

Archives

Archival Resources on *India Missions*

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The Mennonite Library & Archives at Fresno Pacific University holds several archival collections relating to Mennonite Brethren missions in India. Among the largest and most significant are the following:

MB Mission, Mission Work in India

Record Group A250-6 (18 linear feet)

Includes minutes, missionary correspondence files, subject files, financial records, and photographs relating to the work of MB Mission in India. The records begin in 1910, even though the first Mennonite Brethren missionaries arrived over a decade earlier.

Papers of the Lohrenz Family

Record Group M174 (4 linear feet)

John H. and Maria Klaassen Lohrenz served as Mennonite Brethren missionaries in India from 1920 to 1957. The collection includes correspondence, sermon notes, unpublished manuscripts, course notes, diaries, notebooks, transcripts and grade sheets, financial records, official documents, clippings, genealogy data, Bibles, photographs, and other miscellaneous papers of John H. Lohrenz and his wives, Maria Klaassen Lohrenz and Susie Richert Lohrenz.

Peter Penner Indian Research Collection

Record Group M209 (3 linear feet)

Peter Penner is a historian who published primarily in the areas of British Imperial India and Mennonite Brethren missionary work. This



Dr. Katharina Schellenberg (seated far right), Mennonite Brethren medical missionary, greets patients at the dispensary in Shamshabad, India. 1922. Credit: Mennonite Library and Archives, Katharina Schellenberg, Photography of India, Record Group M292



The Mennonite Brethren mission station at Nagarkurnool in Andhra Pradesh, a state on the southeast coast of India. n.d. Credit: Mennonite Library and Archives, Katharina Schellenberg, *Photography of India*, Record Group M292



Phyllis (Hiebert) Martens grew up in India, where her parents were Mennonite Brethren missionaries from 1929 - 1952. In this drawing by Phyllis, her parents, J. N. C. and Anna Hiebert stand outside the Nagarkurnool Mission Station near Hyderabad, India. Credit: Phyllis Martens

collection consists mostly of research material gathered in preparation for Penner's book *Russians, North Americans, and Telugus: The American Mennonite Brethren Mission in India, 1885-1975*. It includes photocopies of periodical articles, correspondence, and other archival material gathered from the Mennonite Library & Archives (Fresno, Calif.), the American Baptist Archives Center (Valley Forge, Pa.), and the Hamburg-Horn Seminary (Hamburg, Germany). It also includes photographs of Mennonite Brethren missionaries and mission work in India, Penner's research note cards, and Penner's correspondence with missionaries, children of missionaries, and mission board administrators.

Papers of J. J. & Anna Dick

Record Group M173 (1.4 linear feet)

J. J. Dick and Anna Dick served as Mennonite Brethren missionaries in India, 1934-1957. The Dicks fled the Soviet Union in 1932, traveling 1600 miles by foot and horseback over the Himalayan Mountains into India. The collection includes correspondence, sermons, a Russian notebook, diaries, three manuscripts (*Unsere Reise aus Russland*, *Unsere Flucht aus Russland*, *From Exile in Russia Into Mission Work in India*), and clippings of published articles.

Papers of the Daniel Bergthold Family

Record Group M208 (0.6 linear feet)

Daniel F. Bergthold was a Mennonite Brethren missionary to India, 1904-1946. The collection consists of manuscripts, notebooks, outlines and correspondence of Bergthold's, biographical material collected about him, and correspondence belonging to his daughter, Lydia Bergthold Marple.

Katharina Schellenberg, Photography of India

Record Group M292 (116 mounted photographs)

Includes 116 mounted photographs of India and the Mennonite Brethren mission work there. Most photographs are undated, but were presumably taken during the years 1907-1945, when Schellenberg was a missionary there.



Dr. Schellenberg with Indian co-workers. n.d. Credit: Mennonite Library and Archives, Katharina Schellenberg, *Photography of India*, Record Group M292