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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 1

Finding Aid for

**Dorothy E. Pecht Slides, 1959–1980**



Dorothy E. Pecht. Credit to: Simroots Photographs of SIM School Staff, ELWA:  
[http://simroots.sim.org/st\\_el\\_ph.htm](http://simroots.sim.org/st_el_ph.htm) (accessed June 12, 2013).

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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  
Abstract: Christian Missionary who worked in Liberia with Eternal Love Winning Africa and in Sudan with Sudan Interior Mission. Contains dated and undated 35mm slides.  
Size: 3 OS boxes, 3.00 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
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New York, NY 10027  
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**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](mailto: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.
- Preferred Citation: Item description, MRL1, Dorothy E. Pecht Slides, 1959-1980, box #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

**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:**

- Obituary: Dorothy E. Pecht. Lewistown Sentinel, April 30, 2012. (Accessed June 5, 2013)  
<http://lewistownsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/534423/Dorothy-E--Pecht.html?nav=5007>
- Official Website of Eternal Love Winning Arica, ELWA. <http://www.elwaministries.org/>. (Accessed June 6, 2013).
- Official Website of Sudan Interior Mission, SIM. <http://www.sim.org/index.php/>. (Accessed June 6, 2013).
- Official Website of Eternal Love Winning Africa Ministries Association, USA. <http://www.elwamausa.org/Home.aspx>. (Accessed June 6, 2013).

**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>.

The Sudan Interior Mission Archives provides information on available collections online at: <http://archives.sim.org/>.

### Contents list

Box	Contents
1	Dated 35mm slides
2-3	Undated 35mm slides