

EAP835 Survey Reports

Anonymous Private Collection 1

Description of materials: Collection 1 consists of ten manuscript volumes produced by the American Ceylon Mission (ACM) between 1815 and 1883. These volumes include reports, church record books, and minutes from ACM meetings, letterbooks, and a volume of advice for the wives of missionaries. Due to their focus on the ACM and authorship by its leading early figures, these volumes are related to the materials held in Collection 2, at the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI) in Vaddukoddai, Jaffna. Most of these materials are in fair to poor condition.

Survey method: Seven manuscripts were originally shown to EAP835 Programme Managers by a member of the Jaffna Protestant community who is well-known to Manager Mark Balmforth. The Managers immediately noted that the manuscripts are all unique files from the nineteenth-century and therefore digitizable by British Library guidelines. Following this discovery, the Managers were given permission to survey the Private Collector's home to search for new materials but none were found. Over the course of five months, the Private Collector unearthed three other nineteenth-century manuscript volumes of the same subjects and value as the previous materials. The Collector has noted that they will willingly share with EAP835 any new documents they might come upon in the future.

Description of archive: The materials from this collection were not arranged when found. They were lent to EAP835 in a suitcase, in no particular order. When EAP835 finished digitizing the files, they were fumigated, wrapped in red cotton cloth to repel insects, labelled, and returned to the owner along with insect-repellent preservation sachets for proper storage. The Private Collector will store the manuscripts in a closed cabinet at home.

Ownership: The materials were originally part of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India collection in Vaddukoddai, and were moved to the Christian Theological Seminary of Maruthanamadam, along with many other American Ceylon Mission materials in 2005. During the Sri Lankan civil war (1980s-2009) they were transferred to the collector's home in Chundukuli, Jaffna for safekeeping. CTS was founded in 1983 by Bishop David Jeyaratnam Ambalavanar, and is now under the direction of the Church of the American Ceylon Mission (CACM), a group formed in 2007 as a breakaway church over financial and leadership differences with the JDCSI.

Primary Contact: Bishop Subrahmaniam Jebanesan, 31 Shwartz Lane, Chundukuli, Jaffna, Sri Lanka. **Please note:** The Bishop requires anonymity and should only be referred to as "Anonymous Private Collector" in all potentially public materials, including metadata.

Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India (JDCSI) Collection 2

Description of materials: The materials held at the Bishop's House in Vaddukoddai, Ceylon, are all materials related to the American Ceylon Mission (ACM) from its inception in 1816 through the transition of the A.C.M. to the Church of South India (CSI) in 1947, and into the twenty-first century. The majority of materials in this collection are bound volumes (complete or in fragments) and folders containing mission reports, letters, personal papers, and financial reports, ranging from 1815 to 2011. The collection also contains a seven-box collection of Bishop Sababathy Kulendran's (1900-1992) personal papers. Kulendran was Ceylon's first non-European Bishop, and oversaw the changes of the diocese during the island's Independence. Conditions of materials vary from poor to excellent.

Note that these materials are linked to documents that remained at the Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) throughout the war, such as the papers of Bishop David Jeyaratnam Ambalavanar (1928-1997), which are outside EAP835's digitization mandate and under the direction of the Church of the American Ceylon Mission (CACM).

Survey method: The Programme Managers surveyed the JDCSI archive using a finding aid created by Professor Bernard Bate of Yale University in May 2005, when the items were still held at the CTS in Maruthanarmadam, Jaffna. Professor Bate's aid is available here: <http://www.aisls.org/pdfs/archives-jaffna-church.pdf>. The entire collection of JDCSI materials were moved by Bishop Subramaniam Jebanesan from the JDCSI Office at Vaddukoddai to the Christian Theological Seminary at Maruthanarmadam in February and March 2005, during the war and shortly before he retired. In 2007, at least a portion of the original materials were moved back to the Bishop's House in Vaddukoddai by current Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah. It is unclear whether materials were destroyed, lost, or stolen during the war.

Our survey method consisted of comparing the materials at the JDCSI with Professor Bate's finding aid. We estimate that only 30% of the original materials described in 2005 have either survived or been made available to us to review. We have also noted some additions to the archive, which are primarily materials from the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

Description of archive: Although the materials are stored in the Bishop's House (his private home) next to the JDCSI office in Vaddukoddai, Bishop Thiagarajah had several of his employees move the archive from its usual, non-airconditioned location and into a large, airconditioned conference room in the office building, for the duration of EAP835. We were given permission to survey and digitize all items made available to us in this room. As a result, neither Programme Manager has seen the archive at the Bishop's House.

We know from Professor Bate's finding aid that the archive was divided into 17 collections: 1. The 1879 Collection (14 volumes) 2. The 1937 Collection (30 volumes) 3. JCSIUC Minutes, 1904-1947 (10 volumes) 4. Erlalai South/Erlalai North Church Record Books (9 volumes) 5. ACM and JDCSI Meeting Minute Books (14 volumes) 6. Morning Star/Utayatharakai (17 volumes) 7. Miscellaneous Meeting Minute Books (9 volumes) 8. Photo Albums 9. Ledgers and Account Journals 10. Uncategorized Manuscript Notebooks 11. Uncategorized Letters and Letterbooks 12. Nineteenth-Century Sundry Mission Reports, c.

1840-1901 13. Twentieth-Century Sundry Mission Reports, 1919-1937 14. Sababathy Kulendran (1900-1992) 15. Register of Primary School Teachers 16. Official Documents of the Bishoprics of Kulendran and Anbalavanar (55 folders) 17. Pamphlet Collection, Kulendran and Ambalavanar 18. Temporary Files: Uncategorized loose paper and broken notebooks.

Ownership: The materials held in Collection 2 belong to the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India.

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<http://www.csijaffnadiocese.org/>

Jaffna College Archive Collection 3

Description of materials: The Jaffna College archive holds diverse, mostly print materials ranging from 1710 to the present, with a focus on the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The materials are divided into seven shelves categorized by major subject: history, religion, medicine, astronomy, the Tamil language, mathematics, geography, and nineteenth- and twentieth-century reference materials. Unshelved folders hold a twentieth-century pamphlet collection primarily related to Jaffna College. The archive also contains one large envelope of twentieth-century photographs from Jaffna College sporting events, staff photographs, and other miscellaneous events. Unique items include a series of 95 tracts printed by the Jaffna Religious Tract Society, a manuscript listing churches and parishes in the Jaffna peninsula, several years of the Jaffna College Miscellany, and works by important Tamil Protestants like J.R. Arnold (1820-1895) and Francis Kingsbury (1873-1941). Most of these materials are in good condition, but are not stored in a manner to protected from environmental damage.

Survey method: The Programme Managers conducted a survey of the archive over one week. As the old catalogue provided by the librarian was incomplete, the Managers went through each shelf methodically. Initially, they collected metadata by photographing the title pages and dimensions of all materials related to the American Ceylon Mission or Jaffna Protestants prior to 1948, according to EAP835's copying parameters. They later searched for items using the British Library catalogue, WorldCat, and EAP835's own master-list of materials currently held abroad, and removed all redundant materials from the survey.

Description of archive: All materials listed in this survey are located in a small archival room in Jaffna College's Daniel Poor Library, in Vaddukoddai. The room contains seven bookshelves with approximately six shelves each. These bookshelves hold 30-50 books per shelf. The room has two barred windows that are permanently open, leading to a thick layer of red dust over all surfaces and widespread insect infestation. The books are often roughly packed tight into the shelves. We witnessed a great deal of dangerous handling on the part of the library staff, leading to avoidable damage.

The archive catalogue is divided into seven sections by shelf. Each book theoretically has its own call number, but many no longer have a number, while others have two unrelated numbers. It is unclear what purpose the different numbers have. The call numbers point to a particular shelf, but not a specific location. Further, many books are incorrectly shelved.

Ownership: The materials from the Jaffna College archive fall under the jurisdiction of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, which provides administrative oversight and funding for the College. All books in the Daniel Poor Library were moved to Jaffna University in 1974 following the Sri Lankan government's nationalization of all secondary schools on the island. Materials were moved back in a piecemeal fashion in subsequent years. In 1990, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) ordered that all materials held by Jaffna College be sent to Manipay for safekeeping due to the Sri Lankan army's imminent aerial bombardment and ground offensive. The materials were returned to Jaffna College by 2000.

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Secondary Contact: Rev. David S. Solomon, Principal of Jaffna College

<http://www.jaffnacollege.lk/>

St John's College Collection 4

Description of materials: This collection is comprised of St. John's College magazines from 1905-1957, which are housed in a metal cabinet in the St. John's College Library in Chundukuli, Jaffna. The magazine, which began in 1905, is broken up by term and year. Each volume lists an academic calendar for the term, a brief history of the college, followed by lists of administration, faculty, courses, fees and rules. The balance of each magazine contains an assortment of essays on social and political themes, examination results, poetry, historical reflections, community news, donation details, reports from international Old Boy (alumni) associations, photographs, and advertisements. Most of these magazines are in fair to good condition. While St John's College Library does hold other materials, none of these come under EAP835's mandate of pre-1948 materials related to the Tamil Protestant community and not held abroad.

Survey method: The Programme Managers conducted a survey of the archive in an afternoon with the help of the librarian. They went through each shelf methodically, took photographs, and gathered metadata of all pre-1948 materials. Later, they searched for items using the British Library catalogue, WorldCat, and EAP835's own master-list of materials currently held abroad, and removed all redundant materials from the survey.

Description of archive: The St John's College Library is located in a new building, built after the war. The old building, located on the same campus in Chundukuli, was damaged by aerial bombardment in 1995, and rebuilt in 2006. Materials are now held in a large room with about two dozen bookshelves and several tables for studying. The front of the library contains more commonly used materials that are well maintained. The back of the library holds lesser used materials, which are dusty and require attention. Generally, the librarian and St John's staff keep the room clean, but the books still suffer from the climate and insects. The collection of St John's Magazines is housed in a locked metal cabinet within the St. John's College Library. The magazines are irregularly bound and arranged on the shelf chronologically.

Ownership: The materials in this collection are the property of St. John's College, having been collected at various times over the past century either as institutionally-retained copies or donations from the families of deceased alumni.

Primary Contact: Rev. N. J. Gnanaponrajah, Principal of St John's College
<http://sjcjaffna.com/>

Secondary Contact: Mrs. Ragularajah Thulasi, St John's College Librarian

Evelyn Rutnam Institute Collection 5

Description of materials: This collection consists of two parts: (1) print books, and (2) a series of 148 non-sequentially numbered files relating to the life, work, and immediate family of Ceylon's third Chief Justice, Sir Alexander Johnston (1775-1849), a critical advocate of early nineteenth-century Protestant mission to Ceylon and anti-slavery efforts on the island. Johnston played a central role for Jaffna's Protestant community, having sent America's first missionary to visit Ceylon, Samuel Newell, to Jaffna in 1813, a precursor to the establishment of the American Ceylon Mission in 1816. A student of German missionary Christian Friedrich Schwartz and a strong supporter of mission, Johnston also advocated for the British Bible Society and the Wesleyan Methodist Church to send missionaries and Christian materials to advance the cause of Protestantism in Ceylon. Between the mid-1950s and mid-1980s, the Alexander Johnston Papers (which range from the eighteenth to the twentieth century) were collected by James T. Rutnam, a Protestant Sri Lankan businessman and historian committed to documenting Sri Lankan, Jaffna, and Protestant history. While his collection was compiled under the auspices of writing a biography of Johnston, the book was never completed. The collection he amassed includes notes, letters, chapter drafts, and original manuscript letters from Johnston and his immediate family purchased in London in 1956. Our preliminary survey uncovered several items pertaining to Johnston's encouragement of Protestant Christianity in Ceylon, including an 1808 letter to Clapham Sect member and anti-slavery proponent Hannah More (1745-1833). All these materials are deteriorating quickly due to improper storage.

Survey method: The Programme Managers were previously aware of the existence of the Alexander Johnston folders and spent two days surveying them to determine date and subject ranges. EAP835 Programme Coordinator Stephan Kirubalini later returned to the archive with Programme Assistant Ramakirushna Sutharsini and interns Balakumaran Luxsana, Katpaganathan Kopiga, and Kumarakulasingham Mirusha to survey the print materials also held at the Institute. The team went through each shelf methodically, took photographs, and gathered metadata of all pre-1948 materials. Later, they searched for items using the British Library catalogue, WorldCat, and EAP835's own master-list of materials currently held abroad, and removed all redundant materials from the survey.

Description of archive: The Evelyn Rutnam Institute for Inter-Cultural Studies is a two-story house in Thirunelveli, Jaffna. It does not have a librarian, only a caretaker lives on the grounds for security and to regularly sweep the premises. The first floor of the house holds approximately 20 bookshelves of print materials, and the second floor has four more bookshelves in addition to large metal cabinets, which hold the Alexander Johnston papers and other miscellaneous items.

The Institute is in poor shape, as the JDCSI does not have funding to maintain the house or pay a trained librarian/archivist to maintain the materials there. The Alexander Johnston materials are currently tightly stacked in two metal cabinet drawers with no ventilation. During a preliminary review of the materials, Programme Manager Mark Balmforth found a dessicated rat in one of these cabinets. EAP835 did not have the funds to move these materials or change

their storage conditions, but the Programme Managers made recommendations to Bishop Thiagarajah based on British Library preservation standards. The Managers hope to collect funds in the near future to buy proper preservation folders and boxes.

Ownership: The Evelyn Rutnam Institute for Inter-Cultural Studies was created by James T. Rutnam in memory of his wife, Evelyn. The archive contains Rutnam's extensive private library and large portions of his work notes. When he died, Rutnam left the Institute to Jaffna College, and so it is now under the administrative direction of the JDCSI.

Primary Contact: Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah, Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India, Bishop's House, Vaddukoddai, Jaffna, Sri Lanka
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Chundikuli Girls' College

Description of materials: While the library at Chundukuli Girls' College holds various textbooks and novels in Tamil and English, its unique materials are seven volumes of the Chundikuli Girls' College Magazine, ranging from 1896 (the year of its inception) to 1946. Similar to the St John's College Magazine (St John's being Chundikuli Girls' School "partner school"), the magazine is broken up by term and year. Each volume lists an academic calendar for the term, a brief history of the college, followed by lists of administration, faculty, courses, fees and rules. The balance of each magazine contains an assortment of essays on social and political themes, examination results, poetry, historical reflections, community news, donation details, reports from international Old Girls (alumni) associations, photographs, and advertisements. These materials are particularly interesting and valuable as windows into gender within the Tamil Protestant community. Most of these magazines are in good condition, having recently been rebound by the librarian.

Survey method: The Programme Managers conducted a survey of the archive in an afternoon with the help of the librarian. They went through each shelf methodically, took photographs, and gathered metadata of all pre-1948 materials. Later, they searched for items using the British Library catalogue, WorldCat, and EAP835's own master-list of materials currently held abroad, and removed all redundant materials from the survey.

Description of archive: The Chundikuli Girls' School Library is located on the first floor of the school's administrative block in Chundukuli, Jaffna. It is a large and clean but non-airconditioned room with about a dozen bookshelves divided into subjects, e.g. history, religion, fiction, etc. The magazines are all held in one cabinet with a glass door.

Ownership: The materials in this collection are the property of Chundikuli Girls' College.

Primary Contact: Mrs. Dushy Thuseetharan, Principal, Chundikuli Girls' College
<http://www.chundikuligirlscollege.com/>

NB: We were not able to digitize a sample of the materials held at Chundikuli Girls' College before the end of EAP835. Although we received permission to digitize from Mrs. Thuseetharan, she was anxious to also obtain permission from the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Thuseetharan is confident that we will be given permission, but the Programme Managers have been asked give a small presentation at the next Board Meeting in the fall of 2017 if EAP971 goes forward.

Christian Theological Seminary (CTS)

Description of materials: The CTS Library holds six books of interest for EAP835. These largely relate to the history of the American Ceylon Mission, and include valuable Meeting Minutes for the years 1916 to 1921. Other materials at the library are mostly post-1948 or held abroad.

Survey method: Programme Manager Henria Aton and Programme Coordinator Steven Kirubalini, and Anglican Archdeacon Father Philip Nesakumar conducted a survey of the library in an afternoon with the help of the CTS librarian and a student of the seminary. They went through each shelf methodically, took photographs, and gathered metadata of all pre-1948 materials. Later, they searched for items using the British Library catalogue, WorldCat, and EAP835's own master-list of materials currently held abroad, and removed all redundant materials from the survey.

Description of archive: The CTS library is on the top floor of the seminary. It contains approximately a dozen bookshelves organized by subject and language. Most of the books held in this room were published after 1948. Across the hall from the library, a small room contains another dozen bookshelves used for books that are used less regularly by the seminary teachers and students, or that are considered unimportant. This room also contains a large "to be discarded" pile, which extends into the hallway, where many of the materials we surveyed were found.

Father Nesakumar informed the CTS librarian that books related the American Ceylon Mission were critical to the history of the seminary and the CACM, and should thus be taken out of the "to be discarded pile" and placed in a separate, labelled bookshelf in the main library.

Ownership: The CTS library is under the direction of the Church of the American Ceylon Mission (CACM) a group formed in 2007 as a breakaway church over financial and leadership differences with the JDCSI.

Primary Contact: Ms. Kamalanathan Thiviya, CTS Librarian

University of Jaffna

Description of materials: The University of Jaffna's Library contains seven books of interest for EAP835. The materials range from a 1922 novel by one of the earliest--if not the first--Tamil feminist author, Mangalanayakam Tambiah to collections of printed hymns by Ariyanayakam Barr Kumarakulasingham, and a 1943 theological essay by American missionary and Jaffna College Principal S.K. Bunker.

Survey method: Programme Coordinator S. Kirubalini conducted a survey of the archive in an afternoon. She went through each shelf methodically, took photographs, and gathered metadata of all potentially-relevant pre-1948 materials. Later, she and Programme Manager Henria Aton searched for items using the British Library catalogue, WorldCat, and EAP835's own master-list of materials currently held abroad, and removed all redundant materials from the survey.

Description of archive: The University of Jaffna library is held in a two-story building, the lower floor being the lending library and the upper floor holding the archive section. The library is mostly well-maintained. All rare books and manuscripts are held in the archive section, which has over twenty bookshelves. Most of the materials found during this survey are kept in a section related to pamphlets.

Ownership: The University of Jaffna's Library is the property of the university. The librarian, Ms. S. Arulanantham, does not welcome outsiders into the library and is known for guarding access to the university's resources. S. Kirubalini, a temporary lecturer at the University of Jaffna, had access to the materials by virtue of her position. However, while we believe we can make a strong case, there is no guarantee a future EAP programme will be given permission to digitize materials.

Primary Contact: Ms. S. Arulanantham, Head Librarian, University of Jaffna

Others

The Programme Managers and Coordinator surveyed four other archives: Uduvil Girls' College, Jaffna Central College, the second home of the Anonymous Private Collector whose materials make up Collection 1, and the home library of a former principal of Uduvil Girls' College. None of these surveys were successful. Uduvil Girls' College and Jaffna Central College libraries had a strong collection before the war, but, according to the principals and librarians, lost many materials due to bombing, the military requisition of school buildings, and frequent displacement. The Private Collector's and former Uduvil principal's home had many interesting materials, but none fitting EAP835's mandate.