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Portrait of Barnabas Shaw

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Introduction

Provenance

The material was microfilmed from the original in the South African Library, Cape Town, (now National Library of South Africa), Manuscript Department:

MSC39: Methodist Church of South Africa, boxes 22-23: Material concerning Barnabas Shaw and his family.

Biographical notes

Barnabas Shaw (* 12.04.1788 at Elloughton, England; + 21.06.1857 at Mowbray, South Africa). Wesleyan missionary who arrived at the Cape in April 1816 and founded the first stations of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society in South Africa. He was refused permission to preach in Cape Town by the then governor, and when he met Johann Heinrich Schmelen in early 1816, he decided to travel with him to identify a suitable site for mission work, which he founded at Leliefontein. During his stay at Leliefontein, he both made and initiated several trips into Bushmanland with a view to establishing stations there. Visited Bethanien with Schmelen in 1820. A donation by Josiah Nisbett made the establishment of a mission station at Warmbad possible, permanently to head the Methodist mission at the town. With the exception of a six year stay in England from 1837 until 1843, he remained at the Cape until he died. Married to Jane Butler in 1814, one son.

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Barnabas James Shaw (* 1821, + 1902), son of Barnabas Shaw, Wesleyan missionary 1843-1849 (Cape Town, Raithby) and schoolteacher (Salem, Grahamstown).

Access:

The accession is only available as microfiche and has to be ordered under the shelf number **AMF/0016**.

Contents

Starting on fiche	No.	Item	Dates
	22,11	Journal <i>24 pp. torn out at beginning, 16 pp. after 12.4.1818</i>	1816-1818
	22,2	Journal <i>Marked 'III' on spine</i>	1818-1820
	22,3	Journal	1823- March 1826
	22,4	Journal <i>With inverted at back, "A short extract from the journal of Jacob Links on going to the Warm Bath beyond the Orange River in 1825". Also including first section of B.J. Shaw, "The desert evangelist, or Select remains of Barnabas Shaw [...]" (see Box 23,11 below)</i>	April 1826- May 1827
	22,5	Journal	4.11.1828- 8.1.1935
	23,1	Journal	1835-1849
	23,2	"General laws of Lily Fountain in the year 1825, B. Shaw" <i>Title written on front cover; 42 pp. torn out, remainder of book blank apart from journal entry on meeting of "general counsel" on government authority "by which [Shaw] is empowered to act on this institution" (17.1.1825). Also typescript copy of journal entry.</i>	
	23,3	Typescript from above	
	23,4	Sermon notes	
	23,5	Letters <i>Including letter (to Joseph Barrow?) re journal of John Kendrick (Aug.1916); letter re remarks to Superintendent of Police on open-air preaching of James Cameron (31.10.1834); letter with "a few lines from Jakob Links' Book of memorandums or skeletons" (11.1.1840).</i>	1815-1843
	23,6	Letters received <i>From J.E. Alexander (Leliefontein, 122.11.1836); J.H. Schmelen (Komaggas, 2.8.1839) (Dutch)</i>	
	23,7	Official documents <i>Certificate from Mayor of London (15.12.1815); permission to remain in Cape Colony (8.7.1816); letter from C. Bird giving permission of Lord Charles Somerset to proceed as missionary (6.8.1816).</i>	
	23,8	Printed material	
	23,9	Poems	

Material concerning Barnabas James Shaw

Starting on fiche	No.	Item	Dates
	23,10	B.J. Shaw. Notebook <i>Including journal entries for 1850, with, inverted, original texts of poems (some dated 1851)</i>	
	23,11	B.J. Shaw, Notebook. <i>"Within are the early Canarese translations of B.J. Shaw"; "A continuation of "The desert evangelist" from Shaw's journal for 1825" (see Box 22,4 above)</i>	
	23,12	Lists of journals of B. Shaw donated to Methodist archives and of clippings in Files 13 and 14 below	
	23,13	Clippings concerning B. Shaw and B.J. Shaw	
	23,14	Clippings concerning Leliefontein. <i>Incl. article on the murder of William Threlfall, and obituary of Barnabas Shaw Links (c.1828-1898); all from The Methodist Churchman (1908). Also photo of Leliefontein from magazine.</i>	