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OF EMILY CHUBBUCK JUDSON PAPERS
1844-1962

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Biographical History

Emily Chubbuck (1817-1854) was an American poet and Baptist missionary. Chubbuck married Baptist missionary Adoniram Judson (1788-1850) on June 2, 1846. Judson is noted as the first North American Protestant missionary to Burma as well as the original translator of the Bible into the Burmese language.

Prior to her marriage, Chubbuck taught at Utica Female Seminary. Chubbuck earned her livelihood by teaching school for 13 years before her marriage. Her early hobby of writing led to contributions in church publications, such as four books in the series "Valuable Religious Books for the Fireside and Sabbath School" under the penname Fanny Forester. A collection of articles in the *New York Mirror* was published in 1845 under the title "Trippings in Author Land," followed by a second collection in 1846, "Alderbrook." Although the newspaper did not pay her for the sentimental tales of village life, she won a large following, and the second collection went through eleven editions.

Chubbuck's initial meeting with Adoniram Judson, who had read excerpts from "Trippings," regarded the preparation of the memoir of his late wife Sarah B. Judson. After the couple married and settled in Burma, Emily produced the biography, "Memoir of Sarah B. Judson: of the American mission to Burmah" (1850). In 1851, Chubbuck returned to the United States.

In 1852, Chubbuck gathered the poems she had written throughout her life into a book entitled "An Olio of Domestic Verses." In 1853, she contributed a story to the collection "Thought Blossoms," and gathered a collection of missionary stories, essays and poems published under the title "The Kathayan Slave" (1853). Her final publications included "My Two Sisters," and contributions to the Missionary Union's publication, "The Macedonian." In 1854, Chubbuck died from tuberculosis.

Scope and Content

The Clemmer Collection of Emily Chubbuck Judson consists of Myrtle Clemmer's research materials to develop a literary biography on Emily Chubbuck Judson for the series "United States Authors."

The collection includes clippings, notes from books and archives, letters to archivists and librarians, transcribed letters of both Emily and Adoniram, photocopies of Emily's writings, notes, clippings and photocopies for background and context, notes for further research, and the draft manuscripts of the biography.

Subjects

Clemmer, Myrtle M.

Judson, Adoniram, 1788-1850

Judson, Emily C. (Emily Chubbuck), 1817-1854

Missionaries

Missionary stories -- Juvenile literature

Arrangement

The collection has been organized into 4 boxes as follows:

Myrtle M. Clemmer (Box 1)

Background Preparation for Biographical Work on Emily Chubbuck Judson (Boxes 1-2)

Adoniram Judson Biographical Information (Boxes 2-3)

Writings of Emily C. Judson (Box 3)

Society & Cultural Background to Period, 1800s / Emily Chubbuck Judson Biographical Information (Box 4)

Periodicals in the collection:

Sunshine Magazine, June, 1962 (Litchfield)

Missions 160.3, Mar, 1962 (American Baptist International Magazine)

Andover Newton Quarterly Jan, 1962

Container List

Scope and Content Note

This section documents Miss Clemmer's background and her own work as an author and archivist for the Presbyterian Church USA as well as her research for the Emily Judson biography. It includes her correspondence with publishers and editors, archivists, friends and other contacts related to gathering information on Emily Chubbuck Judson as well as notes on genre (the literary biography), method, bibliography and resources for the Emily Judson biography. It also contains some personal correspondence and biographical information.

Box 1: Myrtle M. Clemmer

Folder	Item	Date/Note
	Notes	
1	Spiral notebook: Notes regarding Trippings & Aldenbrook	n.d.
2	"Emily Chubbuck Judson" – MSS. Plan & Outline	n.d.
3	Clemmer's Notes to Self	n.d.
4	Note File	1896 - 1964
5	Bibliography Note Cards	c.1960's
6	Preface to Biography, notes ECJ, Genre-the Amer. Literary biography	1960-1968
7	Notes: Godeys Lady's Vook, McGuffey	1961
8	ECJ, Bibliog. Method Organization	1961 - 1968
9	Notes on Possible Archives to Try	1967 - 1968
	Correspondence	
10	Transcribed Letters Harris Coll., Brown Univ.	1816 – 1854
11	Personal Geneology and Correspondence regarding A.A. Stockdale	1959 - 1970
12	Publishers notes & correspondence	1960-1961
13	Correspondence with Jessie K. Bates (friend & researcher)	1962 - 1967
14	Correspondence Archivists	1962 - 1964
15	Correspondence re. ECJ	1962 - 1967
16	"Willis" file - Correspondence	1963
	Sources	
17	History of Magazines, Literature, Historians	1904
18	To American Baptist Historical Society Library	1960
19	Emily C. Judson Bio. – British Museum Library	1962-1963
20	Publisher Suggestions, Source for ECJ	1962 - 1964
21	Newspaper and Magazine Article Clippings about Emily C. Judson	1963
22	Sources to be Checked	1963 - 1969

Scope and Content Note

This section contains the gathered background material for the proposed biography which was intended not only as a biography but as a reflection on the religious and educational climate of Emily Chubbuck Judson's era. It includes notes, clippings and lists of possible sources both

archival and bibliographical, for gathering information. Photocopies and notes on the life of Emily from birth through her marriage to Adoniram Judson are also included.

Box 1: Background preparation for biographical work on Emily Chubbuck Judson

Folder	Item	Date/Note
	Correspondence	
23	Emily Chubbuck (Transcribed)	1839-1840
24	E.A.Bates/Marie L. Bates to Emily Chubbuck	1841-1842
25	Jane Blodgett to Emily Chubbuck	1842
26	E.T. Josslyn to E. Chubbuck	1844-1846

Box 2: Background preparation for biographical work on Emily Chubbuck Judson

Folder	Item	Date/Note
	Correspondence	
1	Emily Chubbuck/Fanny Forester	1844-1846
2	Fanny Forester	1844-1847
3	Mrs. N.E. Nott to Emily	1845-1852
4	I.M. Allan to E. C. Judson	1848
5	G. Boardman to Sarah Boardman (“My dearest Mother”)	1854
	Correspondence, Date and Marriage	
6	E. B. Galuska to Emily Chubbuck Judson	n.d.
7	B.R. Loxley to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1843-1844
8	John Inman to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1844
9	D.G. Corey to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1844
10	Mary Gregory to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1844
11	Wm. M. Gillespie to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845
12	Letter from Unknown to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845
13	H.H. Hawley to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845
14	Mary R. Adams to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845
15	Marie L. Bates to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845-1846
16	Eliza Allen to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845-1846
17	A.D. Gillette and Hannah Gillette to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1845 - 1846
18	J.M. Peck to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1846
	Publications	
19	Article by Emily C. Judson (published in “The Macedonian”)	1847
20	Kate Chubbuck to Emily C. Judson	Circa 1950-1959
21	Emily C. Judson to Mr. Peck	1850-1851
22	Article by Emily Chubbuck Judson (published in The Baptist Missionary Magazine)	1851
23	Thomas S. Malcom to Emily Chubbuck Judson	1851
24	Emily C. Judson to Rev. Solomon Peck	1851-1852
25	Edw. Bright, Jr. to Emily C. Judson	1851-1853
26	Article – Emily Chubbuck Judson Bio.	1862

Scope and Content Note

Biographical materials on Adoniram Judson, his missionary activities, first wives, courtship of Emily Chubbuck, and death as well as material regarding his children and their families.

Box 2: Background materials on Adoniram Judson

Folder	Item	Date/Note
27	ECJ – Geneology of next generation	n.d.
28	ECJ – Letters from Adoniram (some of the dates on the folders refer to dates on original letters)	1817-1849
29	Article by A. Judson	1831
30	Courtship and Marriage – A. Judson and Emily C. Judson	1845-1846
31	A. Judson – Notes and Letters from Fletcher	1845-1849
32	A. Judson in Burma; Death; Home (1845-1854) – from Baptist Missionary Magazine	1845-1854
33	A. Judson (1845 – Death)	1845-1962
34	A. Judson letters fr. “The White Foreigners”	1846
35	From “The Judson Offering”	1847
36	Sarah Judson	1848

Box 3: Background materials on Adoniram Judson

Folder	Item	Date/Note
1	ECJ – Illness and Death of Adoniram (1846-1854)	1850-1883
2	Burmah Mission	1854-1860
3	Notes – Hamilton, N.Y. – Ed. Judson, Emily’s daughter Emily	1872-1946
4	Portrait of A. Judson by Healey	1903-1957
5	Notes from Edward Judson re. A. & E.C. Judson	1917
6	Correspondence A. Judson to W. Ticknor re. “Aldenbrook”	1946-1949
7	Articles and Photocopies re. A. Judson	1952-1966
8	Isabel Whitney – Artist and Descendent of Ann Hasseltine Judson (1st wife of A. Judson)	1959-1960
9	“Andover Newton Quarterly” re. A. Judson	1962

Scope and Content Note

This section includes lists of her writings as well as copies of many of her poems and articles and two of her books: *Records of Alderbrook or Fanny Forester’s Village Sketches*, 1854; and *An Olio of Domestic Verses*, 1852.

Box 3: Writings of Emily C. Judson

Folder	Item	Date/Note
10	“An Olio of Domestic Verses” “Records of Aldenbrook”	1852 1854
11	Journals – Lists of ECJ’s Writings in Magazines	1824-1848
12	“A Young Ladies Miscellany” by ECJ	1842-1843
13	ECJ – The Columbian Magazine	1844-1846
14	ECJ - Writings - Lists	1844-1892
15	Writings – Emily Chubbuck “Fanny Forester”	1845-1853

16	ECJ - "Trippings"	1845-1854
17	ECJ on Alderbook	1846-1868
18	Portrait of "Fanny Forester"	1847
19	An Olio – Domestic Verses	1847-1852
20	ECJ – "Sweet Mother" Poem	1850
21	"My Two Sisters" (Lavinia, Harriet)	c. 1853

Scope and Content Note

This section is a collection of background information on the society and culture during the time period of Emily Chubbuck Judson. The contents also include biographical information of Emily Chubbuck Judson from books and articles about her life.

Box 4: Societal/Cultural background to 1800s timeperiod, Biographical information on Emily Chubbuck Judson

Folder	Item	Date/Note
	Society/Cultural Background to 1800s timeperiod	
1	"America Enters the Modern Era"	n.d.
2	Religious Climate – Photocopies from "The Rise of the Missionary Spirit, 1790-1815"	c. 1800
3	Social-Cultural Background to Period, 1800-1875	1800-1875
4	American Civilization	1829-1952
5	NY Historical Soc. Library/NY Society – Context Sources	1835-1961
6	Religious Climate	1844-1969
7	Religious Climate - "The Nineteenth Century Outside of Europe"	1861
8	ECJ's Contemporary Women Writers – Elizabeth Cakes Smith, N.P. Willis, and Buckminster Fuller.	1924-1968
9	Literary Climate/Educational Climate	1924-1970
10	"A History of the American People"	c.1952
11	"Journal of Presbyterian History"	1964
12	"The Great Metropolis"	1969
13	"The Americans: A Social History of the U.S., 1587-1914"	1969
	Biographical information on Emily Chubbuck Judson	
14	Notes & Index of Writings from Kendrick, "Life & Letters of ECJ" (1817-1840)	1817-1840
15	Notes from Kendrick, "Life & Letters of ECJ" – Part II "Selling Brains for Money" (1841-1843)	1841-1843
16	Notes from Kendrick, "Life & Letters of ECJ" – Part III "Fanny Forester" period (1844-1845)	1844-1845
17	Biographical Information	1846-1963
18	Personal Data	c.1868
19	Notes – W. Wyeth, "ECJ: A Memorial" – Biography	1890
20	Notes on E. Chubbuck Writings	c.1960
21	ECJ – Bio – N.Y Times & The Christian Century	1964