Guide to the James Payne Alter Papers

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SUMMARY: The papers document Alter's lifelong involvement with the Christian church

in India, his affiliation with Yale University, his activities in student Christian organizations, and his ongoing interest in issues of peace and social concern. James Payne Alter was born in India in 1919, son of Presbyterian missionaries. He attended Yale College and Yale Divinity School. He was appointed as a Presbyterian missionary to India in 1945. He taught at Ewing Christian College in Allahabad, served as first Director of the ecumenical Christian Retreat and Study Center, Rajpur, and wrote on Christianity in northern India.

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1919 October 14	 Born in Sialkot, Punjab, India to David Emmett Alter and Martha Payne Alter; his parents were missionaries of the former United Presbyterian Church of North America.
1929-1933	o Attended Woodstock School, Mussourie, India
1933-1936	o Attended Mount Hermon School, Massachusetts
1936-1940	o Attended Yale University, B.A. 1940
1940-1942	o Secretary of Yale University Christian Association
1940-1941	$_{\odot}$ Three month prison term at Danbury Correctional Center as Conscientious Objector
1941-1942	o Attended Yale Divinity School
1942	o Married Barbara Beach, daughter of David Nelson Beach II. (Children: Martha (1944), John (1947), and Thomas (1950))
1942-1944	o Student Pastor, Haydenburg, Tennessee, Cumberland Mountain Presbytery under the auspices of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions
1944-1945	 Continued studies at Yale Divinity School
1945	 Assigned to the mission field in India by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in U.S.A. Arrived in India October, 1945
1946-1947	o Attended Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India
1947-1951	o Professor of English, Chaplain, and Chair of the Department of Religion and Ethics, Ewing Christian College, Allahabad, India
1949	$_{\odot}$ Ordained by the Allahabad Church Council of the United Church of North India
1951-1952	o Continued studies at Yale Divinity School, B.D. 1952
1952-1953	 Served as Study Secretary for the World Council of Churches
1954-1968	o First Director of ecumenical Christian Retreat and Study Centre, Rajpur, India
1968-1983	$_{\odot}$ Researched, traveled, and published articles relating to the history of North Indian Christianity

Date Event

1980 O Left India on medical retirement

1983 November 7 o Died

1986 o In the Doab and Rohilkhand: North Indian Christianity 1815-1915 (Delhi: ISPCK,

1986). Published posthumously, revised and completed by John Alter, son of James

Payne Alter

Scope and Contents

This collection documents James Alter's lifelong involvement with the Christian church in India, his affiliation with Yale University, his activities in student Christian organizations, and his ongoing interest in issues of peace and social concern.

Alter's student years at Yale, his involvement in the interrelated student Christian groups of that era, and his experiences as a conscientious objector during the Second World War are well-represented. After his return to India, extensive correspondence, writings and collected material provide important information about people and events as well as providing insight into Alter's personal journey as a son of traditional Presbyterian missionaries returning to devote his own life to an evolving participation in and understanding of the Christian Church in northern India. This record group does not contain a great deal of material relating specifically to the Christian Retreat and Study Centre in Rajpur, which Alter directed from 1954 to 1968. His consulting activities and research after this period are well documented.

The Correspondence of Series I, dating from 1936 to 1983, is divided into Family Correspondence and General Correspondence. Correspondence with family members, particularly his parents, is frequent and substantive. These letters, combined with the circular letters prepared by Jim and Barry Alter for their family and friends, provide thorough documentation of their activities for four decades. A fair portion of the General Correspondence is with the Presbyterian mission board and Presbyterian churches throughout the U.S. that provided financial support for the Alters. Also included in the General Correspondence section are letters documenting Alter's involvement in student Christian work, peace groups, and ecumenical ventures.

Series II is comprised of writings by Alter, including unpublished manuscripts, student papers, book reviews, sermons, lectures, and published works. The majority of the unpublished manuscripts and drafts contained in this Series relate to Christianity in northern India. Many are also available in published form, but drafts have been retained to document changes and revisions.

The materials contained in Series III and Series IV are similar in many ways, but Series III, Research Materials, represents the files that Alter had intentionally gathered together to support his ongoing research. These research materials relate almost exclusively to Christianity in northern India or to the interaction between Christianity and Communism. They include articles, reports, letters, notes, and newspaper clippings.

The Collected Material of Series IV is similar in format but covers a broader range of subject matter. Some materials relate to Christianity in India while others relate to courses taken by Alter, peace groups such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, student Christian groups, and other organizations with which Alter was affiliated throughout his life, including the United Presbyterian Church Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations and the World Council of Churches.

Series V, Biographical Material, gathers together documentation relating to trips, projects, and other events in Alter's life. The Series includes notes, reports, itineraries, photographs, and official documents.

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