Finding Aid for

Dorothy E. Pecht Slides, 1959–1980

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Summary Information
Creator: Dorothy E. Pecht, 1921-2012
Title: Dorothy E. Pecht Slides
Inclusive dates: 1959-1980
Bulk dates: 1960-1969
Size: 3 OS boxes, 3.00 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkearchives@library.columbia.edu
Administrative Information
Provenance: This collection was purchased from a private seller in 2012. It was then added to the Missionary Research Library Archives record group.

Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.

Access Restrictions: The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.

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Biography
Dorothy E. Pecht was born in Milroy, Pennsylvania on February 28, 1921. Her parents, Orris and Sara Eva (Barger) Pecht had four other daughters; Eunice, Helen, Bertha and Katherine. Ms. Pecht graduated from Milroy High School, Juniata College and Moody Bible Institute.

For four years Dorothy taught at Mount Union Elementary School. For 32 years Ms. Pecht served as a missionary in Africa with the Eternal Love Winning Africa (ELWA) and what was then known as the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM). She attended Calvary Bible Church in Lewistown and was a member of South Dalton Baptist Church in Dalton, Georgia.

Dorothy E. Pecht died on April 27, 2012 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania at the age of 91.

Sources:


Collection Scope and Content Note
The collection contains three boxes of 35mm photographic slides from Ms. Pecht's years as a missionary in Nigeria and Liberia. Along with the depiction of life in Africa at that time, it also depicts the organizations she was involved with including ELWA and SIM.
ELWA is an interdenominational Christian organization dating back to 1952. In a successful attempt to start the first Christian radio station on the continent of Africa, ELWA worked with what was then known as the Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) to create Radio ELWA in 1952. ELWA is comprised of ELWA Radio, ELWA Services, ELWA Hospital, and ELWA Academy. ELWA continues its missionary work exclusively in war ravaged Liberia where it is now attempting to rebuild the radio station, a casualty of the civil war. ELWA Ministries Association was created in 2009 to assist in the rebuilding of ELWA Radio and its ministries.

SIM, now an international organization with missionaries in Asia, Latin American and Africa, works independently of ELWA. It was originally created in 1893 as the “Soudan Interior Mission,” and after many name changes is known as SIM. It is still an active organization today.

The collection is organized by the slides which are identified and dated in one box, and in the final two boxes are unidentified and undated slides. Approximately 1400 slides are housed in this collection.

**Processing**
The collection of slides is contained in three 12.50 inches x 12.50 inches archival boxes. Each archival box has a 3-ring binder attached on the inside to hold Print File archival slide sleeves. The slide collection is contained in the slide sleeves. The majority of the slides are unidentified and undated.

**Further Sources**
The Burke Library offers other material in the Missionary Research Library relating to Africa and specifically to The Sudan Interior Mission. Information on collections available can be found online at: [http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/burke/archives/mrl.html](http://library.columbia.edu/indiv/burke/archives/mrl.html).

The Sudan Interior Mission Archives provides information on available collections online at: [http://archives.sim.org/](http://archives.sim.org/).

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