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Introduction

This record group consists of two reels of microfilmed records of the Siam Mission of the American Missionary Association. The originals are located at the Amistad Research Center, Dillard University, New Orleans, USA. These records contain correspondence, reports, financial records, and miscellany arranged in two series. The first series includes primarily correspondence mixed with some other records and is arranged in chronological order. The second series is a miscellany of small items and fragments.

Historical Statement

The Siam Mission of the American Missionary Association was founded by Dr. Dan Beach Bradley in 1850. Friction and problems within the small mission led to the departure of the other two couples associated with the mission in 1855. With the exception of a lay assistant, the mission received no reinforcements until 1871 when Dr. Cornelius Bradley arrived. D.B. Bradley died in 1873 and Cornelius Bradley left the field in 1874. However, Mrs. Sarah Bradley, second wife of D.B. Bradley continued to live in Bangkok until her death in 1893. The Siam Mission was almost entirely financed by the mission press.

Comments

These records are an important compliment to the Records of the Siam Mission of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. However, they are often difficult to read in microform. The interested reader should also consult Donald C. Lord, Mo Bradley and Thailand, 1969.

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