

## **Cover sheet for an interview conducted in Zambia:**

### **Miss Janetta Forman: Notes only**

**12 January 1976 at her home in St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland**

**(Plus a crucial, immediate follow-up letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 1976  
that expanded on points she had raised)**

### **Brief Biographical sketch (created after the interview, n.d.):**

1936:	Miss Forman arrived in the NWP
Jan.1937:	Mutanda School for girls opened
1940-41:	Home on leave
1942-43:	Out-schools sent girls to Mutanda for Form I
1943-44:	Standard IV given: two girls passed
1948-49:	Home craft under Miss Siebert
May 1955:	First Standard VI girls
1955:	She left Mutanda

- **This was an unstructured interview at Miss Forman's home. She immediately followed it with a letter that expanded points that she had thought about.**
- **Also note the extensive correspondence between us from 1975-1976 and again from 1984-1985.**

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MISS JANETTA FORMAN: INTERVIEW ON 12th January 1976  
AT HER HOME IN ST. ANDREWS, FIFE, SCOTLAND, NOTES USED, NOT TAPE

- (1) Miss Forman<sup>was</sup> asked where Carpenter Kafumakache was now? She said that Esther Faumakache was at Mukinge and recently wrote to her.
- (2) Yenisa Ezekiel married a policeman - might check where he is - didn't seem like it proved very successful.
- (3) Mele was younger sister of Yenisa and went to Mindola Girls School.
- (4) Intelligence couldn't be measured as many affected by acculturation and influence of older brothers and ~~sister~~ sisters.
- (5) Miss Forman felt girls should come in touch with C/B 'civilization' - both she and the girls were bushed - needed to know a wider world.
- (6) She had girls make a book - one exceptionally good, Nessa, but she went to C/B and never came back.
- (7) Important that St. V and VI came from C hitokoleki and C havuma. This area most advanced and were a boost and challenge to the girls in the Kaonde area. Exceptional was Miss M. Chilila - brighter and best of all. ~~Thisixfxixxgixixx~~ This group was an exceptional challenge to all other girls.
- (8) David Mukimwa an ~~rustixxxix~~ early Kasempa school-boy and later at the court. He married Katrina a bright school girl not because she was pretty but because he was determined to marry an educated woman.
- (9) The mixing of the tribe at the higher forms necessitated and boosted the use of English. This was in 1953. Miss Forman came back only if standards were raised.
- (10) Ambition and intelligence esp. noted in Matia Ngalande (Aaron in education) and Kafumakache families. Ezekials noted for Christian family life and examples and Tito Kiboyia exceptional and highly regarded by Europeans and Africans alike.  
N.B. Jesse Sandasanda should be interviewed - his daughter came to school.
- (11) Girls were trained in cookery and used as personal servants as practical experience which was good for them and a new development.
- (12) Standards rose continually. Miss Forman at first in 1936 went out and got girls in Sub-Standard B and took more-or-less who she could get, but later outschools provided enough to have St III (still Kaonde) at the station - day school in 1946 when they began to train teachers as a demo school - as boarders. St. V-Vi began in force in 1950s. In 1950, girls came from Mutanda in St. IV to be coached up to get through St. IV exams. Also, in 1950 were homecraft classes for older girls - largely run by Miss Siebert who is still at Mukinge.
- (13) One entrance to English was in singing, when you couldn't

1953

always translate words into Kikaonde, e.g. 'Joyful Easter Tide'.

(14) P. Letchford realized same goal of 'seeing a wider ~~win~~ world' while still 'strong ties with home'. But not a lot of direct interchange between them as his boys headed towards C/B more. Mukinge Boys came to Mutanda and vice versa with girls and this tied them, but not direct contact.

(Peter got into trouble with fellow missionaries over pushing and going along on his ideals a little fast, but Miss Forman not sure of ~~details~~, etc.)

It was easier for boys to go further while 'girls had to come to stop' and Miss Forman says she 'came to a stop' when she realised there was not more towards sec. school ~~xxxx~~ she could go.

(15) Sec. Sch issue ~~xxx~~ she doesn't recall affecting her and felt this was an issue for boys.

(16) Forman sent girls to Chipembe (Esther Kafumakache) in 1952. Mary Ezekiel had gone to Mindolo in early 1950s for Sts. V and VI.

(CONFIDENTIAL: she herself was invited to join Chipembe staff; not sure what ~~xxx~~ else she had said when typing up these notes as she asked for this not to be recorded.)

(17) Entry of 1952-3 to St. V (first group) - boys meanwhile taking three years to St. VI (Upper and Lower) and practicals while girls did St. V and VI in two years. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (Miss Siebert carried on when Miss Forman was on leave). Three came into Form V in 1952; five non-Kaonde came into Form V in 1953-4 (2 Lamba from Kafulafuta; 2 from Mujiibeji - R ebecca Lyman and Lydia Kabaya - 1 from Fiwale Hill).

(18) 1954/5 Chavuma sent three including Chilila and they finished St. VI in one year, 1955.

(19) Line Lendela came in 1952 from Chizera - where is she now? Forman thinks she is now very high in government. Also Dorica Kikombe became wife of a high official. (Kikombe had been a ~~xxx~~ ex-school boy at Mukinge and later died.) Many got high positions after independence.

Mela (Evelina) Ezekiel married a Kafumakache.

Dorica couldn't pass Form<sup>(V)</sup> IV and broke her heart - due to health (? notes not clear). Miss Forman would like to know what has happened to her.

(20) Girls from Kafulafuta more sophisticated and this was useful.)

(21) School fees. Began at 3/6. Felt important as a symbol. This became a prestige symbol even at lower level. This rule had to be waved as many in villages felt they had handed over their assets. Thus, long holidays due to need of parents for help in bird scaring and harvest. Boys less important for this and allowed to stay in school by parents. Only when parents were more educated and sophisticated did this change. Bird scaring very important in kaffir corn area, more than GIRLS from other areas such as millet areas.

IMP.  
IDEAS

(22) Wives for teachers was important function of the girls school. Important for wives being educated because women could help village. Two jobs ran together. Church elders wanted education for girls and this was one reason for Miss Forman coming to Mukinge and Mission appointed her to start educational work within evangelical mission work.

IMP.  
POINT

(23) After she left teachers often transferred from district to district - before that they stayed more-or-less at one place under mission, LEAs came later.

(24) In 1969, the effects of early education visible on second generation as ~~wixers~~ leaders of secondary school often children of her early school girls.

(25) Mission early criticized for not going 'when really there was really nothing to build on' ((at that time)). Only later was the 'material' to have a secondary school. 'One strata must add one to another ~~strata~~ strata'.

(26) Breaking cultural barriers. Way to get to know people was to live with them which Miss Forman did. Girls would just come and visit and sit. Forman took a woman with her, who slept in her tent, shared tea, cycled together, etc.; no other missionary did that. Miss Forman and this woman discussed things in general, about views in general, giving her a perception that many of her colleagues did not have. Importance also was being single and needing company of other women. ~~Some~~ missionaries objected to this sharing of tea with others but she replied what else was there to do.

IMP.

(27) Pregnancy among school girls was not often an open issue prior to 1955, although she knew of an attempted abortion or so.

(28) Miss Milina Chilila was most outstanding of all Miss Forman's girls not only very intelligent but because of her ~~extra~~ outstanding character.

N.B. THIS INTERVIEW WAS VERY INFORMAL AND THESE NOTES WERE TAKEN THROUGHOUT A LONG, PLEASANT AFTERNOON IN ST. ANDREWS WITH A WALK (BY MYSELF) AROUND THE OLD MEDIEVAL TOWN. ( I left the evening bus to catch the train back to London, after evening 'tea')

MISS. LETTER FROM MISS J. FORMAN (ST. ANDREWS, FIFE, SCOTLAND)  
TO WILKIN DATED 15/1/76 WITH ENCLOSURE OF DETAILS OF SCHOOL  
WORK AT MUKINGE. ~~XXXXXX~~ (1927-1955)

Dear Mr. Wilkin,

Reading over the names of girls years ago, thought I should summarize while my thoughts were still on Mukinge - it may help clarify your notes.

Thank you for your visit - most enjoyable to have the past years resurrected - am just sorry the time was too short. Another day would have given the chance of hearing about Zambia itself - from one who is an (?) with things - news that comes is so bitty and unreliable - or simply not there!

The booklet you had brought 'Thy Light is Come' I did not have time to glance at - nor have I a copy - ~~ix~~ but it may have more about education. Good wishes.

Netta Forman

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MUKINGE GIRLS SCHOOL

(Original aim: Literate/educated wives for Christian leaders and teachers.)

Opened ~~wixx~~ January 1937 with 13 girls. Sept 1937 (after village trekking and further awareness) the numbers rose to 30 - Subt-Standards A and B (see 'Tent of God'), mostly girls from villages without a school. About only three male teachers (Standard IV) then. School had to close November 1939 - no food in the country. January 1940 I had to go home on leave.

1941-2 Girls started to come into Standard I from outschools.

1943-4 Two girls in St. IV - passed.

1944-5 One year vernacular Teacher Training started with above two girls and with four boys from Mutanda on request. Day school started as demonstration. 8 girls from Mutende (Mutanda?) for Standard III and two from Kabemba outschool (?? III).

1946-7 Two post Standard IV from Mutanda went to Mindelo for two years training; one year vernacular continued at Mukinge.

1947/8. From now on as outschools increased and improved, a few girls came into St. III. Still accepted for sub-Standards I & II

1948-9. A one year Home Craft course started with a group of girls too old for school education; with the idea of their helping women in villages. Run by Miss Siebert - for about four year(?) while girls of that age still needed it. The need stopped with increase in outschools. We (Miss Siebert and I) took on girls as cooks - earlier on too.)

1950. One post St. IV sent to Chipembi - not very successful.

1952. Another girl to Chipembi - settled better.

1952-3. Two girls from Kafulafuta and from Mujimbeji to St. V.

Some post IF and V girls from Mukinge went to nurses training in Kaonde Hospital.

1953-4. Four from Kafulafuta and Fiwale to St. V and 1 from Mujimbeji. Two year Training course with English as medium replaced vernacular when girls came from other language areas. This was good for the Bakaonde.

1954-5. Five from Mwinilunga, Kafulafuta, Balovale joined Standard V. One from Mwinilunga joined T4 training. Three from Chavuma joined Standard VI.

May 1955. First entrants for St. VI examination. (I forgot its numbers. Miss Siebert must still know.) I left after the exams.

NOTES: We reckoned on 60 Boarders. As numbers increased latterly the girls in III and IV did only domestic subjects with Miss Siebert - and joined the boys for academic - this opened the way for the co-education I reckoned they were now ready for under competent male teachers. The two girls who'd gone earlier to Mindolo helped teacher for a year ~~for~~ or two. Upper Standards were responsibility of Miss Siebert and myself. She with Homecraft and I with academic Sts. V and VI and T4 training.

The boys of upper standards went to Mutanda - and I hoped the girls would learn in more competitive girls institution.

The gradual increase in outschools was a gratifying process. Latterly as roads were cut through the bush, some of my school manager's work was done by lorry and the girl trainees accompanied me to get to know the conditions. (Thanks to Mr. Field, mostly, who'd be taking to lorry for food or something!)

This is a summary as I remember it by reading my list of names - can't vouch for complete accuracy.

# **Additional materials resulting from the interview**

## **Miss Janetta Forman**

**Interviewed on: 12 January 1976  
at her home in St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland  
(Especially note a crucial, immediate follow-up letter dated  
15th January 1976 that expanded on points she raised).**

- **We exchanged extensive correspondence from 1975-1976 (7 letters) and again from 1984-1985 (6 letters).**
- **Especially note her initial 15<sup>th</sup> January 1976 letter and final letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 1984. The first is an extension of the interview, mentioning things she remembered after our long chat. The second gives reflections and commentary after reading her copy of the dissertation. Both are very useful for future scholars.**

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Dear Ms. Forman,

27 May 1985

I just reread your letter received almost eleven months ago. Thank you very much for your reflections on Zambia + comments on the dissertation. A few weeks ago the director of the Ed'l Research Bureau (UNZA) wrote asking permission to use several chapters. Time will tell what they publish.

My life - like yours - has evolved. I have definitely left university life + am thoroughly enjoying my work in the expanding world of computers + helping office staff not only tolerate but learn to enjoy using them - to avoid so many tedious tasks. I even plan to give my large Africana collection of books to UNZA - excepting only my research collection.

Hopefully my business may take me to London in the fall. If so I hope to travel north to see friends in Stanraer (Nishets/Alex Marjnic) + hopefully others of you in Scotland. If so, may be we can meet yet again. If not may I wish you the best in life. You were indeed one of the "heroes" historically-speaking of education in the NWP + I admire your early endeavors very much. All the very best,

M. C. Wilkin

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2 HOWARD PLACE,  
ST. ANDREWS,  
FIFE.

25 May 84

Dear Mr. Wilkin,

A recent visit from Dr. R. L. Foster (last seen  
at Muhiya 1955) followed by a heavy cold provided  
(respectively) the mood & the time to get down to your book.  
I had been flipping thru it on occasions postponing a thorough  
reading until more leisure was likely.

So I read again "carefully" as you enjoined,  
your preface - & again after completing reading of the book.  
Your preface was very necessary, as I realised more after  
reading. Throughout the reading I shook my head a few  
times at the sorry tale - squirmed at excerpts from  
some early missionaries' letters & blushed <sup>(I wondered how necessary?)</sup> not seldom.  
At length I got to the new elite & the new society - not much  
evidence in early decade - just in imagination & this  
complains - ah well!

You stop at '45 instead of as intended at 68.  
- I wonder if your further material unused is still of  
interest. But I appreciate the idea & aim of your  
study. I found post '45 very interesting of course & recall  
the return <sup>from Malaya</sup> in Khaki - of a former schoolboy who to my

surprise made a bee line needing to talk.

The early part of the book, historical, revokes memories of tales of ~~early~~ days prior to mine - B.S.A.C. etc - the name Harris vaguely remembered. They were in rather a hurry, it seems to me, to effect changes or to expect changes - even H.G. Piouet in his letters to some extent - Of course I much appreciated H.P.G. in the years after 1936 when I got to know him.

I was rather amused by the book's undertaking to govern a province & <sup>its</sup> ~~expecting~~ expectation from the memos - & I knew this of course, while knowing & appreciating & enjoying the company of the Kasempa Boma.

I'm glad you stated it in your preface (see below) \* Melland's view of what makes life worth living I approve & was glad to read more of him & of H.G.P. I'd read Melland's "Witchboard Africa" early on. I'm sure it was he whom I quoted - early on - that "Africa needed 3 things - education, medicine, & the Christian gospel - especially the last - because it casts out fear". If that quotation (paraphrased now) is not F. Melland - I'd like to know from ~~whom~~ - but I'm almost certain it was he & from his anthropological study to which I have no access now. It was in Mutanda 1936-7.

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\* Back to education & missions - glad you stated it <sup>FIFE.</sup>  
for ever today, at a University Open Associates lecture in W.  
Africa this winter by the Univ. Chaplain - who'd spent 2 yrs  
in Ghana - <sup>one</sup> the question afterwards from the floor was why didn't  
missions educate? The Chaplain looked at me to  
reply that in colonial days all education started from  
the mission.

However! your book sent my thro's away  
back in many directions - but that's not what  
you asked for - so I beg your pardon - I don't know  
what I can give you what you ask, as I said - an  
interesting study - factual & substantiated by letters,  
e.g. H. G. P.'s. & Mellards. makes me feel sort of sorry for  
some of the early folk (not of course for H. G. P. - he  
'd hold his own!) - they gave what they had to give.  
At a visit recently from a daughter of John Stevenson, <sup>she</sup> told me  
of her being present ~~at~~ when her sister was being decorated  
by Kaunda & of his asking her when he knew of her  
making connection, whether she knew Bwana Stevenson!  
(her married name being different.) That pleased me.

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Ah well - & the Bakanda - the hopes for new élite, I ~~am~~ be  
sorry for them too - some of them. But it was a rich experience  
to know them '36-55. The Chevume jobs I mentioned were <sup>post 45</sup> 1953-55.

I wonder who Remus Kalepa was & his date?  
Tito Kibalya & Aaron Ngalande I was glad you met with  
Terjus Macpherson I met up with in Lusaka in 1969 & we  
had good conversation - he was in Ghana in 1965 on a  
visit & they also described NWP as a "backwater" in conversation  
with our Scottish mission Secy - à propos of a request for  
my return there.

It's a long time since you visit here - longer  
even than I'd thought - & much water has run under  
the bridge since. These years the past invades one  
that's a lot - but there's so much in the present - &  
in the future prospect of the world to engage one's  
mind & sympathy & (what is left) energy -  
~~that~~ I feel it's time to tie some knots - or cast  
off - or what.

Anyway thank you for the book - I just wished  
a lot to be able to share it with former old colleagues -  
& of whom died here last year in their 90's - Mrs. Provan &  
Edith Shoornish. Good wishes for your future.  
Yrs sincerely  
Netta Forner

St. Andrew  
24 Feb 84

Dear Mr. Wilkin,

Your dissertation, to wh. I'd been looking forward since receiving your formal letter, has come today.

I am acknowledging it at once - with very many thanks, for having read your covering letter, & takes a little time to peruse <sup>the book</sup> it, I realise it may be sometime before you will get my comments. It is quite a sizeable volume - wh. I shall read closely - & I read more slowly now - or at least for shorter periods - due to eyesight. But the lines are nicely spaced. Just claim on my eyes - the recording of books for the Blind Studies Tape library which I still do - but maybe I had not started that when you came on 12/1/76 - so you say - 8 years ago - it astonishes me! Much has happened since but as I got a new lease of life 2 yrs ago (a necessary ~~but~~ but still surprising) - it still may things be happening ~~present~~ out there - even in this world so sad in many parts.

A letter from Muriel a week or two ago told me of the <sup>recent</sup> deaths of several - 3 - colleagues - & before that at Xmas Mrs. Pionet died age 93\* I note you quote M.P. quite a lot. # Their daughter Louise some years ago for a doctorate for her thesis "Black missionaries" - in early Church in Uganda. She is now teaching in a college in Cambridge. Mrs. Pionet I visited in Wembley summer of 82 - <sup>at</sup> 93 - a pet & fat but mentally alert, looked not at all like a pioneer missionary of early days. I don't know if the short - language work is mentioned by you - but you had to stick to your subject.

So again with thanks - & with good wishes to you in your new career.

Yours sincerely

Netta Thomas

\* and Mr. Stevenson & Miss Shoornill in 82/3 - as passes an age!

Dear Mr. Walker,

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Forman

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July -  
enclosed + P.S.

I have been wondering about your project  
am glad to hear it is completed + your doctorate accepted -  
congratulations

Yes I am looking forward to receiving the  
complimentary copy from you - interested to see how your  
abstract is developed -

And my address will still be the same by  
the end of the year - + I hope, for long after.

I have just been sent a hefty volume  
"From Dutch Church to Reformed Church in Zambia"  
published in the Netherlands - Have still to get down to it.

As you make no mention of it, perhaps your  
Zambian days are over? I still get occasional news  
from Muekege - the newsiest from a former schoolgirl -  
now a grandmother.

Life as a retired person here goes on quietly  
+ fairly fully - time at this age is given to individuals  
- especially as contemporaries are ageing!

Good wishes

Yours sincerely

Hetta Forman.

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9 January 1984

Dear Miss Foxman

Thank you for your letter several months ago. I am pleased to tell you that on Christmas Eve I received "xerograph" copies of my dissertation for you and for other interviewees who responded to my letter last July.

Within the next <sup>week</sup> fortnight, I shall get these copies into the post using parcel post surface mail. The post office tells me that the copies to Britain should arrive by mid-February and the copies to Zambia should arrive in late April or May. From experience, however, I suspect that those to the former may take until the end of February and those to Zambia until the end of June. Should you not get your copy by my latter estimate, please let me know.

Along with each copy, I shall enclose a note. I shall also enclose forms instructing everybody how to get additional copies, if desired. American and Canadian dissertations (except for those from a tiny handful of universities) have really become a new type of book as you shall see -- one of the many new by-products of the modern age!

I hope that you have a wonderful New Year, with good health and much happiness.

Very sincerely,

P. David Wilkin

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9 January 1984

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Dear Miss Forman,

Herewith the copy of my dissertation that I promised you. I hope that you received my airmail letter, also written on 9 January 1984, informing you that it was coming. As very few studies cover the present-day entity called the NWP, the dissertation may have some future significance.

Please start by reading the Preface very carefully.

Note my general acknowledgement to all interviewees in the Preface and my specific acknowledgements in the bibliography. Note also that I make at least one -- and generally many more -- references to each interview. As there is no index, you must carefully read or survey the whole dissertation, including the footnotes, to find specific references to our interview.

As with all other readers, I invite you to write me with your comments. For at least the remainder of this year, use the address given at the top of this page. Thereafter, as indicated in the Preface, write to me in care of my brother.

If you do write to me with your comments, both positive and negative, I will certainly reply. If you also desire, I will give you a summary of American scholars remarks about this work. I suspect that those remarks will be different from, and often less astute than, those from you interviewees for whom this topic has a personal meaning.

I hope you are well and having a good year. As of the date of this letter, I am well and moving into a new business career. For the time being, I have placed both life in Africa and in the university world behind me. Nonetheless, I still hope to do some writing in the next year or so. Thus after you read the work, I will indeed value your comments very much.

Very sincerely,

P. David Wilkin



18/1/76

Dear Miss Forman,

I cannot thank you enough for not only your kind hospitality but also your most <sup>useful</sup> ~~informative~~ "data sheet" <sup>you sent to me via W. P. Gordon</sup> which will be ~~extremely~~ extremely useful for me to refer to.

~~I had a pleasant journey back~~ <sup>My journey back to London was very pleasant</sup> ~~to~~

Also I left your ~~house~~ <sup>flat</sup>, I chatted with some students until the bus came <sup>later</sup> after getting on the train I had a private coach & got ~~home~~ <sup>home</sup> sleep. When I arrived back I was straight to Winkedon & worked ~~solid~~ <sup>solid</sup> all week. Hence my not replying <sup>until today</sup> ~~upon arrival~~.

I have ~~photocopied~~ <sup>had photoid</sup> your letter <sup>from the printer in the</sup> S. Afr. Pioneer & will ~~get it~~ <sup>post them</sup> to you <sup>later</sup> this week. The man did quite a good job in photocopying a photocopy! Most are ~~very~~ <sup>quite</sup> clear. I am also sending <sup>your booklet</sup> ~~your booklet~~ back to you & ~~will~~ <sup>send</sup> photocopy <sup>of</sup> "My Light is Gone" ~~to you~~. ~~Certainly~~ <sup>De</sup> Certainly a good photocopy will serve my purpose as the author should have a copy of her own publication!

Will work at Winkedon all of this week & ~~leave~~ <sup>leave</sup> for Zambia on the 26th. ~~Hope~~ <sup>Hope</sup> we may keep in contact.

Thank you again for a lovely day.

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Tel. 2852.

- 16/12/75

Dear Mr. Wilkin,

I thank you for your letter received today with interesting enclosures.

I hope this will reach you in time - your London address appears rather precarious - 1" in between the dental & the deep sea.

Anyway I shall look forward to phone call from you arranging a precise date. An evening call even if late is probably best - I have a phone at hand by the bed. A weekday would be better than a Sunday but as your itinerary has to be fitted in, I could probably fit in a Sunday if necessary. I am not out so much, but at times as yet unpredictable.

With good wishes for your journeying & looking forward to your visit.

Yours sincerely  
Nella Foman.

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10th December 1975

Dear Miss Forman,


I have scanned through the South African Pioneer from 1906 to the present for interesting material on Northern Rhodesia and Zambia and ran across these two pages on you in 1936 when you were preparing to leave for the mission field. Thought you might like to have a copy if you no longer have the original. Am enclosing them herewith. (Have about a foot stack of photocopied pages from the Pioneer that I will be bringing to the U.K.)

As indicated to you in August, I had hoped to visit England and Scotland in November and December, but my plans were delayed due to severe illness in September from which I am now, most fortunately, recovered. I will now hopefully arrive in London on the 1st of January and be in England and Scotland for the full month. While I will settle in a hotel near the British Museum in London, I will be travelling around visiting old friends and meeting new ones as well. (In February, I will return to Zambia.)

I would still very much like to meet you and discuss your dayssin Zambia, especially with regard to your work in girls' education. (I just had a lovely chat and visit with the Letchfords a fortnight ago.) I am not sure of the exact dates that I will be in Scotland but it will be either early or mid-January. If you will be home, I would be grateful if you could drop me a brief note indicating whether it would be more convenient to come by St. Andrews on a Sunday or on a weekday, probably a Thursday or a Monday. If you have a telephone, the number might be useful. My address until the end of the year will be as indicated above; in London I will simply collect mail %Poste Restante, London E.C.2.

Looking forward to meeting you if at all possible. Wishing you a most Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Very sincerely,

  
P. David Wilkin

New York City  
17th August 1975

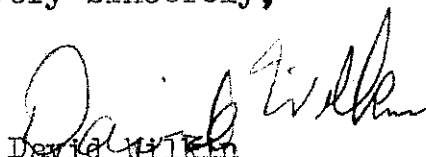
Dear Miss Forman,

I was pleased to reach N.Y.C. a few days ago and find replies to my letters from you and also Peter Letchford and Mike Warburton. I look forward very much before the end of the year to chatting with each of you about past days in Zambia.

I still do not know whether I shall be in Scotland in November or December and probably not know until late October as I have so much yet to do here in the States and Canada, not only researching, but visiting old friends, etc. I hope ~~before~~ I see you to have read all past issues of the South Africa Pioneer back to 1910 which are available here and will have photostated interesting parts. If I accomplish this, I shall bring them along in case you would like to see old reports on Kaondeland.

All the best. Thanks for your quick reply to my letter. I shall write to you in the next few months when I have made plans and have thought of a few specific questions to ask you and all others.

Very sincerely,

  
David Wilkin

Tel. 2852,

2 Howard Pl.

St. Andrews

29 July 75

Dear Mr. Wilkin,

Thank you for your letter from  
Zambia received today. Your project  
sounds most interesting.

I should be very pleased to  
<sup>with you</sup> talk about former days in Kaondeland —  
when you came to Scotland.

Also, I remember — or  
rather recall that that was not such  
20 years ago — The Warburtons I wrote  
some days ago & hope that in the future  
I may see them again.

With good wishes

Yours sincerely

Melba C. Forman

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Miss Netta G. Foreman,  
2 Howard Place,  
St. Andrews, Wife,  
SCOTLAND

Telephone 2852

Dear Miss Foreman,

Mike Warburton very kindly located your address for me before he left for England. Possibly you have heard about me through your old missionary friends as I have been working in education in the North-Western Province off and on for twelve years first as a teacher at Solwezi Secondary, then as Headmaster at Zambezi Secondary and now as the first UNZA representative in their new programme in the province. Anyway, whether or not you have heard about me, I have heard a lot of good things about you, and not just through your fellow ex-missionaries. While teaching in secondary school I asked and heard a lot from students about early educators in the province for their parents. Your name was mentioned frequently in relation to virtually starting girls education in the Kasempa area along with Peter Letchford's amongst the boys at Mutanda and other educational missionaries with the C.M.M.L., especially at Chitokoloki.

As I am now with the university and have more time for research, I decided it would be most interesting and useful to write a history of education in this area from pre-European days - traditional forms of education - up to education in modern Zambia. The changes both in types, structure and effect on society by modern education are, needless-to-say, extra-ordinarily fascinating.

Since your name has appeared so often, I would very much like to meet you and hear your reminiscences of your work in this area - how you now feel about your pioneering work in retrospect, etc. The University has granted me six months leave to study, etc., and I plan to head first, in several weeks, to the States and then come to the U.K. late in November and December. I worked for a while under Alex Nisbet at Solwezi after he left Chitokoloki and have heard that he is now back in Scotland. Thus, assuming we can find a date of mutual convenience, I wonder if you could find time to spare a few hours chatting about your remembrances, etc. Any definite questions that I need to ask you, I would send to you well in advance so you could think about them. If you would be willing to meet briefly with me, I should be grateful if you could drop me a postcard. My address from 1st August to mid-November will be: David Wilkin, 55-25 98th Street, Corona New York 11368.

If you wish to know anything more about me, please write to Mike Warburton in the new International Headquarters in Reading. We worked together when I was in the Solwezi area before and have kept contact over the years.

Very sincerely,  
David Wilkin *David Wilkin*

copy  
attached  
18/1/76

2 Howard Pl.  
St. Andrews 7/6  
15/1/76

Dear Mr. Wilkins,  
Reading over the names of jobs  
you & his I should summarize while my  
thoughts were still on thinking - it may help  
clarify your notes.

Thank you for your visit -  
most enjoyable to have the past years  
revisited - am just sorry the time was  
too short - Another day would have given the  
chance of hearing about Zambia itself -  
from one who is an fact work thing -  
news that comes is so bitter & unreliable  
- or simply not there!

The Booklet you had bought  
"The Light is Love" I didn't have time to  
glance at - nor have I a copy - but it may  
have more about education.

Good wishes  
Yrs. sincerely  
Mella Forster

Mutukinge, Carels School

(Original aim: to train / educated women for m. leaders + teachers.)

Opened Jan 1937. 60. 13 girls. Sept. 37 - (after village trekking + further awareness) no. rose to 30. - Sub ~~Standard A+B~~ (See Text book - part II) - mostly girls fr. villages without a school. About only 3 male teachers (Sr. IV) then.

School had to close Nov. 39 - no food in the country. Jan 40 I had to go home on leave

1941-2 girls started to come into Sr. I fr. outschools.

1943-44. 2 girls in Sr. IV - passed.

1944-5 1 year Vernacular Teacher Training started w. about 2 girls + with 4 boys fr. Mutanda on request. Day school started - demonstration

8 girls from Mutanda for Sr. III + 2 from Kabamba outschools

1946-7. 2 post-Sr. IV fr. Mutanda went to Mindolo for 2 yr. Training 1 yr. Vernacular continued + writing

1947-8. From now on as outschools increased + improved, a few girls came into Sr. III. ~~Sr. III~~ still accepted for Sr. I + II

1948-9. A 1 yr Home Craft course started with a group of girls too old for school education; with the idea of their helping women in villages. Run by Miss Sieber - for c. 4 yrs (?) while the girls of that age still needed it. - He mid stopped with increase in outschools. We (Mrs S. + I) took on girls as cooks - earlier on too)

1950 - One post Sr. IV sent to Chipenbi - not v. successful.

1952 - Another girl to Chipenbi - settled better.

1952-3. 2 girls fr. Kafilafuta + ~~Mujimbezi~~ Mujimbezi to Sr. V

Some post IV + V girls fr. Mutukinge went to nurses' trg. in Kaonde Hospital.

1953-4 4 from Kafilafuta + Fivale to Sr. V Mujimbezi 2 year training course with lang as medium replaced the Vern. when girls came from other language areas. This was good for the Bakanda.

1954-5 5 from M'lunga, Kafilafuta, Balovale joined Sr. V

1 fr. M'lunga " T4 Trg.

3 fr. Chevuma " Sr. VI

May 55 - first entrance for Sr. VI exam - (I forget the no. Miss Sieber - mit still know.) I left after the exams.

Notes. We reckoned on 60 Bomas. As no. increased latterly the girls in II + IV did only domestic subjects with Miss Sieber - + joined the boys for academic - this opened the way for the co-education I reckoned ~~that~~ they were now ready for under competent male teachers. The 2 girls who'd gone teacher to Mindolo helped teach for a year or 2. Upper standards were responsibility of Miss S. + myself - she w. Homecraft + I with academic Sr. V + VI + T4 training.

The boys of upper standards went to Mutanda - + I hoped <sup>the</sup> girls would learn in more competitive girls institution

The gradual increase in outschools was a gratifying process. Latterly, as roads were cut thro' the bush, some of my school manager's work was done by lorry + the girl trainees accompanied me to get to know the conditions. (Thanks to Mr. Field, mostly, who'd be taking the lorry for food or something!)

This is a summary - I reverse it by reading my list of names - can't vouch for complete accuracy!

15/1/76  
V. Tommas.