society of India (1820), as well as hundreds of schools and churches. He successfully campaigned against infanticide and the practice of suttee (widow burning). Carey died in Serampore in 1834.

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## Scope and Contents

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### Revision Description

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### **Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

### **Processing Information**

The letter was placed in a glass frame. The finding aid was created by Jessica Patterson in 2013 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2022.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Missions -- India
- India -- Religious life and customs

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## Burke Library record group:

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