

Register of
The Pitcairn Collection
Collection 16

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Historical Information

Pitcairn Island is a British possession in the south-central Pacific Ocean, uninhabited until nine mutineers of the *H. M. S. Bounty* and a group of Tahitians arrived there in 1790.

The ship *Pitcairn* was a vessel built by Seventh-day Adventists in 1890, financed by Sabbath School offerings. This first missionary ship owned by Seventh-day Adventists was built partly as a response to the urging of John I. Tay to send missionaries to Pitcairn and other Pacific islands. Tay had spent five weeks discussing the Bible with the islanders in 1886, and the people had responded warmly to his teaching. Being a layman, however, Tay was unable to baptize the people or organize a church, and was eager to return to the island with an ordained minister. When Tay and ordained ministers did return on the ship *Pitcairn* in late 1890, a church was soon organized. The ship continued making voyages as a missionary ship for ten years before it was sold.

Scope

The Pitcairn Collection is an artificial collection based on a collection of material originally gathered for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, by Claude Conard in 1950. The material came to Andrews University in 1960 when the Seminary moved here. Additional items have been added to the original collection from many sources as indicated in the inventory. The collection includes correspondence, diaries, articles, brochures, poems, clippings, photographs, books, and artifacts.

Arrangement

The folders and volumes are referred to as "fld" and "vol." They are numbered on the basis of topical and chronological sequence.

Provenance

The collection was donated by variety of donors through the years. These are indicated in the Inventory portion of this register.

Use

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INVENTORY

ITEMS FROM THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1950

- Bx 1 fld 1 *Pitcairn* cruises with names of missionaries, and crew members on each voyage of the missionary ship *Pitcairn* by Edith McClellan from early Adventist periodicals and annotated by other interested persons.
- Bx 1 fld 2 Letters from missionaries who sailed on the Ship *Pitcairn* relating their impressions and experiences.
- Bx 1 fld 3 Letters from crew members of the *Pitcairn* and correspondence regarding their activities and service.
- Bx 1 fld 4 Copies of personal letters back and forth from Pitcairn Island describing current conditions and activities and giving some indication of the general atmosphere of the place and of its present inhabitants.
- Bx 1 fld 5 Letters and clippings from Pitcairn residents and friends.
- Bx 1 fld 6 Correspondence and brochure regarding the Pitcairn or *Bounty* Bible or Bibles.
- Bx 1 fld 7 *Pitcairn* brochure--original by Pacific Press Publishing Company, 1890.
- Bx 1 fld 8 Dedicatory and Farewell Programs of the Missionary Ship *Pitcairn*, and miscellaneous pictures and articles.
- Bx 1 fld 9 Power of Attorney for the sale of the Ship *Pitcairn*.
- Bx 1 fld 10 "The Passing of the *Pitcairn*." Original correspondence regarding the final fate of the Ship *Pitcairn*, and article regarding the same.
- Bx 1 fld 11 *Pitcairn* memorial program material prepared by the Potomac Conference Sabbath School Department.
- Bx 1 fld 12 Reminiscences and sundry clippings and photographs.
- Bx 1 fld 13 A Modern Personal Tour of Pitcairn Island, by a resident daughter and map by a native son.
- Bx 1 fld 14 Miscellaneous notes and references.

Bx 1 fld 15 Elder E. H. Gates' original "*Pitcairn* Log Book" and journals of South Seas travels, Vol. 1. Oct. 20, 1890 - Aug. 9, 1891.

Bx 1 fld 16 Hattie Andrew's Organ

Bx 1 fld 17 Articles and reports by E. H. Gates.

ITEMS FROM BESSIE ELLYSON, 1974

Bx 2 fld 1 Autograph album for Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gates.

Bx 2 fld 2 Poems:
 "Pitcairn"
 "A Sabbath Morning Walk"
 "The Ocean"

Bx 2 fld 3 Handkerchiefs. 2 items. (Souvenir: Rosalind Amelia Young-Shield of Pitcairn.

Bx 2 fld 4 Diary of Elder Edward Harmon Gates: July 1893 - March 1894

Bx 2 fld 5 Diary of Ida Ellen Sharp Gates: Oct. 24 - Dec. 30, 1890.

Bx 2 fld 6 Diary of Ida Ellen Sharp Gates: Jan. 1891 - Oct. 9, 1892.

Bx 3 fld 1 Diary of Ida Ellen Sharp Gates: Jan. 1893 - Oct. 18, 1894.

Bx 3 fld 2 Clippings and pictures:
 Strickland, Jane: "Heaven Comes to Pitcairn Island," *Los Angeles Sunday Magazine*, Feb. 9, 1936, p. 7.

 Reynolds, Ruth: "Strange Heritage of the *Bounty* Mutineers," *Sunday News*, Jan. 19, 1936, pp. 6-7.

 Obituaries of Elder and Mrs. E. H. Gates with photographs.

ITEMS FROM MRS. F. B. HOFFMAN, 1974

Bx 3 fld 3 Graham, Captain John E.: Notes of Travel to the South Sea Island in the Missionary Brig'n *Pitcairn*. May 31 - Dec. 27, 1894.

Bx 3 fld 4 Graham, J. E.: Second Visit to the South Sea Islands in the Missionary Brigantine *Pitcairn*. April 3 - Dec. 18, 1895; May 18 - Nov. 26, 1896

Bx 4 fld 1 Graham, John E.: Incidents and Notes of My Third Voyage on the Missionary Brigantine *Pitcairn*. May 19 - Nov. 25, 1896

Bx 4 fld 2 List of articles about *Pitcairn*, island and ship.

Bx 3 fld 3 *Bounty*: clippings and photographs.

ITEMS FROM ERIC B. HARE, 1974

Bx 4 fld 4 Sabbath School Minutes of Pitcairn Island from Dec. 1890 - Dec. 24, 1892.

ITEMS FROM AVONDALE COLLEGE, AUSTRALIA, 1975

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Bx 4 fld 5 Pitcairn Island Church Clerk's Record Book, 1910 - 1916, and other historical items.

ITEM FROM LEONARD J. YOUNG, 1976

Bx 4 fld 6 Hattie Andre's Bible.

ITEMS FROM SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE ARCHIVES, 1976

Bx 4 fld 7 Report of Building Committee of the *Pitcairn* Schooner, 1890, and Correspondence, 1892 - 1896.

Bx 4 fld 8 Minutes, 1890, 1891; historical sketch of Pitcairn Island, Correspondence, etc.

ITEM FROM WANDA DUNLAP, 1977

Bx 4 fld 9 Scrapbook on Pitcairn Island including correspondence of Miriam Adams, Stella Young, 1915 - 1944 (3 items). Clippings, photographs. etc.

ITEMS FROM NORMA HALL, 1971, AND MRS. JAMES CUMMINS, 1976

Bx 4 10 "Hattie" leaves, named for Hattie Andre.

ITEMS FROM ELLEN G. WHITE ESTATE, WASHINGTON D.C., 1976

Bx 4 fld 11 Historical material on Pitcairn, including a letter of Hattie Andre, Apr. 28, 1947.

ITEMS FROM FORD P. CADY, 1974 - 1976.

Bx 5 fld 1 Pictures of Ben J. Cady and his wife, a mounted leaf, and various items.
Correspondence of F. P. Cady and Louise D. Dederen.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Bx 5 fld 2 Photographs of *Pitcairn* Schooner, missionaries, etc.

Bx 5 fld 3 Clippings, obituaries, charts, etc.

Bx 5 fld 4 R. H. Pierson to R. Hammill about a piece of the anchor of the *Bounty*.

Microfilm

Bx 5 Western Pacific Archives: *The Pitcairn Civil Recorder* [1864 - 1950?]. 272 pages.

Articles

Bx 5 Ford, Herbert. "The Bible on Pitcairn Island," *North Pacific Union Conference Gleaner*, Mar. 6, 1972, pp. 14-15.

Nelson, P. G. "Captain Werge of the *Pitcairn*," *Review and Herald*, Oct. 6, 1949, p. 1.

Books

Bx 5 Ferris, Norman A. *The Story of Pitcairn Island*. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Pub. Assn., 1957. (2 copied).

Gates, E. H. *In Coral Isles*. Washington, D.C. Review and Herald Publishing Association. 1923.

A Guide to Pitcairn. Suva, [Fiji]: South Pacific Office, 1963.

Langhold, Paulus: *Pitcairn, eine Insel des Friedens*. Hamburg: Advent-Verlag, 1937.

Murray, Thomas Boyles: *Pitcairn: the Island, the People, and the Pastor; with a Short Account of the Mutiny of the Bounty*. Fifth Edition. London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 1855.

Richards, H. M. S., Jr. *Mutineers on Pitcairn Island*. Nashville, Tenn.: Southern Pub. Assn., 1980.

The Story of the Pitcairn: A Souvenir. Oakland, Calif.: Pacific Press Pub. Co., 1890. (3 copies).

Ward, F. P. and M. L.: *Come Ashore!: A Peep at Pitcairn Island*, Warburton, Victoria, Australia: Signs Pub. Co., [1951].

Artifacts

- Bx 6 Various shells from Pitcairn Island.
Vase belonging to Mrs. E. H. Gates
Inkwell from captain's cabin.
Piece of the anchor of the *Bounty*.
Sextant used for navigation on the ship "*Pitcairn*."

Additional Items

- Bx 7 Diary, 1889 of Henry N. Garthofner on the first trip of the *Pitcairn*, on which he was cook. Volume 1. Gift of Dr. Stan Doll, 1983.
- Bx 7 Correspondence of Andrew Young with H.M.S. Richards, Jr. 1983 - 1985. At the time, Young was one of the oldest islanders. Gives his ideas on changes taking place. (13 items)
- Bx 7 Miscellaneous clippings and articles describing the island and its history. Several are related to Ham radio.
- Bx 7 100th Anniversary souvenir booklet [Retelling of The Story of the *Pitcairn*], 1990. General Conference Church Ministries Dept.
- Bx 7 Mission contest advertisements.

ITEMS FROM VERDABELLE A. SPAULDING (donated April 19, 2007)

Personal Materials

- Bx 8 fld 1 Pictures of Verdabelle Spaulding with model of H.M.S. Bounty (Dec 1999)
- Bx 8 fld 2 Scrapbook. Contains the history Verdabelle Spaulding's interest in Pitcairn Island, a history of the island, and her personal experience with the McCoy's; newspaper clippings; Pitcairn Island map (2).
- Bx 8 fld 3 Money Receipt. Partial payment for Bounty model and Longboat basket, signed by Floyd H. McCoy. (Jul 17, 1960)

Correspondence

- Bx 8 fld 4 Floyd H. McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. Re: Promise to make model. (Nov 30, 1960)
- Bx 8 fld 5 Floyd H. McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. Re: Completion of model. (Feb 6, 1961)
- Bx 8 fld 6 Floyd H. McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. Re: Sending longboat model and nail for Bounty model. (Feb 1961)
- Bx 8 fld 7 Representative William E. Minshall to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. Re: Bank draft on Pitcairn Island (Mar 13, 1961)
- Bx 8 fld 8 Floyd H. McCoy to Mrs. S. Spaulding. Re: Broken model to be fixed. (Apr 22, 1961)
- Bx 8 fld 9 Floyd H. McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. (Jul 7, 1961)
- Bx 8 fld 10 Floyd H. McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. Re: Model completed. (Jul 31, 1962)
- Bx 8 fld 11 Violet McCoy to Mrs. S. A. Spaulding. Re: Death of Floyd McCoy. (Mar 20, 1966)
- Bx 8 fld 12 Violet McCoy to Mrs. S. A. Spaulding. (Jun 29, 1968)
- Bx 8 fld 13 Violet McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. (Mar 7, 1971)
- Bx 8 fld 14 Violet McCoy to Mrs. Sterling A. Spaulding. (Received Jan 20, 1972)

- Bx 8 fld 15 Violet McCoy to Mrs. S. A. Spaulding. (May 4, 1972)
- Bx 8 fld 38 G. D. Hannaway to Mrs. S. A. Spaulding. Re: Death of Mrs. Violet McCoy. (Aug 24, 1973)
- Bx 8 fld 16 Subscription notice. (Oct 31, 1974)
- Bx 8 fld 17 Betty Martin to Verdabelle A. Spaulding. (Jan 14, 2000)

Periodicals

- Bx 8 fld 18 *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, July 14, 1960, article, "Pitcairn Isle Couple Visits Painesville"
- Bx 8 fld 19 *The [Cleveland] Plain Dealer*, May 6, 1973, article, "Visiting in Wake of the 'Bounty'"
- Bx 8 fld 20 *The National Geographic Magazine*, December 1957, Volume CXII, no. 6
- Bx 8 fld 21 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 1, No. 9, December 31, 1959
- Bx 8 fld 22 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 13, No. 11, November, 1971
- Bx 8 fld 23 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 13, No. 12, December, 1971
- Bx 8 fld 24 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 1, January 1972
- Bx 8 fld 25 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 2, February 1972
- Bx 8 fld 26 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 3, March 1972
- Bx 8 fld 27 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 4, April 1972
- Bx 8 fld 28 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 5, May 1972
- Bx 8 fld 29 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 6, June 1972 (also contains correspondence regarding accident of June 23, 1972)
- Bx 8 fld 30 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 7, July 1972
- Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 8, August 1972
- Bx 8 fld 31 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 9, September 1972

Bx 8 fld 32 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 10, October 1972

Bx 8 fld 33 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 11, November 1972

Bx 8 fld 34 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 14, No. 12, December 1972

Pitcairn Miscellany, Vol. 15, No. 1, January 1973 (also contains Pitcairn Stamp Issues)

Bx 8 fld 35 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 15, No. 2, February 1973

Pitcairn Miscellany, Vol. 15, No. 3, March 1973

Bx 8 fld 36 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 15, No. 4, April 1973

Bx 8 fld 37 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 15, No. 5, May 1973

Pitcairn Miscellany, Vol. 15, No. 6, June 1973

Bx 8 fld 38 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 15, No. 7, July 1973; also contains letter, G. D. Hannaway to Mrs. S. A. Spaulding. Regarding death of Mrs. Violet McCoy. (Aug 24, 1973)

Bx 8 fld 39 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 15, No. 8, August 1973

Pitcairn Miscellany, Vol. 15, No. 9, September 1973

Pitcairn Miscellany, Vol. 15, No. 10, October 1973

Bx 8 fld 40 *Pitcairn Miscellany*, Vol. 15, No. 11, November 1973

Stamps and Postcards

Bx 8 fld 41 Pitcairn School (error stamp), Last day of issue, Nov 4, 1958. Pitcairn School, Schoolteacher's House (corrected stamps), first day of issue (Nov 5, 1958).

Bx 8 fld 42 Postcard and Pitcairn Islands stamp. (cancelled Mar 10, 1957)

Bx 8 fld 43 Thirteen Pitcairn Islands stamps. (cancelled May 24, 1970)

Bx 8 fld 44 Postcard. Picturing Floyd and Violet McCoy holding model of *H. M. S. Bounty*, signed by Violet McCoy. (No date)

Additional Items

Bx 8 fld 45 Copper piece from *H. M. S. Bounty* (c. 1790). Note about copper piece by Floyd McCoy.

Bx 8 fld 46 Picture book, *A Guide to Pitcairn*.

Bx 8 fld 47 Domino Sugar Packet. Commemorating *H. M. S. Bounty* Armed Transport

Bx 8 fld 48 *National Geographic* Map of the World. (Folded)

Bx 8 fld 49 Obituary, Luis Marden, explorer, who found remains of *H. M.S. Bounty*

Scale model of *H. M. S. Bounty*, built by Floyd H. McCoy.

Scale model of longboat used by Pitcairn Islanders.

Woven bag made on Pitcairn Island.

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