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DANIEL NORMAN FONDS

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DANIEL NORMAN FONDS. – 1897-1967. – 27 cm of textual records. --62 photographs.

Daniel Norman (1864-1941) was a Methodist/United Church minister to Japan. He first went to Japan as a Methodist missionary in 1897. He married Catherine Heal in 1901 and they returned to Japan and continued work there until after his retirement in 1935.

Fonds consists of four series: 1) Correspondence, 1902-1953, 2) Diaries, 1897-1952, 3) Biographical Material and Writings, 1912-1969, 4) Photographs, [1897-1939].

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE. – 1902-1953. – 3 cm of textual records.

Series contains correspondence relating to Daniel Norman's life and work in Japan, 1902-1953.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1986.005C	1-3	Daniel Norman – Letter to Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux	1907
	1-4	Invitation to Lemieux party to visit Nagano and Karuizawa. --- – correspondence Letter found in a second hand book addressed to Dr. Iglehart with information about Newspaper Evangelism. (Covering letter 1979 with Lloyd Neve, a Lutheran missionary.) Letter to Howard Norman: concerning becoming a practitioner, business matters, subscriptions, insurance and Aunt Lucy. Spiritual advice.	1920-1923
	1-5	--- – Letter to Dr. and Mrs. F. Stephenson	1926
	1-6	Mission meeting in Kobe splendid. Effect of U.S. Immigration Act of 1924 upon Japanese church. Difficult to work without Japanese helpers, Takizawa and Harano. Good financial support from Japanese laity. Use of Pathe pictures. Need to get young minister interested in Rural Evangelism. --- – Letters to his wife and children	1927
	1-7	(At this time Mrs. Woman was in Calgary where Herbert was in a TB Sanitarium.) June 21, description of evangelistic meeting. June 21 to Howard on dangers of losing spiritual life in ferment of intellectual activity – Howard's doubts. July 5, Family news. Visitors from China shown around. Expecting sister Lucy in Karuizawa. Summer plans for Karuizawa. --- – Letters	1934-1935
		To Richard Roberts on engagement of son, Howard, to Gwen Roberts. Kagawa in Toronto. Roberts' visit to Japan postponed. To Rev. S.W. Dean: Suggestion of pensioning older men but allowing them to continue working – to save on mission budget; McKenzie over 70 and in work ... 47 years. Similar position of Coates and Norman. Norman retires moves to Karuizawa. Mrs. Norman's long illness. Concern for the	

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1986.005C		church to give leadership in social questions. Arrangements for pension payments.	
		Planning time with Howard Kanazawa. Death of Mrs. Norman's mother. Herbert Norman, without a job, may need financial help. Blood pressure improving. Joys and disappointments of work. Rev. Takeo Nakajima in Canada on Caroline Macdonald scholarship. Would like news of 10 th Anniversary celebration of Church Union. Would like Toronto Conference minutes, also accounts of federal election. Practical means of reducing UCC deficits suggested. Teaching job in Takaoka open for Claire Wright. Connections with Karuizawa sanitarium. Invited to visit Formosa. Effect of militarism on Japanese churches.	
	1-8	--- – Letters	1936-1937
		A Christian invalid's witness. Money sent to Herbert on termination of Upper Canada College job. Consideration of relationship with UCC Pension Board if invitation to work temporarily in Shokwa, Formosa is accepted, work to assist with Japanese officials over building of new hospital. Changes at UCC headquarters. Reduction in pensions mooted. Arrangements for payment for Dr. Bews to travel from Canada to Karuizawa Sanitarium. Church and manse building in Iwamurata. S.W. Dear daughter in Japan. Praise of Dr. Stedefeldt. Ill health prevents trip to Canada.	
	1-9	--- – Visit to Tainan	1936
		Comment on personalities and methods. Frank J. Raynor's <u>The Great Masquerade</u> recommended. Enjoying hospitality and fellowship. Modern world calls for more complete surrender to Christ. Description of Taihoku and climate of Formosa. Sorrow over death of King George V gives place to sorrow over lack of control over science. Decision to remain in Japan explained. Contacts with Formosan Christians and Christian work – in church, school and medicine.	
	1-10	--- - Letters	1938-1941
		Concern for financial state of Canadian Church and loss of confidence in the leadership. Introducing Imai to Dr. Stephenson. Request for information on Rev. George Douglas D.D. and his leprosy. Comment on Japanese military situation on the mainland. Herbert's stay and study in Japan and contrary reports.	
		Salary disparities between rural and city charges and headquarters jobs. Dean analyses decrease in givings; describes the faults of the old	

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1986.005C		Methodist Sustentation Fund. \$100 sent to Howard. Health prevents further preaching – peaceful outdoor life in Karuizawa. Sends \$20 to Civil Liberties to fight Padlock Act in Quebec.	
	1-11	--- – Written between 1902 and 1910	1902-1910
		This is a “propaganda” ploy for the Japan Mission.	
	1-12	--- – Letter from a convert circa 1919	1919
		From hostility to conversion.	
	1-14	--- – 1933, Letter to United Churchman; 1937, Letter to Aurora Banner	1933, 1937
		Letter to United Churchman – a historical explanation of Japan’s present actions.	
	1-18	Letter to Aurora Banner – Communism. Catherine Norman – Letters	1925, 1937
		Reminiscences of Grandpa and Grandma Pridham. Herbert and friends in Nagano for Christmas. (Auntie in Kobe is Miss Lucy Norman, then matron of the Canadian Academy.) Family doings. A wish for better teachers at CA. News of W.M.S. missionaries. Young men’s prayer meeting. Churches making effort to become self-supporting. Visit from Dr. Holmes. Dealing with Howard’s doubts. (July 22 – in Calgary because Herbert was in the TB Sanitarium.) Visit to Indian Reserve at Morley. Calgary Stampede interesting. Hail storms. Herbert’s condition improving but cannot eat.	
		A letter from Mrs. Ayres, (former principal at CA) describing Howard’s wedding. Typical day of visitors and the helping hand.	
1986.005C	1-19	--- – --- Letter from Hallie Norman: Airmail service from Toronto to Vancouver; Comment on Daniel Norman’s father; mention of censorship of mail. Catherine to Mrs. Ayres: Return to Canada; Howard’s resignation from the mission; Grace to Canada; arrangements for church work in Karuizawa after departure for Canada; probably effect of Religions’ Bill on small churches; Herbert and Irene remain in Japan. Friends in Vancouver; future plans uncertain. Financial matters after Daniel’s death. Social conditions in northern Ontario. Moving from Sharbot Lake to Kerrwood. One page from a letter to Howard circa 1947, 48 about Formosa. Scarcity of trunks right after the war. Reference to Herbert and Lester Pearson in San Francisco.	1938, 1953

SERIES 2: DIARIES. – 1897-1952. – 20 cm of textual records.

Series contains diaries and unfinished memoirs primarily relating to Daniel and Catherine Norman's life and work in Japan and memoirs (unfinished) of Daniel Norman's childhood, 1897-1952.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1986.005C	1-21	Daniel Norman – Black Leather Bound Notebook This contains the beginning of a memoir. Unfortunately about 20 pages are missing. The contents of these, however can be found in Norman of Nagano by Howard Norman. A few brief entries on work in progress at various dates. A couple of pages of notes on his father by Howard Norman.	n.d. n.d.
1995.134C	TR-1	Daniel Norman – Notebook	1937
2007.077C	1-1	--- - Diaries	1902-1931
	1-2	--- - ---	1910-1937
	1-3	--- - ---	1939-1947
	1-4	--- - ---	1948-1952
	2-1	Catherine Norman - Diaries	1903-1914
	2-2	--- - ---	1915-1921
	2-3	--- - ---	1922-1936

SERIES 3: BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIALS AND WRITINGS. – 1912-1969. – 4 cm of textual records.

Series contains biographical materials relating to Daniel and Catherine Norman as well as writings related to their mission work in Japan, 1912-1969.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1986.005C	1-1	Daniel Norman – Curriculum Vitae Also includes genealogical tree, marriage certificate, list of letters published in the Missionary Bulletin.	n.d.
	1-2	--- – Sundry Biographical Notices Manuscript of biography; unknown author; information from a variety of sources. Passage referring to parents should probably have been in quotation marks. Account of dedication of Norman Memorial Church in Nagano.	1941-1969
	1-13	--- - Outline history of Karuizawa Japanese Union Church circa 1912 & 1927 1912 Report of Union Evangelistic Committee, Karuizawa. 1927 (É) Brief Account of Christian Church in Karuizawa.	1912, 1927
	1-15	--- – Answers to a questionnaire on missions to Japan Mid 1930s answers to questionnaire on missions in Japan.	[193-]
	1-16	--- – Program of Anniversary Memorial Service The occasion included a lecture on Schweitzer by someone called Nomura and a talk by Howard Norman on his father.	1965
	1-17	Catherine Norman – Family Tree	1953, 1962

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
1986.005C	1-20	--- -- Manuscript of article in Fujin no Tomo (English) Typescript of English version of life published in translation in the magazine <i>Fujin no Tomo</i> (The Woman`s Friend).	n.d.

SERIES 4: PHOTOGRAPHS. --[1897-1939]. --62 photographs.

Series contains photographs from the Norman's missionary work in Japan and Taiwan, [1897-1939].

See AtoM for item level descriptions of photographs.

Appendix 1

Note by Gwen R.P. Norman who prepared the original finding aid in 1988

There are 20 files and one bound notebook in this collection (1986.005C). There is fairly comprehensive background and biographical material on both Dr. Norman and his wife Catherine. Material relevant to each is indicated by the use of their given names.

The letters to family and friends give insights into the daily life of one missionary couple in a particular period. They also reflect the wide and concerned interest of both Dr. and Mrs. Norman.

It should be noted that there are many letters, particularly in the case of Dr. Norman, in the files of the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church of Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda, particularly those of the Japan Mission, but also in the papers of the Board Secretaries, Sutherland, Shore and Arnup. The collection of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada, Japan Mission also hold letters from Dr. Daniel Norman.

Appendix 2

Extended Biographical History written by Michael Friesen, March 2015

Dr. Daniel Norman was born in Whitchurch, Ontario on March 10, 1864. He attended Aurora High School before entering Victoria College. He obtained his B.A. in 1896 and a degree in theology in 1897. While at college, Norman promoted missionary work among students and other young people.

In September 1897, Norman sailed for Japan. A chronology for Norman's time in Japan has him in Kanagawa from January 1897 to November 1899, Tokyo from November 1899 to September 1902, Nagano from September 1902 to July 1935, and Karuizawa from July 1935 to 1938.

In 1901, Norman married Catherine Heal, like Norman a graduate of Victoria College as well as the Ontario College of Pedagogy. Catherine proved to be a great missionary worker in her own right, frequently journeying with her husband and assisting him in his evangelistic work.

The Normans spent most of their time in Nagano, one of Japan's great Buddhist centres and home to the famous Zenkō-ji temple. Nagano thus presented a number of difficulties to missionaries such as the Normans. Norman was nevertheless able to introduce himself to leading personalities in the prefecture and become friendly with local officials.

Following the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war in 1904, Norman was chosen to go with the troops as a Y.M.C.A. worker. Although he was unable to go to the battlefield, he worked with the soldiers before and after they went to the front.

As Norman became well known throughout the Nagano prefecture, he started to receive invitations to public and school functions. Norman was also close with the railroad men who considered him a friend. On several occasions, he was appointed to go from station to station, gathering them in small groups and teaching them.

Norman returned to Canada on furlough in 1916-1917. During this time, he continued to do missionary work at summer schools and missionary institutes and by giving missionary addresses. He also campaigned in Bradford and Alliston districts. As a token of gratitude, the districts presented Norman with an automobile, which he went on to use for his missionary work in Japan. During the same furlough, Victoria College conferred upon Norman a Doctor of Divinity.

Daniel and Katherine Norman were blessed with three children: Grace Lucile Norman (born August 8, 1903); William Howard Heal (born July 6, 1905); and Egerton Herbert Norman (born September 1, 1909). Two of their children, Grace and Howard, went on to become missionaries while Hebert served as language officer at the Canadian legation in Tokyo.

Following a successful career in Nagano, Dr. Norman retired with his wife to Karuizawa. Although he expected to finish his life in his adopted country of Japan, Dr. Norman passed away in London, Ontario on June 19, 1941. His wife, Katherine, passed away on December 21, 1952 in Kerwood, Ontario.

On the weekend of November 5-7, 1949, the new Nagano Agata Machi Church was opened as a memorial to Dr. Norman.