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## MY AFRICAN GRANDFATHER PAPER, CA. 1942

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

During the 1941-42 club year, Florence F. (Mrs. Herman) Wolff read a paper, "My African Grandfather" to the [Indianapolis] Woman's Club. The paper was compiled from the diaries of Daniel Flickinger, who spent much of his life working as a missionary on the west coast of Africa. Upon the request of staff member, Christopher B. Coleman, Wolff donated the paper to the Indiana Historical Society.

**SOURCES:** Materials in the collection.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

In a 21-page typewritten paper ("My African Grandfather: Flickinger, Missionary to Africa"), Florence F. Wolff writes about her grandfather, Daniel Flickinger. The paper was compiled from her grandfather's diaries. The thrust of the manuscript is Flickinger's work as a missionary in Africa. Wolff indicates that Flickinger made twelve trips to the west coast of Africa to establish medical missions. In 1854, after working as a circuit rider preacher in southern Ohio and Tennessee (first with the Congregationalists, and then with the United Brethren Church), he sailed to Africa at the request of the American Missionary Society. The author details the long and arduous voyages to and from Africa, conditions and protocol at various villages, and the building of mission schools. She writes of Flickinger and his wife's lingering health issues after their exposure to malaria, dysentery, fever, and insect bites.

Wolff details her grandfather's work as a lecturer for the American Missionary Society and describes an 1863 trip that Flickinger made to Washington, D. C. to appeal to President Abraham Lincoln on behalf of freedmen in Vicksburg, Mississippi. During the Civil War, he served as a hospital chaplain in Nashville, Tennessee, and a post chaplain in Bridgeport, Alabama. She also relates an interesting tale about a slave owner who gave Flickinger a large donation to establish a mission school in Africa. Wolff attributes the gift to her grandfather's publicized anti slavery activities.

During the 1870s Flickinger spent time in Europe preaching on behalf of African missions. He raised large sum of monies that he took to Africa.

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