

Accession 2024-034: Hester Withey Papers, 1915-2006

Box 1:

- Robert D. Carlson manuscript, "Breakthrough: The Story of Bob and Betty Ekvall," 2003 (2 copies)
- "God's Story" or "The Story of Hope" TSP from the Tibetan, Tamding's back translation, n.d.
- "Tibetan Breakthrough" or "Lhasa Today" handwritten manuscript, n.d.
- "Story of the Opening of WEC missionary work to Tibetans in Kantze in Chinese Tibet": Extracts from personal letter to Mrs. Jean Hunter from Hester, 1948-1950
- Humorous, 2001-2005
- "Tibetan Buddhist peoples in the CIS," ca. 1994
- Jan Kornish's prayer letters, Meeten's itinerary, etc., 2004
- "Tibetan Story-Telling Project" or "Hope Project," 2005
- Dark blue folder with background sheets on counties and their Tibetan/Chinese populations in the Garzê Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture in China's western Sichuan Province along the border with Tibet, ca. 2000; photographs of people and workers in the region, 1995-1998; and maps
- Orange/yellow folder with printed copies of posters, CD, "Tibetan Posters: The Cross, The Bridge, Two Roads," with accompanying translations of the posters' texts, 2004; and accompanying miscellaneous documents; 1972-2004. (Also red folder with printed copies of posters, and orange folder in Box 2)
- Plastic bag with documents related to "Timothy" or Thinley Jorjie, 1981-1982
- Envelope labeled "-ING Project – Rewai-Namthar Tibetan" and "Shari's Report & Photos (includes documents related to "The Tibetan Story-telling Project" or "Hope Project," 2005-2006
- Green folder with script for audio-visual on Tibet, drawings of Tibetan life, background info on Tibet, slide and tape lists, 1986, undated
- Kham Historical: Histories, Photos, and Letters, 2001-2003
- Green folder labeled "Tom Field," 1990-2001
- Envelope labeled "The Hope" master script in columns (5) and companion background materials, 1985-2005

Box 2:

- Two postcard sets of Bhutan with some annotations and one 1981 with a message by Withey, undated
- VHS of "Elaine Robson interviews Peter Rapgay & Jigmay Norbe, Kathamandu, 1992
- Audio cassette, "Survey Trip to Lhasa – Tibet, May 17-July 25, 1985; Report by Hester Withey (CONFIDENTIAL)
- Audio cassette, "Timothy's Testimony" (Thinley Dorjie); Dzondkha songs (translation), "Because He Lives" (English), "More Than These" (English), undated
- Three unidentified color slides, possibly in India, 1986-1988
- Orange folder with printed copies of "Tibetan Posters: The Cross, The Bridge, Two Roads," with accompanying translations of the posters' texts, 2004. (Duplicating contents in orange and red folders in Box 1)
- Laminated 8x11 card with color illustrations of "The Christmas Story" on one side, and "The Easter Story" on the reverse side, 2002
- Light blue envelope labeled "25 pages of "Story Teller" in Tibetan script (balance left on computer, not removed as e-mail), ca. 2005
- "The Story of Hope" project script, 2005; Introduction : Event 1 – Universal Question: Is there a purpose?; Tibetan scene #1 – Choemphel's Intro

- Folder labeled “David and Betty Woodward” with article manuscripts, Withey’s handwritten notes, letters, etc., 1988-2000
- Envelope labeled “Ak Bulung Village Life Diary – Kyrgystan” by Karen Knott – second set of Volume One (“Adventures in Ak Bulung,” chapters 1-9), 2002 [larger set chaps. 1-16 submitted to Cand. Dept.]; “Highlights in Ministry” issues with photographs, undated; also small envelopes with color photographs, ca. 2003
- Envelope labeled “Kantze Arrival Story” (master copy), July 23-Aug. 9, 1948
- Folder labeled “Tibetan Work – Historical”, Tibetan ministry background, WEC Tibetan field letters of Hesters, Jarjeeling later letters, 1948-2003
- Envelope labeled “Kashmir/Jammu State” containing postcards, undated
- Books (loose):
  - *Dawa Bema: The Uncertain Monk* by Douglas Blackwood. (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing, 1987)
  - Yellow “Songbook with Cassette” (perhaps English translation of Tibetan title with entirely Tibetan contents, undated)
  - Tibetan book with orange cover and illustration of elephant carrying monkey, rabbit and bird, 1995, published in Kathmandu (possibly Tibetan version of “A Tibetan Monk’s Story” described below)
  - Pink “Sing a New Song to the Lord with Stringed Instrument, Psalm 33:2” (perhaps English translation of Tibetan title with alternating Tibetan and English contents, undated)
  - Brown book with color photo on cover, Tibetan songbook with one hundred songs, undated
  - “The Story of the Tibetan Bible,” written in English by Bishop Chandu Ray, undated
  - Pale purple booklet in Tibetan by Shangba Nyima Tshering, undated
  - “A Tibetan Monk’s Story,” written in English, 1995 (possibly English version of orange book described above)
  - “At Work with the Emerging Dragon: UNV (UN volunteers) in Bhutan,” a UM publication, ca. 1986
- Loose:
  - Isobel Cochran aerogramme labeled “Important Information,” 1994
  - Envelope labeled “Very Important Testimonies of Taki Gyetse, Daw Penjo, Yang Norbu Dorjie,” 1958
  - Envelope labeled “A Very Special Document from John Willis,” 2002-2006
  - “Tibetan Storytelling Project,” March 2004 issue
  - Bob Gerdson prayer letter, 2004
  - Bundle: Withey’s letters from west China, 1947-1951; “Nepal and the Gospel,” letter to WEC leaders, 1991; history of Withey’s family members, undated; “WEC Life History,” undated; address list, undated
  - Bundle re Operation Mobilisation: booklet on the Dalits, two photographs, 2003 India Annual Report, letter to Withey from OM USA, 2002-2003

#### Box 3: (primarily Photographs)

- Blue pouch labeled “Hester Withey Materials”: loose photographs (many labeled), postcards (some labeled), 1946-2004
  - Envelope labeled “Khamba Tibetan photo cards,” including large postcards, undated; Gospel of Mark in Bhutanese, 1970; photo program installation disk; CD titled “God Spoke Tibetan,” undated; “Delivered” booklet, ca. 1961
  - Plastic sleeve with letters to and from Withey with assorted miscellaneous docs, 1996-2003
  - “The Kantze Arrival Story,” undated

- “Biographical for Markus boys,” undated
- “For the Director’s File” – Withey bio sheet, undated
- “Hester Withy’s WEC Life History,” ca. 2003
- Aqua envelope with loose photos: Withey with parents and brother, ca. 1915; 1936-1939; photos re travel to Angola, 1920
- Postcard set packet containing photographs, most labeled, undated
- White unlabeled envelope including:
  - “Let a New Day Dawn,” by Joy Palmer (?), undated
  - Spiral bound booklets, “A New Way of Living: Mentoring People ...” intro and Part 1, undated
  - Loose items: letter to Hester, 1993; death notice of sibling or other relation, Stephen Bassett Withey, 1991; “The Agenda of the Tibetan Buddhist,” undated; Nepal – “Himalayan Prayer Fellowship” letter, August 1998; email prayer appeal to fast for President George W. Bush, 2001
- Photo folder pouch with many loose photographs (many but not all labeled), 1948-2003
- Photo folder pouch with loose photographs in envelopes (many but not all labeled)
  - Envelope labeled “Tibetan Friends – India Locations Related,” 1973-1976
  - Envelope labeled “Ootacamund, Nilgiris, South India,” 1964
  - Envelope labeled “Ramnagar Camps” [empty]
  - Envelope labeled “Historically Significant,” 1976-1999
  - Envelope labeled “Timothy,” 1981
  - Envelope labeled “Timothy’s Baptism,” 1981
  - Envelope labeled “Folk from Ramnagar Camp who were Tibetans,” 1952-1955
  - Unlabeled envelope with photographs – many including parents and brother, 1922-1937
  - Envelope labeled “Ramni & Maithana Garhwal,” 1952-1954
  - Envelope labeled “Tibetan Friends from Kalimpong-Darjeeling Days,” undated
  - Envelope labeled “Lucknow,” 1977-1979
  - Envelope labeled “Fellowships,” 1978-2002

Box 1:

- Tibetan Bible, 1948
- December 3, 1986 letter from Withey to Norman and Jenny Meeten
- Photographs, color and b&w, most unlabeled, some from mission areas (Tibet or China or India), others of friends and possibly family
- Notes and unidentified script, perhaps for “Tibet – the Roof of the World”
- Blue folder labeled “The Withey Part of Red Yellow and Black, containing color photograph of unidentified Asian man and photocopy of *Red Yellow and Black* book
- Certificate of death for Lilian Wetherly, 1978
- Assorted materials related to WEC missionaries and friends
- Letters between Ericksen and Withey about oral history interviews and deeds of gift for interviews and draft articles by Withey
- Envelope with photographs labeled “Hester’s Youth and Baby Pictures”, 1913-ca. 1930
- Photocopy of painting and Withey’s notes about her father
- Several manuscript scraps in envelope related to Withey’s and father and other family
- Envelope with printed messages: “Call for Worldwide Prayer for India as Dalits Prepare to Embrace Other Faiths,” email “Security in Nepal,” and “India Update”, 2001

Box 2

- Slide tray with 119 slides, companion audio tape (28 minutes) , and complete script for “Tibet – the Roof of the World”
- Audio cassette and accompanying slides for “Tibet – the Roof of the World” (appears to be exact copy of contents of slide tray box)
- Audio cassettes:
  - Six-tape set of oral histories with Withey conducted by Paul Ericksen in June 1989
  - Three-tape set of “Biographical Notes on Witheys and Bassetts by Hester Withey (also included is a two-page “Corrections/Modifications of Interview | Biographical Material by Hester Withey” for tape 1
- 35mm slides:
  - Two-box set of slides, “Lhasa 1985 trip” (slides not in report sets) – “Pen of Islam” and “In Lhasa”
  - Black plastic case with approximately 54 slides, most labeled
  - Small yellow plastic case with approximately 20 slides, many labeled