

Inventory of Accession 17-36:

The material in this accession is primarily from and about the following AIM missionaries, and is submitted by Dorothy Downing Hildebrandt, daughter of Kenneth L. Downing:

Lee Harper Downing, 1866-1942 – Missionary in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission 1901-1942, with his wife, Blanche Hunter Downing, 1872-1933; (frequently referred to as LHD and BHD)

Kenneth Lee Downing, 1908-1989 – Second son of Lee and Blanche Downing, missionary in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission 1933-1989, and his wife, Ivy Ambrose Downing, 1910-1989; (referred to as KLD and IAD); and with references to Kenneth's brother:

Herbert Caldwell Downing, 1905-1986 – First son of Lee and Blanche Downing, missionary in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission 1933-1974, and his wife, Mildred Houk Downing. (HCD)

Accession 17-36: Papers of the Downing family; 1876-2015

Box 1

Correspondence of the Downing family, mainly of Kenneth L. Downing, but also with letters to and from Lee Harper Downing and other family members including birth certificates, educational records, prayer letters, newspaper clippings, forms and other ephemera; 1902-1939, 1977

Correspondence of the Downing family, mainly of Kenneth L. Downing, but also with letters to and other family members including death certificates, prayer letters, newspaper clippings, forms and other ephemera; 1942-1969

Correspondence of Kenneth and Ivy Downing, including personal letters and prayer letters, , 1970-1971

Correspondence of Kenneth and Ivy Downing, including personal letters and prayer letters, , 1972-1975

Correspondence of Kenneth and Ivy Downing,, 1976-1978

Correspondence of Kenneth and Ivy Downing, 1979-1982

Correspondence of Kenneth and Ivy Downing,, 1982-1985

Correspondence of Kenneth and Ivy Downing, including ministry logs and forms, 1986-1989

Duplicate book with carbon copies of Kenneth L. Downing's correspondence; 1985-1986

Cards of Kenneth L. Downing and Ivy Downing for blood type and membership in various organizations, including AIM; 1970-1992

Kenyan driver's licenses of Kenneth L. Downing and Ivy Downing; 1933-1988

Muskingum College diploma for Kenneth L. Downing; 1930

Box 2

Duplicate book with carbon copies of Kenneth L. Downing's correspondence; 1986-1988

Condolence correspondence, death certificate, funeral documents and program and other materials relating to the deaths of Kenneth L. Downing and Ivy Downing in 1989; 1988-2009

Ivy Downing Pocket diaries; 1955-1989

Ivy Downing diary; 1935-1936

Birthday book of Kenneth L. Downing; 1926

Notebook of letters sent to Kenneth L. Downing and Ivy Downing on their 50th wedding anniversary; 1987

Pocket diaries of Kenneth L. Downing; 1955-1988

VHS cassette of Kenneth L. Downing' funeral, 1989

Audio cassette of Kenneth L. Downing's funeral, 1989

Audio cassette of Ivy A Downing's funeral; 1989

Autograph books of Ivy Downing; 1927, 1935

Several versions of "How May I know God's Plan for my Life," by Lee Harper Downing; 1925, 1960, n.d.

Correspondence of Lee Harper Downing; 1876-1902

Lee Harper Downing - "Calling Cards" – from Downing & Hunter relatives

Blanche Hunter autograph book; 1894

Diary of Blanche Hunter Downing; 1920

Audio cassette of Herbert Downing's funeral, 1986

Passports: Kenneth L. Downing – 1940-1988, USA

Ivy Downing – 1940-1987, UK/CAN

Health and vaccination certificates; 1972-1977

12 postcards, with scenes from the United States, Canada and Kenya, several showing scenes of African tribal and missionary life, several addressed to Bertha Simpson. 1906-1913, n.d.

Notebook of obituaries biographies and personal memorabilia, (arranged alphabetically), of AIM missionaries; 1983-2017

Notebook and folder of misc documents, letters, newspaper clippings about AIM history; 1930-2015

Kutumikia Pamoja – Serving Together in house newsletter of the AIM Kenya field; 1992-1996

Box 3

Diplomas:

Lee Harper Downing – College 1892

Kenneth L. Downing – University 1932?

Ivy Downing – R.N. 1933, Nursing 1932, Bible Inst. 1929, piano 1924

Marriage Cert. Lee Harper Downing-BHD Oct. 10, 1899

Surveyor drawings of Kenneth L. Downing; 1922, 1929-1930

Photo – 25th Okenga Anniversary, Park Street Church, with Kenneth L. Downing and Ivy Downing in back row; 1961

Eldoret Missionary College From Vision to Reality/ The First Ten Years Jonathan Hildebrandt, 2012

They Came To Media / A History of AIM's Retirement Community Jonathan Hildebrandt, 2015

