

A Society of Mutual Interests, Relationships

American Baptist Historical *Society*. A society is a group of people, distinguished by mutual interests and participation in shared relationships. The significance of our organizational name becomes clear when we recognize the numerous people whose contributions make possible the ministry of the Society. In this issue of *Primary Source* we take the opportunity to recognize our supporters and donors. We also say thank you and farewell to Jan S. Ballard, who served the Society as its archivist since 2011 and was promoted to assistant director in 2016.

Our archivist is the staff person primarily responsible for the care of the collections, ensuring that we know what documents, records, books, and artifacts are in our possession, what their condition is, whether special care is needed to preserve them, and how to locate them. If you visited the archives to do research, you interacted with Ballard. If you donated

church records or family papers, it was Ballard who received, acknowledged, and processed those records. If you attended a Biennial workshop on doing local church history or record-keeping, you benefitted from Ballard's expertise. Jan Ballard has been an integral part of our Society.



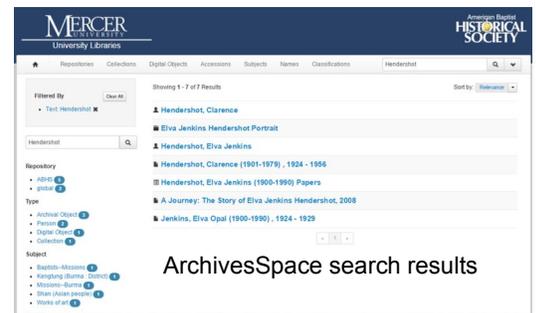
Jan S. Ballard

Ballard implemented the digital component of the Strategic Plan. She curated the Judson200 web site which showcased Howard Malcom's drawings of Burma, missionary photographs of Burma, and the letters of Adoniram Judson. While this website is no longer active, it was a great resource for the Judson bicentennial celebrations

throughout 2012-13. The Judson200 web site necessitated setting up a scanning process so that the photographs and documents could be catalogued and uploaded. Because of Ballard's work we have the capability to do scanning for a variety of other projects, and have a process to locate and document the scanned files.

Our online catalog, ArchivesSpace, is entirely due to Ballard's energy and expertise, too.

Currently, information about our Manuscript Collection and Missionary



ArchivesSpace search results

Correspondence is available online. We get many inquiries from researchers that reference ArchivesSpace entries, making it easier for staff to answer questions. It will be much easier to add to this resource because Ballard set it up well.

Ballard initiated and updated processes and policies to bring greater organization to the Society. She updated our photocopying and permissions processes, and numbered and labeled all six miles of shelves in the archives, enhancing the Society's capacity to serve researchers well. Before her departure, Ballard made a detailed map of the archives showing where the different collections are housed. All the innovations and modernizations that have come about in the past 6 years have made it possible to give improved services to researchers and our partner organizations.

It is with regret that we said 'farewell' to our archivist of 6 years, Jan Ballard, who resigned her position at ABHS to pursue work closer to home. Jan is already missed, but she has laid a solid foundation for future archivists at ABHS.

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Hopevale Martyrs' Story Told in Archives

The American Baptist Historical Society contains many treasures in its archives. The massive amount of correspondence to and from hundreds of American Baptist missionaries constitutes one of these treasures.

This includes correspondence and photos of the Hopevale Martyrs: Jennie Clare Adams, James "Jimmy" Howard and Charma Covell, Dorothy Antoinette Dowell, Signe Amelia Erickson, Frederick and Ruth Meyer, Francis and Gertrude Rose, Erle and Louise Rounds and finally Erle Douglas, the Rounds' 11-year-old son.

Assigned to Capiz and Iloilo, Philippines, most of them were associated with Central Philippine College, now Central Philippine University. J. Howard Covell was a teacher at the college and his wife Charma used their home as a place of outreach to students. Dorothy Dowell was principle of the Baptist Missionary Training School, which became a part of Central Philippine College in 1937. Signe Erickson was a colleague of Dowell's at the Baptist Missionary Training School. Francis and Gertrude Rose also served at Central Philippine College.

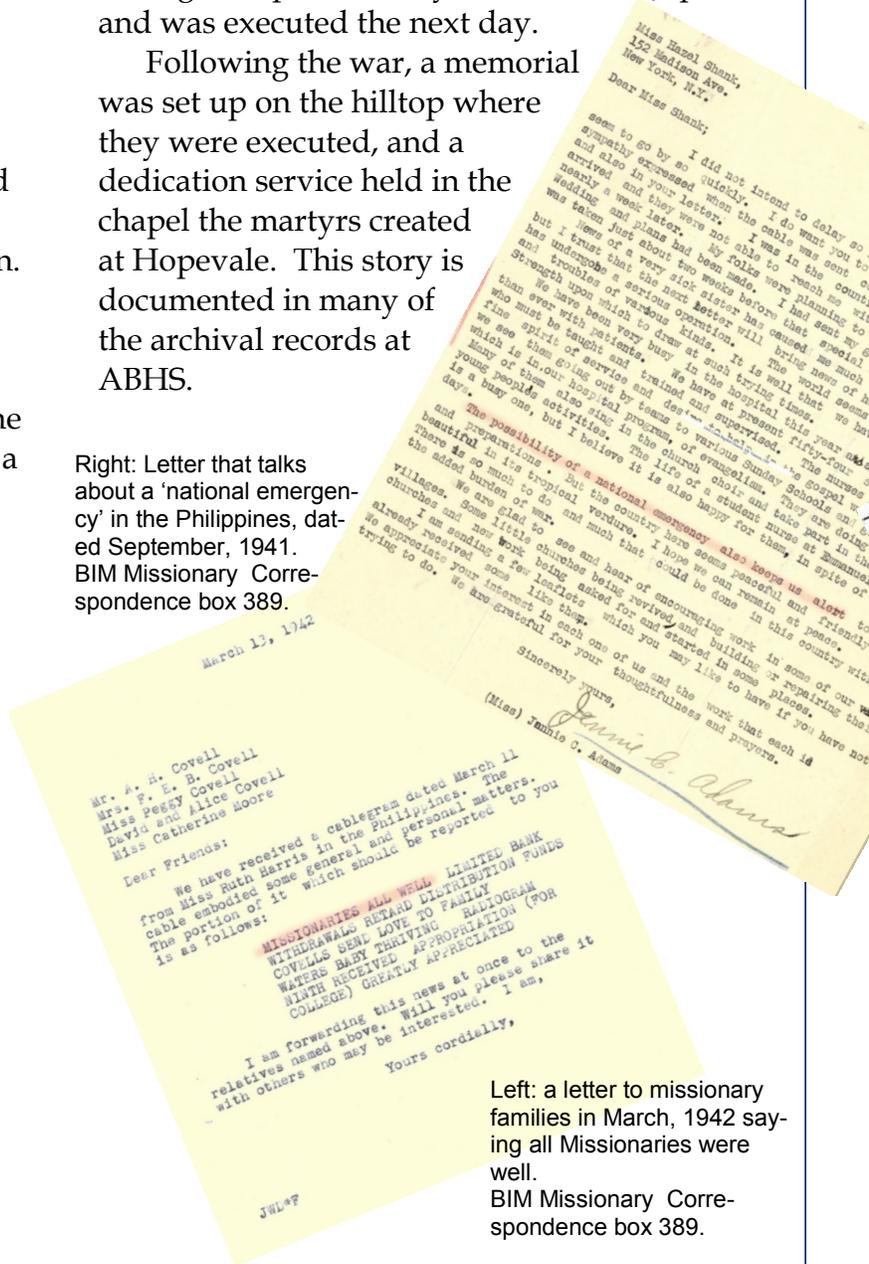
Jennie Adams was a nurse at Emmanuel Hospital where she ministered to patients and colleagues alike. Dr. Frederick Meyer and his wife also served at Emmanuel Hospital in Capiz before taking roles at Central Philippine College. Finally, Erle and Louise Rounds served as missionaries in the province of Antique.

These missionaries fled into the jungles and hills when the Japanese began invading the Philippines in 1941. Their temporary evacuation home was given the name "Hopevale," and was

located in a circular valley in the mountains of Panay Island. Local people knew of their hiding and helped support them. On December 19, 1943, the group of missionaries was captured during a surprise raid by the Japanese and was executed the next day.

Following the war, a memorial was set up on the hilltop where they were executed, and a dedication service held in the chapel the martyrs created at Hopevale. This story is documented in many of the archival records at ABHS.

Right: Letter that talks about a 'national emergency' in the Philippines, dated September, 1941. BIM Missionary Correspondence box 389.



Left: a letter to missionary families in March, 1942 saying all Missionaries were well. BIM Missionary Correspondence box 389.

Thanks to Volunteers!

In November, Elizabeth Pulanco spent 6 weeks in an internship at ABHS. Elizabeth is a theological librarian at Central Philippine University. At ABHS she worked on surveying our Philippines collection, including records and photos from Central Philippine University and the Convention of Philippine Baptist Churches, and writing a resource reference guide.



We are deeply grateful to North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago, whose Wilbur Warner Grant program underwrote the cost of hosting this internship.

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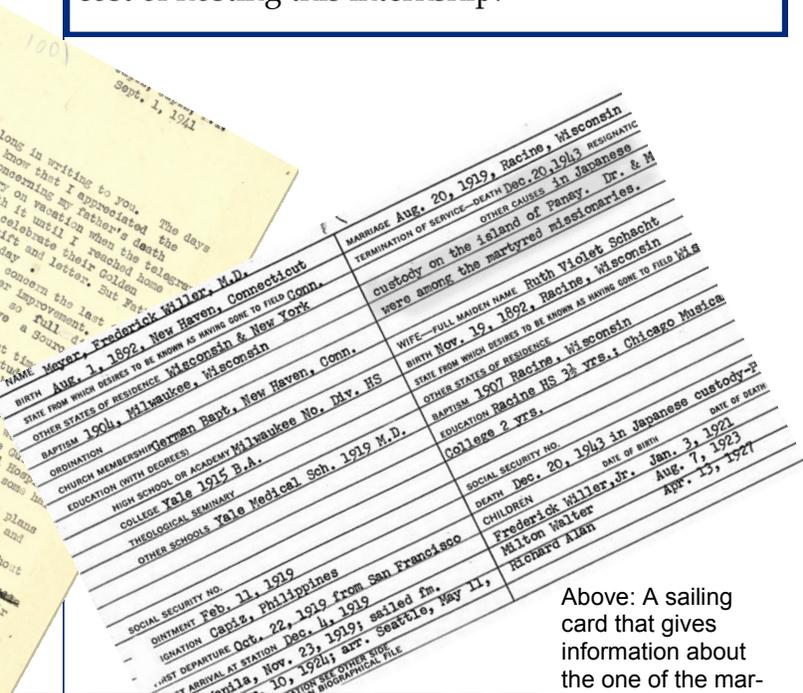
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Above: A sailing card that gives information about the one of the martyred missionaries.

Sailing Cards
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Left: A drawing of the chapel at Hopevale where the missionaries worshipped.

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George D. Younger (1926-2001) was a historian, minister, ecumenical leader, and lifelong enthusiast for Baptist history. Seeking to honor his achievements and to continue his legacy of encouraging others to share their own part in Baptist history, the Historical Society's Board of Managers created the George D. Younger Award in 2004.

Projects eligible for this Award include but are not limited to church anniversary celebrations, congregational or regional histories, oral history projects, or other historical programs that promote Baptist history in the local community or region. The judges especially look for evidence of the impact on the targeted audience, with special consideration given for those projects with outreach beyond the immediate Baptist community.

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Research Snapshot

One of our recent researchers was [Kristin George](#), a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at University of California, Berkeley, CA, who spent a week looking at 19th-century records. Kristin's project is to compare ways that clergy from three different northern denominations addressed the question of slavery in the 19th century. "I'm interested in questions of moral change in society, and the role that religious organizations play in those processes. There are questions about how theological issues . . . influence the way that the denomination can deal with moments of moral contestation. The slavery issue in America is an excellent example of a moment of moral contestation."



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Proposals, **due March 15, 2017**, should be 750-1000 words, and make explicit the paper's connection to the conference theme. Full papers may then be submitted for publication consideration to the *American Baptist Quarterly*.

Submit paper proposals to Dr. Donald Brash—dbrash@eastern.edu. For details consult the [ABHS website](#).

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