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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 200

**CREATOR:** Anderson, Sidney Raymond, 1889-1978

**TITLE:** Sidney R. Anderson Papers

**DATES:** 1914-2005

**BULK DATES:** 1955-1978

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6 linear feet (12 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, photographs, slides, and collected material document the life and work of Sidney and Olive Anderson, who were Methodist missionaries in China and Hong Kong from 1915 to 1963. They were instrumental in the development of the Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai and spent twelve years in Hong Kong after 1951 working with refugees from mainland China and at the North Point Methodist Church.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Sidney R. Anderson, Jr., 2006-2008

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

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## Biographical / Historical

### Chronology of Sidney Anderson

- 1889 December 7     ○ Sidney Raymond Anderson born in Rising Star, Texas
  - 1911                     ○ Graduated from Polytechnic College (later Southern Methodist University)
  - 1914                     ○ Graduated from Vanderbilt Divinity School
  - 1914                     ○ Went to China under the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South
  - 1915                     ○ Ordained at the East China Conference, Suzhou (Soochow); worked in cities and villages in Jiangsu (Kiangsu) and Zhejiang (Chekiang)
  - 1920                     ○ Returned to U.S. on furlough, married Olive Lipscomb (1890-1978), who had also served in China. Studied at Columbia University and Union Seminary in New York. Olive's mother, Bessie Lipscomb was a Secretary in the Board of Missions and lived in Nashville.
  - 1921-1949             ○ Returned to China and worked primarily at Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai. Developed an active program at the church and built a new building. Instrumental in developing conferences for young people, adult education programs, and village welfare schools.
  - 1922                     ○ Sidney R. Anderson, Jr. born in Shanghai
  - 1951-1963             ○ Following a furlough in the U.S. began work in Hong Kong primarily among refugees from mainland China and at North Point Methodist Church.
  - 1964                     ○ Retired to San Francisco and worked among the Chinese there.
  - 1971                     ○ Moved to the Wesley Woods Retirement Center in Atlanta, Georgia
  - 1978                     ○ Sidney and Olive Anderson died.
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## Scope and Contents

The Sidney R. Anderson Papers consist of correspondence, writings, photographs, slides, printed material, and personal papers documenting the life and work of Methodist missionaries Sidney and Olive Anderson. The collection spans the years 1914 to 2005, with the bulk of the collection dating from the 1950s to the 1970s. Correspondence and printed material document the Andersons' work at Moore Memorial

Church in Shanghai, but the majority of the collection relates to their work in Hong Kong and with Chinese students and acquaintances whom they assisted in various ways, particularly the Luk family. Biographical information and a book written by the Andersons' son, Sidney R. Anderson, Jr., provide context for documentation of their work.

The Addendum of Series VIII contains material that was received after the bulk of the collection had already been processed. It includes the majority of the documentation of their years of service in China.

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## **Arrangement**

- I. Correspondence, 1955-1978
- II. Writings, 1945-2005
- III. Documentation of Work in Hong Kong, 1951-1967
- IV. Collected Material, 1935-1976
- V. Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1962-1978
- VI. Photographs, 1914-1970
- VII. Slides, 1955-1969
- VIII. Addendum, 1915-1980

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1955-1978

b. 1, f. 1	Personal letters, including from Sidney to his wife	1955-1956
b. 1, f. 2	Personal letters, including mimeographed letter from Andersons providing information about students they had helped	1963-1967
b. 1, f. 3	Personal letters, including to/from students helped by the Andersons	1968-1969
b. 1, f. 4	Personal letters, including to/from students helped by the Andersons	1970-1977,n.d
b. 1, f. 5	Circular letters from missionary colleagues	1961-1977
b. 1, f. 6	Circular letter from Sid and Olive Anderson, from Moore Memorial Church, Shanghai	1950 Mar
b. 1, f. 6	Mission-related letters written while Sidney was Hong Kong Treasurer, Division of World Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, incl. re. missionary personnel	1957-1959
b. 1, f. 7	Mission-related letters written while Sidney was Hong Kong Treasurer, Division of World Missions, Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, incl. re. missionary personnel	1960-1966
b. 1, f. 8-10	Mission-related letters, incl. re. mission finance, while Andersons were in San Francisco	1967- 1978

**Series II: Writings, 1945-2005**

By Sidney R. Anderson

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b. 1, f. 11-12	Sermons/talks - including "A Brief Glance at Methodist History in China"	1945-1975, n.d.
b. 2, f. 13-14	Notes and Essays	1955-1964, n.d.

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By Sidney R. Anderson, Jr.

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b. 2, f. 15	<i>China My Great Teacher: Lu Shan, My Shangri La</i> (autobiographical work on growing up as a missionary kid in colonial Hong Kong in the 1930s)	2005
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### **Series III: Documentation of Work in Hong Kong, 1951-1967**

b. 2, f. 16	Materials in Chinese	1955-1967
b. 2, f. 17	North Point Methodist Church: Budget	1953, n.d.
b. 2, f. 18	North Point Methodist Church: Correspondence	1951-1953,n.d
b. 2, f. 19	North Point Methodist Church: Meeting minutes, agenda, notes	1952, n.d.
b. 2, f. 20	North Point Methodist Church: Members listings	1952, n.d.



**Series IV: Collected Material, 1935-1976**

Re. Mission Work		
b. 2, f. 21	Chung Chi College	1955-1965,n.d
b. 2, f. 22	Hong Kong	n.d.
b. 2, f. 23	Methodist Church (Wei Li Kung Hui), including reproductions of paintings of Bishop Arthur James Moore and Martha McDonald Moore	1953-1971
b. 2, f. 24	Ward Memorial Methodist Church; Methodist Church in Taiwan and U.S.	1964-1976,n.d
b. 2, f. 25	North Point Methodist Church	1963-1967
b. 2, f. 26	Soochow University	1935, n.d.
b. 2, f. 27	Wesley Village, Hong Kong (for refugees)	1955-1965
b. 3, f. 28-29	Notes, tribute to Andersons by Mary Ellen Hawk Sanders	1969-1979, n.d..
b. 3, f. 30	Various brochures, flyers, pamphlets	1963,1966, n.d
Newspaper clippings		
b. 3, f. 31	African-Americans	1969, n.d.
b. 3, f. 32	China	1963-1969,n.d
b. 3, f. 33	Chinatown	1969
b. 3, f. 34	Hong Kong	1969, n.d.
b. 3, f. 35	Japan	1966, n.d.
b. 3, f. 36-37	Miscellaneous.	1965-1969, n.d.
b. 3, f. 38	Beijing (Peking)	1964-1967, undated
b. 3, f. 40	Scientology	1969 Aug
b. 3, f. 41	Soviet Union	1969 Aug, n.d.
b. 3, f. 42	Vietnam	1963-1965
Writings by others		
b. 3, f. 43	"China Log" by Sterling G. Brinkley	1973
b. 3, f. 44	"Prison Limericks" by F. Olin Stockwell	n.d.
b. 3, f. 45	"The Stewardship of the Methodist Church in Hong Kong" by Leo L. Hsu	1962 May 15

**Series V: Personal Items and Memorabilia, 1962-1978**

b. 4, f. 46	Financial material	1963-1970,n.d
	Related to Luk Family	
b. 4, f. 47-48	Biographical sketch, cards, memorabilia	1973, n.d.
b. 4, f. 49	Correspondence: Alice and Katherine Luk	1972-1977,n.d
b. 4, f. 50	Correspondence: David Luk	1972-1975
b. 4, f. 51	Correspondence: John Luk	1972-1976
b. 4, f. 52-54	Correspondence: Miranda Luk	1968-1976,n.d
b. 4, f. 55	Account information and correspondence: Miranda and Katherine Luk:	1974
b. 4, f. 56	Correspondence Peter Luk	1972-1978
b. 5, f. 57-58	Various correspondence re. Luk family	1968-1978, n.d.
b. 5, f. 59	Immigration documents and materials	1968-1969
b. 5, f. 60	Photographs	1962-1973

**Series VI: Photographs, 1914-1970**

b. 5, f. 61	Photo of women students marching with flag	1930s
b. 5, f. 62	Group of African Americans; portrait of Chinese woman	1943, 1949
b. 5, f. 63	Primarily group and individual portraits of Chinese individuals, incl. worship service at North Point Methodist Church and Christmas pageant	1950-1953
b. 5, f. 64	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals, incl. at North Point Methodist Church	1954-1955
b. 5, f. 65	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1956-1957
b. 5, f. 66	Bishop Ward's Funeral	1958 Dec
b. 5, f. 67	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1958
b. 5, f. 68	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1959
b. 5, f. 69	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1960
b. 6, f. 70	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1961
b. 6, f. 71	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1962
b. 6, f. 72	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1963
b. 6, f. 73	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1964
b. 6, f. 74	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1965-1966
b. 6, f. 75	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1967, 1969
b. 6, f. 76	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	1970's
b. 6, f. 77-82	Primarily groups and individual portraits of Chinese individuals	n.d.
b. 6, f. 82	Portraits of Sidney and Olive Anderson	1969-1970s, n.d.
b. 7, f. 83-88	Portraits and scenery	1957-1962, n.d.
b. OV1, f. 89	Oversized photographs	1914-1920

## Series VII: Slides, 1955-1969

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b. OV1, f. 1-2	Related to mission work in Hong Kong	1955-1969, n.d.
b. OV1, f. 3-4	Scenery	1962-1963, n.d.

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**Addendum, 1915-1980**

Correspondence		1915-1980
Olive Anderson		
b. 8, f. 1	Letters written while single missionary	1915 Sep - 1916 Feb
b. 8, f. 2	Letters written while single missionary	1916 Sep - 1917 Nov
Olive and Sidney Anderson to/from family in U.S.		
b. 8, f. 3	While stationed in Shanghai	1922
b. 8, f. 4	While stationed in Shanghai	1923
b. 8, f. 5	While in New York and return to Shanghai	1934 Feb - 1943 Oct
b. 8, f. 6	While in Shanghai, U.S., and Hong Kong	1946 Aug - 1957 Nov
b. 8, f. 7	While in U.S., Shanghai, and Hong Kong	1957 Nov - 1959 Dec
b. 8, f. 8	While in Hong Kong, including many letters from son	1962 Mar - 1964 Mar
b. 8, f. 9	Following retirement, in Atlanta, GA	1966 -1973
b. 8, f. 10	Following retirement, in Atlanta, GA	1974-1975 Apr
b. 8, f. 11	To/from son and siblings	1975 May- 1977 May
b. 8, f. 12	To/from son and siblings	1977 Jul - Nov
b. 8, f. 13	To/from son and siblings	1977 Dec-1978 Jan
Letters of Bessie Lipscomb, Olive's mother		
b. 8, f. 14	To Sidney and Olive	1920 Dec - 1952 Jun
b. 8, f. 15	To Sidney and Olive	1952 Jul - Dec
b. 8, f. 16	To Sidney and Olive	1953
b. 8, f. 17	To Sidney and Olive	1954
b. 8, f. 18	To Sidney and Olive	1955-1956
b. 8, f. 19	To Sidney and Olive	1957 Jan - Jun
b. 9, f. 20	To Sidney and Olive	1957 Jul - Dec
b. 9, f. 21	To Sidney and Olive	1958

## Correspondence (continued)

## Letters of Andersons to/from others

b. 9, f. 22	Anderson - Cummings
b. 9, f. 23	Daubs - Lois
b. 9, f. 24	Mao - Ruth
b. 9, f. 25	Saunders - Tsiang
b. 9, f. 26	U-Kyaw - Zih

## Circular letters of the Andersons

b. 9, f. 27	From Shanghai, New York, New Jersey	1941-1951
b. 9, f. 28	From Hong Kong and Georgia	1952-1973

## Letters of others

b. 9, f. 29	Beall - Saunders, including re. student refugees
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## Condolences/ tributes

b. 9, f. 30	Alsup - Cox	1978
b. 9, f. 31	Dakis - Keating	1978
b. 9, f. 32	Lipscomb - Queen	1978
b. 9, f. 33	Rast - Wyatt	1978

## Letters to/from Sidney Anderson, Jr.

b. 9, f. 34	Related to his parents	1978-1980
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## Writings

b. 9, f. 35	Writings of Sidney and Olive, including poems	1923-1960s
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## Sermons by Sidney Anderson

## Arranged alphabetically by title

b. 9, f. 36	Including "Building of the Nation of China"; "Christianity in China"
b. 9, f. 37	Including "Deciding Factor in Christian Missions"
b. 10, f. 38	Including "God in the Background of China"
b. 10, f. 39	Including "Good New for Everyone"
b. 10, f. 40	Including "The Motive of the Mission"
b. 10, f. 41	Including "The Power of the Holy Spirit"
b. 10, f. 42	Including "The Source of Abundant Life"
b. 10, f. 43	Including Ward Memorial Church farewell; "What Effect has Communism had on the Work of the Methodist Church in Shanghai?"

## Writings &gt; Sermons by Sidney Anderson (continued)

b. 10, f. 44	Including "You are God's Temple"	
	Notes of Sidney Anderson	
b. 10, f. 45	Bible studies and sermon notes	
	Writings of others	
b. 10, f. 46	Including pamphlet "The Three Ns - Nine naughty but nice - and how they began" (re. Chinese women who met at a YWCA English conversation class in 1939)	
b. 10, f. 47	Diary of Bessie W. Lipscomb, mother of Olive	1923-1924
	Documentation of Mission Work	1921-1963
b. 10, f. 48	Shanghai and Moore Memorial Church	1921-1950
b. 10, f. 49	Hong Kong: Wesley Village, North Point Methodist Church; Chung Chi College, Ward Memorial Methodist Church	1951-1963
b. 10, f. 50	Hong Kong: Wesley Village, North Point Methodist Church; Chung Chi College, Ward Memorial Methodist Church	1951-1963
	Personal Items and Memorabilia	1951-1978
b. 10, f. 51	Biographies, clippings, memorial services	
b. 10, f. 52	Financial information, wills	
b. 11, f. 53	Miscellaneous	
b. 11, f. 54	Regarding Bessie W. Lipscomb, mother of Olive	
b. 11, f. 55-56	Address books, memo books	
b. 11, f. 57	Anderson family Bible	
b. 11, f. 58	News clippings re. friends, memorial programs	
b. 11, f. 59	Booklets	
b. 12, f. 60	Greeting cards	
b. 12, f. 61	Craft items	
b. 12, f. 62	Re. Wesley Woods Retirement Community	
b. 12, f. 63	Chinese language material	
b. 12, f. 64-65	China-related material	
b. 12, f. 66-68	Photographs of Sidney and Olive Anderson, of other individuals (mostly Chinese), groups, buildings, weddings	

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Methodist Church -- Missions -- China  
Methodist Church -- Missions -- China -- Hong  
Kong  
Missionaries  
Missions -- China  
Missions -- China -- Hong Kong

### **Contributors**

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