

DOZIER FAMILY PAPERS

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Dozier family, ca. 1920

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Summary

Main Entry: Dozier Family Papers

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Abstract: Charles Kelsey Dozier, his wife Maude Burke, his son Edwin Charles Dozier, and his wife, Mary Ellen Wiley, were Southern Baptist Career missionaries to Japan from 1906 to 1973. The Dozier Family Papers span their years of active missionary service and contain articles, speeches, sermons, poetry, diaries, personal documentation, some photographs, and personal correspondence.

Size: 7.5 linear ft. (5 boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

The Dozier Family Papers is a collection of correspondence and personal papers that record the work of two generations from the same family of Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan. Beginning with the parents, Charles Kelsey Dozier (1879 – 1933) and Maude Burke Dozier (1881 – 1972), the work continues through their two children, Edwin Burke Dozier (1908 – 1969) and Helen Dozier Pietsch (1910 –), and Edwin's wife, Mary Ellen Wiley Dozier (1907 –).

The papers cover the years from 1906 through 1973 of active missionary service, which includes World Wars I and II, and their aftermath, and the great depression of 1929. Particularly insightful is the story of the Dozier's relocation from Japan to the Philippine Islands during World War II and their eventual return, beginning with Edwin in October, 1946.

Records chronicle the deaths, on the field, of Charles Kelsey Dozier, 1933, and Edwin Burke Dozier, 1969, both dying of heart attacks ending remarkably similar careers. The retirements of Maude Burke Dozier, 1950, and Mary Ellen Dozier, 1973, are also included.

Scope and Content Note

The Dozier family papers, spanning 67 years of active missionary service, was given to the Historical Commission Southern Baptist Convention, Library and Archives, in 1992.

The papers include biographies, articles, speeches, sermons, poetry, diaries of Kelsey, Maude, Edwin, and Mary Ellen Dozier, and personal documentation, such as passports, identification, and death forms. Some photographs are also included in the collection.

The collection contains personal correspondence from: William Owen Carver, SBTS; Baker James Cauthen, president, FMB; Robert H. Culpepper, missionary to Japan – SEBTS; Gaines Stanley Dobbins, BSSB – SBTS – GGBTs; William J. Fallis, BSSB, Broadman book editor; W. Maxfield Garrott, missionary to Japan; Ernest Hollaway, missionary to Japan – BSSB; Roland Q. Leavell, pastor – president, NOBTS; J. F. Love, president, FMB; Duke K. McCall, president, SBTS; Samuel E. Maddox, personnel, FMB; Charles B. Maddry, president, FMB; M. Theron Rankin, president, FMB; Raymond Rigdon, BSSB – Seminary Extension; T. B. Ray, president, FMB; Harold W. Tribble, president, Wake Forest College; and R. J. Williamson, president, FMB.

Photo scrapbooks (AR 551 – 5) and official Foreign Mission Board records (AR 551 – 2), which parallel the Dozier Family Papers, are also available but not a part of collection AR 774.

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by folder title. The major series within the papers, such as correspondence and diaries, are arranged chronologically within the series. Additions to the collection are not anticipated.

The collection contains information about the following organizations or institutions: Asian Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary, Japan Bible Society, Seinan Gakuin College/ University, Japan Mission, Japan Baptist Convention, Japan Language School, National Christian Council (Japan), and Practical Theological Quarterly (periodical in Japanese).

Access is given to students, scholars, and researchers during regular hours, 9:00 – 4:00, Monday through Friday, except holidays. The collection comprises five boxes and seven and one half cubic feet.

Arrangement

Alphabetically by folders, chronologically within each series

Provenance

Donated to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 1992

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Dozier Family Papers, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Carver, William Owen, 1868 – 1954
 Dobbins, Gaines Stanley, 1886 – 1978
 Asian Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary
 Japan Bible Society

Seinan Gakuin University (Japan)
 Japan Baptist Convention
 National Christian Council (Japan)
 Missions, Foreign
 Baptists – Missions – 20th century
 Missions – Japan – 20th century
 Missionaries – Correspondence, reminiscences, etc.
 Japan – Religion

Related Materials

Dozier, Charles Kelsey Papers, Foreign Mission Board, Missionary Correspondence Files, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, AR551-2
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 Culpepper, Robert H. *God's Calling: A Missionary Autobiography.* Nashville: Broadman Press, 1981.
 Dozier, Edwin Burke. *A Golden Milestone in Japan.* Nashville: Broadman Press, 1940.
 Dozier, Edwin Burke. *Christian Evangelism: It's Principles And Teachings.* Tokyo, Japan: Jordan Press, 1963.
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 Dozier, Maude Burke. *Playmates in Japan.* Nashville: Broadman Press, 1940.
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 Greer, Genevieve. *More than Conquerors.* Nashville: Broadman Press, 1956.
 Iglehart, Charles W. *A Century of Protestant Christianity in Japan.* Rutland, VT: Charles E. Tuttle Company, 1959.
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 Whaley, Lois. *Edwin Dozier of Japan: Man of the Way.* Birmingham, Al: Woman's Missionary Union, 1983.

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