



Ennis and Arabella Moore Collection
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Scope and Content

This collection contains a photo album titled “La Obra Adventista Pro-Indígena en el Perú” (“The Pro-Indigenous Adventist Work in Peru”). The images in the album capture work done by Seventh-day Adventists among and with indigenous peoples surrounding Lake Titicaca (including the Quechua and the Aymara peoples) in the late 1920s. This era saw the continued establishment of Seventh-day Adventist mission stations throughout South America as well as the growth of the Indigenismo political movement in Peru.

The collection also contains a comb-bound printing of images of and transcription of a diary kept first by Amalie (Griehl) James in 1896-1902 (non-daily) and then by her daughter, Arabella (James) Moore in 1915 and 1916. These pages are accompanied by images drawn from a variety of sources.

Arrangement and Quantity

This collection is less than one linear foot. The album measures 13x16x3cm and has 38 pages containing 31 photographs and 7 pages of text. All of the text is in Spanish; basic translation into English has been provided in this finding aid, but the translation is not definitive.

Custodial History and Immediate Source of Acquisition

It is unclear who created the album, as its contents reflect a time a few years prior to the arrival of Ennis and Arabella Moore to Peru in 1934; it is possible that the album was gifted to Ennis Moore when he became Inca Union Mission president. Arabella (James) Moore Williams (1896-1997) possessed this album until her death in 1997. The album was inherited by her daughter, Madeline (Moore) Carpenter Grove (1922-2007). After her death, the album was inherited by her daughter, Trudy (Carpenter) Klein. It was donated in March 2023 by Ennis and Arabella Moore’s granddaughter, Trudy L. Klein, and her husband, James D. Klein.

The original diary was retained by the family. James D. Klein provided the images and transcription of its pages. The photographs accompanying the diary were supplied by the family, either from their own possession or from images found on the Center for Adventist Research and the Adventist Digital Library websites.

Access

This collection is open for research. The album has been digitized. Scans of the images from the album pages can be requested by page number as per the album description. The diary reproduction has not been digitized.

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Biographical Information

Ennis Valentine Moore was born to James and Mary (Cox) Moore on May 23, 1894, in Anderson, Indiana, USA. His mother died six months later. His father married Emily Jane Barker in 1897, and soon he and his older brother Fred had two younger brothers, Charles and Chauncey. The boys attended church school, and Ennis was baptized at age thirteen.

Arabella Madeline James was born to Arthur and Amalie (Griehl) James on March 5, 1896 in Middletown, Connecticut, USA. She was their first child, soon followed by Golda (1898-1979) and Clotilde (1905-2003). The family moved to Chicago, Illinois in 1908, where Arthur James taught in the public schools there. It was in Chicago that the James family became Seventh-day Adventists, and Arabella was baptized in 1913 at age 17.

Ennis and Arabella both attended Emmanuel Missionary College (today, Andrews University). After a brief attendance of the college in 1910, Ennis began the four-year commercial course in 1913; he was president of his graduating class. Arabella began the college literary course in 1913, finishing her bachelor's degree in the spring of 1917. In the summers, she did colporteur work, calling it "delightful...to carry the truth to others". This was done in connection with M. H. St. John's and Ira Woodman's evangelistic work in Chicago, Illinois. Ennis and Arabella also worked together as associate editors of the college's biweekly paper, *The Student Movement* (which is still published today). During this time, Arabella also had articles published in *The Youth's Instructor*.

In 1917, both of them went to work in the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Ennis worked with Claude E. White in Marion, Indiana, and Arabella taught English and German and was the assistant preceptress further south at Beechwood Academy (today, Indiana Academy).

They married on May 22, 1918, in Chicago, Illinois. Together they had four children: Robert James (1920-1922), Madeline Maurine (1922-2007), Ennis Mario (1925-1991), and Wandyr James (1928-2003). After their wedding, the Moores spent the summer working in tent efforts in Lafayette, Indiana, with Ennis preaching and Arabella doing Bible work and playing the piano. That autumn, the Moores moved to Holly, Michigan, after Ennis was called to work as the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer secretary of the East Michigan Conference. Arabella was hired to teach English at Adelphian Academy.

In 1920, Ennis was called as secretary of the Home Missionary and Sabbath School Departments of the South Brazil Union Conference. After Ennis attended the Home Missionary Convention as a delegate, the Moores (Ennis, Arabella, and their newborn, Robert) traveled to Brazil, arriving sometime in the autumn. Arabella studied and became a licensed midwife in Sao Paulo, where the Moores made their home. Sadly, their son Robert succumbed to tropical diseases in early 1922.

In 1925, Ennis was ordained to the gospel ministry, along with L. Braun, at a joint meeting of the South Brazil Union and the East Brazil Union. He was subsequently appointed superintendent (today, director) of the Parana Mission in Brazil. The Moores began a seven-month furlough on March 28, 1927, resting and visiting family in Indiana and Illinois. Delayed due to illness, the Moores returned to Brazil in early 1928, where Ennis took up the role of president of the Sao Paulo Conference. In 1930, Arabella began teaching music (largely piano) at the Brazilian Seminary and did so until 1933. Ennis remained conference president until September 1934, when he was called to be the superintendent (today, president) of the Inca Union Mission.

The Moores moved to Lima, Peru, and Ennis began visiting every part of the area he was now responsible for. His last trip was to the Lower Amazonas Mission to visit Fernando Stahl and the other workers in Iquitos. By all accounts, the trip was grueling, though apparently improved from earlier years when it would take a month of travel to arrive. According to Ennis, it took “one whole day by train, about five hours by automobile, then two and one-half hours by airplane and five and one-half days by river boat”.

During this journey, Ennis contracted what is now known as Carrion disease and known then and now as verruga peruana. Increasingly ill, he cut the trip short and returned to Lima, arriving home on Friday, September 6, 1935. As the story was later told by Arabella, Ennis planned to rest over the weekend and then return to the office on Monday. He spent part of his last Sabbath at home reading to his family from his diary about his trip to Iquitos. However, his condition worsened, and instead of returning to the office, he was taken to the British-American Hospital in Lima for treatment. Despite receiving “the very best care that could be given” (according to his obituary), Ennis Moore died, at age 41, on September 27, 1935.

After Ennis’s death, Arabella, who had been working at the Lima Training School as an instructor of “Normal Subjects” and English, decided to return to the United States with Maurine, Mario, and Wandyr. They sailed from Lima on December 16, 1935, headed to Angwin, California, where Arabella enrolled the children for their second semester of school. After an invitation from the General Conference, Arabella attended the 1936 General Conference session as a delegate from the Inca Union Mission. In 1937, Arabella taught German at Pacific Union College. During this time, she studied for and obtained a master’s degree in “Romanic languages” from Stanford University, which she was awarded in October 1938. That same year, the family moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where Arabella began teaching German at Emmanuel Missionary College, which she did for nearly a decade. While in Michigan, she participated in the leadership of the Emmanuel Missionary College Alumni Society as its alumni editor.

In 1947, Arabella moved to Takoma Park, Maryland, where one of her sons attended Washington Missionary College (today, Washington Adventist University). She began work as an assistant secretary in the General Conference’s Educational Department, overseeing the Parent and Home Education section of that department’s work. Her duties included travel to various churches to speak and editorial work for *The Journal of True Education* as an associate editor and *The Church Officers’ Gazette* as an assistant editor.

On May 10, 1949, Arabella married a second time, to Will Herbert Williams, undertreasurer of the General Conference. In addition to her continued work in the General Conference’s Educational Department, Arabella regularly contributed short articles to the *Review* for its “Comments on Choice Quotations” column between 1949 and 1951, which were brief contemplations on excerpts from the writings of Ellen G. White.

The Williams retired in 1957 and moved to Escondido, California in 1958. They took a long sightseeing tour of Europe in 1960. Will died the next year in 1961. Arabella kept extremely busy in her retirement. She volunteered at Palomar Memorial Hospital, running its gift shop on the first, third, and fifth Sunday of each month for nearly 30

years. In her seventies, she learned to waterski and was once featured at age 86 as the oldest woman water-skier in the United States. She also became a member of Maranatha Flights International, and participated in at least thirty-three projects, traveling all over the United States and around the globe to do all sorts of tasks, including carrying bricks, climbing ladders, and putting cap tiles on roofs. To stay fit for all these activities, she jogged two miles a day and kept to a strict vegetarian diet. Arabella remained in California until she died, at age 101, at her home on June 30, 1997.

Description Control Element

Description based on DACS. Originally drafted by Ashlee Chism, November 2023.

Sources for the biographical information include the obituaries for Ennis V. Moore and Arabella (James) Moore Williams, published in the *Review*, the *Lake Union Herald*, and the *Pacific Union Recorder*, and the biographical information blanks, questionnaires, and correspondence in the appointee file for Ennis and Arabella Moore. Additional sources can be found in the article about the Moores by Ashlee Chism in the *Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists*.

Related Archival Materials

RG 11 – Presidential

RG 21 – Secretariat Correspondence and files (including biographical information blanks and appointee file)

RG 51 – General Conference Education Department files

Album Description

Page	Description	Handwritten Script on Page	Translation
1	Title page	La Obra Adventista Pro-Indígena en el Perú	The Pro-Indigenous Adventist Work in Peru
2	Subtitle page	La Tase Educativa Sección Superior	The upper educational section
3	Text describing the next section	Colegio Adventista del Titicaca Capacidad:- 250 Alumnos Personal Docente:- 6 Diplomados N.Americanos. 3 Graduados Peruanos Salas de Clase:- 7.	Adventist College of Titicaca Capacity: 250 students Teaching Staff: 6 N. American graduates 3 Peruvian graduates Classrooms: 7
4	Three unidentified white men standing in front the main building of the Lake Titicaca Training School	El Edificio Principal	The main building
5	From a higher elevation, the buildings on the campus of the Titicaca Training School	Vista general del Plantel	General view of the campus
6	Approximately eight rows of unidentified people (men, women, and children) stand in front of the Titicaca Training School.	Profesores y alumnos, invierno '927	Teachers and students, Winter 1927

7	Three rows of unidentified men wearing suits and holding diplomas while outside the front doors of the Titicaca Training School	Graduados, 1927	Graduates, 1927
8	Two rows of unidentified men eleven men and Alejandrina Arpazi hold diplomas while outside the front doors of the Titicaca Training School	Graduados, 1928	Graduates, 1928
9	Alejandrina Arpazi stands smiling and holding her diploma outside the front doors of the Titicaca Training School	Alejandrina Arpazi, Clase 1928	Alejandrina Arpazi, Class [of] 1928
10	Text describing the next section	Le Sección Industrial Abarcando:- 1. Lechería 2. Ganadería 3. Granja 4. Ebamistería 5. Fejidos 6. Adobería 7. Hortalizas	The Industrial Section Covering: 1. Dairy 2. Cattle raising 3. Farm 4. Cabinetry 5. Farms 6. Adobe shop 7. Vegetables
11	Unidentified women and girls display the wool they are spinning into yarn	Hilando	Spinning
12	Three unidentified men make adobe bricks	La Adobería	The adobe shop
13	Four unidentified white men and one unidentified man stand in a field of vegetables	La Huerta de Hortalizas	The vegetable garden
14	An unidentified white man wearing a suit, tie, and flat cap kneels behind a plant	Un Rincón de la Huerta	A corner of the garden
15	Text describing the next section	La Sección Primaria	The primary section
16	Unidentified students and teacher stand and sit outside the Adventist elementary school serving Umuchi and Huancané in the Puno district	Escuela elemental Adventista típica, Umuchi, Huancané	Typical Adventist elementary school, Umuchi, Huancané
17	People carrying musical instruments and a large banner stand in lines outside in front of several buildings	Un Día de Asueto en honor de la Patria el 28 de Julio	A day of holiday in honor of the homeland on July 28
18	Close-up of a flag and banner displayed by people outside of a building. An unidentified white woman in a dress and cardigan stands nearby.	El Patriotismo, -- tema predilecto del Indígena	Patriotism -- favorite theme of the indigenous
19	Text describing the next section	La Fase Curativa Personal:- 1 Médico 7 Enfermeros	The Healing Phase Staff: 1 Doctor 7 Nurses
20	An unidentified white man, seated at a table covered in a white cloth and full of small bottles, applies something to the hand of the unidentified man standing beside him. They are surrounded by a group of unidentified men, women, and children.	Un Botiquín Ambulante en pleno Ayllu	A mobile first aid clinic in the middle of [an] ayllu [family/clan community]
21	An unidentified white man checks the bandage or poultice on the torso of an	Enfermero curando a un Indígena	Nurse healing an indigenous person

	unidentified person seated on a stool. Two unidentified men stand nearby.		
22	An unidentified white man examines the mouth of an unidentified man as another unidentified white man observes	Enfermero que asiste a un Gobernador	Nurse attending a governor
23	A group of unidentified white men stand together, some astride motorcycles	Bajando del tren para empezar la etapa motociclista	Getting off the train to begin the motorcycle stage
24	Two unidentified men carry two unidentified white men on their backs as they cross a shallow body of water	Una Ayuda Mutua	Mutual help
25	An unidentified man stands beside his unidentified wife and three children	Maestro Indígena Mamani y Familia--producto del Colegio Adventista del Titicaca	Indigenous teachers Mamani and Family--products of the Adventist College of Titicaca
26	An unidentified man is seated with a child on his lap. Another child stands beside him on the left, and behind him to the right stands his wife, holding another child.	Otro Maestro Indígena con su Familia	Another indigenous teacher with his family
27	A large group of people are assembled outside the main building of the Titicaca Training School	Misioneros extranjeros y peruanos para los Indígenas	Foreign and Peruvian missionaries for the indigenous
28	A large group of people are gathered outside of a building	Recepción obsequiada al nuevo misionero enfermero en Laro	Reception given to the new missionary-nurse in Laro
29	A small group of people are gathered around an unidentified white man in a suit. Some in the group, including children, are carrying drums	Recepción dada al nuevo misionero en Condorcuyo	Reception given to the new missionary in Condorcuyo
30	A crowd is gathered outside the Adventist mission station in Umuchi, Peru	Estación Misionera Adventista modelo, Umuchi, Perú	[The] model Adventist mission station, Umuchi, Peru
31	Students and staff stand in neat rows outside an Adventist elementary school	Una Escuela Elemental Adventista modelo	A model Adventist elementary school
32	Four unidentified young men stand outside	Un Grupo de Jóvenes--producto de la escuela adventista	A group of youths--products of the Adventist school
33	Several white buildings stand together with hills and a lake in the background	Estación Misionera típica--una entre diez	[A] typical mission station--one out of ten
34	An unidentified white man and an unidentified white woman stand beside horses	Iniciando una Jira misionera, a caballo	Starting a missionary tour, on horseback
35	A totora reed boat floats beside an anchored modern boat, probably in Lake Titicaca	El Antiguo y el Nuevo--dos otros modos de viajar la lancha de la misión	The Old and the New--two other ways to travel the mission boat

36	Foreign missionaries in the South American Division are photographed together	Misioneros Adventistas extranjeros para los Indios	Foreign Adventist missionaries to the Indians
37	Building where the Lake Titicaca Mission was headquartered in Puno, Peru. Three unidentified people sit on motorcycles outside of the building.	Las Oficinas de la Sociedad Adventista, Puno	The offices of the Adventist society, Puno.
38	[Page is blank]	[Not applicable]	[Not applicable]