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HISTORY

William Donald McClure was born April 28, 1906 in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. He received his early schooling there where his father served as pastor for 55 years. Donald McClure graduated from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania in 1928 and Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary in Pittsburgh in 1934. He was ordained by Westmoreland Presbytery in 1934. Immediately, Reverend McClure proceeded to Khartoum in the Sudan where he served as a teacher. There he met his wife, Lyda Boyd, also a short-term teacher. After their marriage the couple continued in Africa for nearly 50 years. They were missionaries in the Sudan and Ethiopia until 1977. When the Mission Board required Rev. McClure’s retirement, he and his wife returned for two 3 year terms as Volunteers in Mission. His life was taken in Gode, Ethiopia by Somali guerillas. Don McClure was buried in Africa. Dr. McClure had an M.A. in Agriculture from Cornell University. Westminster College bestowed a D.D. in 1947. McClure did graduate work at Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Awarded Dr. McClure the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1977.

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The W. Donald McClure record is composed of personal information, family and other correspondence and information about his projects with various native tribes in the Sudan and Ethiopia.

* Dates of some of the correspondence is not known and others have possible/probable dates or ranges of time determined by Charles Partee, assisted by his wife, Margaret, a daughter of the McClures. Dr. Partee has written of Dr. McClure’s work in *Adventures in Africa*. 


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