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**The Florence Shepherd and Florence Howard Norris Papers**

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**Introduction**

The Florence Shepherd and Florence Howard Norris Papers are actually two closely related small collections. The first is a scrapbook of pictures of United Brethren missionaries compiled by Florence Shepherd (1860-1956) over many years. The second is an extensive research project conducted by Florence Norris based upon the Shepherd scrapbook. Norris's end result, titled "Glimpses of United Brethren Missionaries 1855-1946," is a compilation of biographical data on 141 of the missionaries whose photographs appear in the Shepherd scrapbook. The project, begun in 1984 and finished in 1995, is keyed to the scrapbook. Together, the Shepherd and Norris papers make an excellent resource for studying the lives of missionaries in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ from the time of the first UB foreign mission venture (1855) until the merger of the United Brethren with the Evangelical Church to form the Evangelical United Brethren Church (1946).

Historical Collection 61 fills 2 boxes (1 linear foot of shelf space). It has been arranged as follows:

- Series I: The Florence Shepherd Scrapbook
- Series II: "Glimpses of United Brethren Missionaries 1855-1946"  
Compiled by Florence Howard Norris
- Series III: Florence Howard Norris Research Files

Series I was donated to United Theological Seminary by Florence Shepherd (via her Pastor, the Rev. Demi Edwards) some time between 1956 and 1984. The scrapbook came to the attention of Dr. Arthur Core, who passed it on to Florence Norris hoping that she could identify the images within. Series II and III were donated to the Center for the Evangelical United Brethren Heritage by Florence Howard Norris in 1995.

**Biographical Note**

Florence Shepherd lived from 1860 to 1956. She was a member of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ of Greenville, Ohio, where she was very active in the Women's

Missionary Association. During her last years she resided at the St. Clair Nursing Home in Greenville.

Florence Norris is the daughter of missionary parents, Bishop Alfred Taylor Howard (d. 1948) and May Day Stevenson Howard. She resides at the Otterbein Lebanon Retirement Community in Lebanon, Ohio.

### Scope and Content

**Series I** consists of a scrapbook compiled by Florence Shepherd. Most of the pictures in the scrapbook were cut from United Brethren periodicals dating from the 1890s to the 1920s. The main focus of the scrapbook is on UB missions and missionaries. The final pages include newsprint images of national figures Washington, Lincoln, and the Wright Brothers. **Series II** is comprised of Florence Howard Norris’s “Glimpses of United Brethren Missionaries 1855-1946,” more than 250 pages interpreting the careers of 141 of the missionaries whose images appear in the Shepherd scrapbook. **Series III** includes research notes and files associated with the 11-year “Glimpses” project.

### Box and Folder Listing

Box	File	Description	Dates
<i>Series I: Florence Shepherd Scrapbook</i>			
1	1	Scrapbook of United Brethren Missionaries	1890-1950
<i>Series II: Glimpses of United Brethren Missionaries 1855-1946</i>			
1	2	Title Page – Album Page 9	1984-95
	3	Album Page 10 – Album Page 20	1984-95
	4	Album Page 21 – Album Page 29	1984-95
	5	Album Page 30 – Bibliography	1984-95
<i>Series III: Florence Howard Norris Research Files</i>			
1	6	Notes	1984-95
2	1	Pictures from <i>The Watchword</i>	March 1921
	2	Alfred T. Howard and Wife, May	1984-95

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	3	<i>The Tan and Cardinal</i> , Otterbein College Publication	Sept. 1925
	4	Alfie's Biog Pages	1984-95
	5	Emma Spahr – Mildred Shoup	1984-95
	6	Gladys Ward	1984-95
	7	Intro and WMA	1984-95
	8	P.R. and P.I.	1984-95
	9	<i>The Search Light I</i>	1984-95
	10	<i>The Search Light II</i>	1984-95
	11	<i>The Friend</i> – Don's Letter About Tokyo	1984-95
	12	Modern Missions	1984-95
	13	Otterbein Missionaries	1984-95
	14	Africa – Biographies	1984-95
	15	Japan – Biographies	1984-95
	16	China – Biographies	1984-95
	17	“Women in the New World” by Don Gorrell	1981
	18	Correspondence	1985-94
	19	Miscellaneous	1952-92
	20	Program: Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Foreign Mission Work	1930
	21	Photographs of Missionaries	1900s-1940s

