

# **Mutanda and “Wimbledon” files**

## **(Cover sheet and detailed listings)**

**For a detailed listing of the contents of these files from Mutanda Mission and “Wimbledon”, see the attached four pages in this file that were photocopied from the dissertation in 1983. (The dissertation title was: “To the Bottom of the Heap: Educational Deprivation and its Social Implications in the Northwestern Province of Zambia, 1906-1945” by Paul David Wilkin.)**

**Mutanda Mission (Bridge). As the attached sheets explain, these materials were located at Mutanda in Solwezi District.**

**“Wimbledon” refers to the files that were used in January 1976 at Wimbledon, which was at the British headquarters of the Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF). At that time, a new international office for the AEF was being opened in Reading, England, by Mike Warburton, who along with his wife, had been a long-serving missionary at Mutanda.**

**Confusing name changes: Prior to the mid-1970s, AEF had been called the South African General Mission (SAGM) with its main headquarters in South Africa. In 1976, files and materials were being moved to Britain. Since that time, AEF has become part of a wider organization called “SIM” whose international headquarters are, I believe, in the USA as of July 2006. In Zambia, the national church of this missionary society is the Evangelical Church of Zambia (ECZ).**

**Florence Pirouet and Edith Shoosmith interviews. These interviews, with two missionaries who had served for many decades in the Kaonde areas of Solwezi and Kasempa, were located at Wimbledon. These have been placed with other interviews. Both women died before 1976. The interviews were professionally conducted, but undated.**

C. Mutanda Bridge (Evangelical Church of Zambia),  
Solwezi.

Permission was granted by the Evangelical Church of Zambia (ECZ) to examine mission records in the middle of 1975. The following files contained very worn, hand manuscripts of value. The school at Mutanda is now under the control of the Zambian Government and the few records there are included.

Mutanda Mission. Staff Meetings, Minutes. 1934-May 1942.

Mutanda Mission. Staff Meetings, Minutes. June 1947-December 1948.

Mutanda Mission. Staff Meetings, Minutes. January 1949-September 1950.

Mutanda River School. Diary covering the years 1944-9.

Report by Principal and Manager of Schools, Mutanda. P(1), 1934-52.

D. Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF), British  
Headquarters, Wimbledon.

The Mission's early records are carefully maintained. The early correspondence files between the original international headquarters in Cape Town and the headquarters for the British Isles have been indexed up to the mid-1930s. (This was probably done prior to World War II.) In addition to correspondence, many files contain other enclosures. Exceptionally useful items are noted. Some letters not retained in the files appear to have been printed in the South African Pioneer. After the mid-1930s, the files have, far less detailed information.

The only complete set of On Trek and one of the few complete sets of the South African Pioneer are also available. In addition, they have several unpublished manuscripts, and a small collection of rare books.

Interview Transcripts

Conversation between Mrs. Florence Pirouet and Mr.  
R. M. Wyatt [former General Secretary of the

ABF in Britain]. No date given, nor place of interview given.

Conversation between Miss E. M. Shoosmith and Mr. R. H. Wyatt. On 24 April [no year given], at Miss Shoosmith's home at Crowborough, England.

#### Correspondence Files

Vol. 9, 1 July 1910--30 June 1911.

Vol. 10, 1 July 1911--30 June 1912.

Vol. 11, 1 July 1912--30 June 1913.

"Report for the General Conference 1913 from Northern Rhodesia, 20th May 1913".

Vol. 12, 1 July 1913--30 June 1914.

Vol. 13, 1 July 1914--30 June 1915.

Vol. 14, 1 July 1915--30 June 1916.

Vol. 15, 1 July 1916--30 June 1917.

Vol. 16, 1 July 1917--30 June 1918.

"District and Executive Report". By Edgar Faithful.

Vol. 17, 1 July 1918--30 June 1919.

Vol. 18, 1 July 1919--30 June 1920.

"N. W. Rhodesia, Educational Reports". By W. Roy Vernon, n.d.

"Report to the Native Commissioner, Solwezi, Northern Rhodesia". By Roy Vernon, 12 March 1919.

"The Work of the S.A.G.M. in North West Rhodesia, June 1919". By Ernest A. M. Harris.

"The B.M.S.S. at Musonwedji, etc.". By J. H. Melland, District Commissioner, Solwezi, to A. A. Wilson, S.A.G.M., Chisalala, 4 April 1919.

"Minutes of the District Conference of N.W. Rhodesia held at Blanche Memorial Mission Station, Musonwedzi from November 13th to November 22nd 1919". By Herbert G.

Pirouet.

Vol. 19, 1 July 1920--30 June 1921.

Key letter on government policy in relation to S.A.G.M. policy. From F. H. Melland, District Commissioner, Solwezi, to Rev. Charles Foster, 11 September 1920.

Vol. 20, 1 July 1921--30 June 1922.

"Minutes of the D.C. of N.W. Rhodesia at Blanche Memorial Mission Station Musonwedzi from May 18th to June 1st, 1921." By Herbert G. Pirouet.

"Report of the D.C. of N. Rhodesia, 1921". By C. S. Foster.

Vol. 21, 1 July 1922--30 June 1923.

Vol. 22, 1 July 1923--30 June 1924.

"Minutes of the District Conference of North West Rhodesia, held at Musonweji Mission Station, from September 17th to 24th, 1923". By C. S. Foster.

"Occupation of Kaondeland". By C. S. Foster, 2 May 1924.

Vol. 23, 1 July 1924--30 June 1925.

"Minutes of District Conference Held at Chisalala M.S., N. W. Rhodesia". 21 April to 2 May 1924, C. S. Foster, Chairman.

Vol. 24, 1 July 1925--30 June 1926.

"Minutes of Northern Rhodesia District Conference, held at Musonweji M.S. - June 1 and 2, 1925". C. S. Foster, Chairman.

Vol. 25, 1 July 1926--30 June 1927.

"Minutes of Northern Rhodesia District Conference. Held at Mukinge Hill Station--28th July to 30th, 1926".

"District Conference 1926. Matters for Consideration".

"Annual Return for the Year Ending 31st December 1930. Station. Mukinge Hill".

Vol. 26, 1 July 1927--30 June 1928.

E. Africa Evangelical Fellowship (AEF) International Headquarters, Reading, England.

In 1975, AEF set up a new international headquarters in Reading. In January 1976, vast amounts of unpublished documents were being shipped from South Africa and sitting in storage boxes. Most was not yet accessible to researchers. Much material may still remain in South Africa.

F. Christian Missions in Many Lands (CMML) [American Brethren "Headquarters"], Spring Lake, New Jersey.

A pleasant library contains a large number of rare books and periodicals and was used in October and November 1975. Many of the items listed under "Missionary Periodicals" were found in whole or in part in this collection.

G. The following institutions' libraries have valuable collections of theses and rare published materials: Yale Divinity School, Union Theological (at Columbia University) and University of Zambia.