

BUCK AND BARBARA DONALDSON COLLECTION
BAPT MSS #3
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INTRODUCTION: This collection is Acc. #B95-04 and was a gift of Mr. and Mrs. (Barbara) Buck Donaldson of Dandridge, TN. The Donaldsons were Baptist missionaries to Kenya, Africa.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 BOX / 138 items (.2 cubic feet)

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Buck and Barbara Donaldson met at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and were married shortly thereafter. Buck had previously served in the Navy during World War II as a radio operator, signalman, gunner and yeoman on merchant ships in the Pacific Islands. After their marriage they served as missionaries in Tanzania (formerly Tanganykia). Buck worked as a hospital administrator and chaplain while Barbara was a pediatric physician. They later served in Kenya working with rural clinics and then in West Africa Nigeria where Buck was principal of a pastor's school, overseeing the management of forty churches. They retired in 1992.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 1979-1981 1995, u.d.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: The majority of letters are from the Donaldsons to their daughter Jo who remained in the United States. She was also in Wisconsin (1980-1981), Texas (1980), Florida (1979-80) and Tennessee (1979). Jan appears to have been in the States and Kenya. It appears Lee Anne was with the Donaldsons in Kenya and was attending Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya. There are several letters to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hasty, Mrs. Donaldson's parents who lived in Florida. Buck Donaldson wrote two of the songs on the *Joan Amis Sings To Encourage You* album.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Correspondence
Media

CONTAINER LISTS:

Box 1

Folder 1 Correspondence: Dr. Barbara Donaldson to her daughter Jo (73 items), Jan.5, 1979- Jan. 29, 1981

Folder 2 Buck Donaldson to his daughter Jo (50 items), April 28, 1979 - May 2, 1981

Folder 3 LeaAnne to Jo Donaldson (2 items), Sept. 25, 1979, u.d.

Folder 4 Buck & Jan Donaldson to Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Hasty (6 items), July 14, 1979 - Sept. 20, 1979

Folder 5 Buck Donaldson to Bea Downing (1 item), Jan. 28, 1979

Folder 6 Nancy Jones to Jo Donaldson (1 item), Sept. 25, 1979

Folder 7 Correspondence address lists sent by Dr. Barbara Donaldson to her daughter Jo, August 6, 8, 1979 and address of Louise and James Haynes, u.d. (3 items)

Folder 8 Terri Cavanaugh to Jo Donaldson (1 item), Dec. 20, 1979

Folder 9 Videocassette made by Buck Donaldson from photographs taken during his years as a missionary in Africa to be given to his children to show them the rich culture and natural beauty of the land they grew up in. Buck noted that he deliberately excluded his work from this recording. (1 item), 1995

On Shelf

78 rpm album *Joan Amis Sings To Encourage You*