

# **FULLER, CHARLES EDWARD, 1907-.**

## **Charles Edward Fuller papers, 1908-1988**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Fuller, Charles Edward, 1907-.

**Title:** Charles Edward Fuller papers, 1908-1988

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**Abstract:** Consists of writings by Charles Edward Fuller and others regarding missionaries in Africa, African anthropology, and social issues and political events in Africa.

**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### **Collection Description**

#### **Biographical Note**

Charles Edward Fuller was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on January 23, 1907 to John Charles and Elizabeth Kohn Fuller. He grew up in the Cheltenham township and graduated from Cheltenham High School in 1925. After graduating from Dickinson Seminary in 1926 he became a supply pastor in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He received his B.A. in Bible and Theology

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from Juniata College in 1936. In 1938 he received both a M.A. in History and Literature of Religion from Northwestern University and a M.Div. from Garrett Theological Seminary. Fuller completed his formal education with a Ph.D. in Anthropology from Northwestern University in 1955.

Fuller was a Methodist pastor and missionary as well as a scholar. He was received "on trial" in 1930 in the Central Pennsylvania Conference and into "full connection" in 1933. In the Central Pennsylvania Conference he served the charges of Riddlesburg and Burnt Cabins, and he served the Cherry Tree charge in the Western Pennsylvania Conference. Fuller also served charges in the Missouri East Conference in the 1950s. From 1939 to 1951 he served as a missionary in southeast Africa including Mozambique from 1939 to 1942, South Africa from 1942-1945, and Southern Rhodesia where he was Superintendent of Schools from 1947 to 1951. The Methodist missionary was also the associate editor of *The Africa Christian Advocate* during his tenure in Southern Rhodesia.

Except for brief assignments or visits to Africa during the 1960s, Fuller spent his career in the United States in academia. He was a professor of theology and anthropology at the Missouri School of Religion at the University of Missouri, Columbia from 1953 to 1964; a professor of anthropology at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1964 to 1967; and a professor of anthropology at St. John's University from 1968 to 1972 where he was Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology from 1970 until his retirement at the end of 1972. Following his retirement Fuller was a visiting professor at Florida Southern College in Lakeland for seven years. He lived the remainder of his life in Rabun County, Georgia.

Fuller married Edna Marie Worthing on June 6, 1931 and had two children, Charles Edward, Jr. and Judith Anne. He died on March 17, 1990 in Clayton, Georgia.

### **Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists of writings by Charles Edward Fuller and others regarding missionaries in Africa, African anthropology, and social issues and political events in Africa. The collection also contains other writings by Fuller including sermons, essays, and dramas. Fuller collected African periodicals, especially those produced by the Methodist church, as well as other publications pertaining to missionary work in Africa. His subject files consist primarily of printed newsletters, articles from publications, printed letters from missionaries, and reports from various agencies. The bulk of the written material is from 1937 to 1980. Course material from Fuller's classes include some notes and syllabi but the bulk of this material consists of overhead transparencies, maps and other visual aids.

A major component of the collection is Fuller's photographic images of Africa taken from the late 1940s through the 1960s. His slides document places, cultures, people, worship and social functions, plants, and animals as well as vacations, family, and friends in the United States. Many of the slides document the activities of the United Methodist Church in south Africa. Among the specific countries and places where photographic images were taken are Botswana, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, Inhambane in Mozambique, and South Africa. The slides are numbered according to the original unit in which each group was housed, i.e., carousel, slide box, or loose in a paper bag. Each unique grouping or unit was assigned a number. Handwritten slide listings that appeared to accompany a unit of slides are identified with the unit number and housed in a separate folder, however, researchers should be aware that many of the listings do

not seem to correspond with the images in the unit. A detailed slide listing is available in the repository.

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## Container List

### Course Material

Box	Folder	Content
21	1	Africa, undated
21	2	[Africa], 1971, undated
21	3	[Anthropology] - [Family relationships], undated
21	4	Maps: Africa for class use, undated
21	5	Maps: Africa climate and geography, 1966
21	6	Maps: Africa - Colonial rulers, undated
21	7	Maps: Southern Africa cultures, 1968
21	8	Maps: Africa language families, 1970
21	9	Maps: Africa - Outline, undated
21	10	Maps: Peoples of Africa, 1968-1973
21	11	Maps: Southern Africa peoples of Zambia, 1973
21	12	Maps: Africa and races, 1970
21	13	Maps: Tribal map of Africa [fragile], undated
21	14	Maps: Veg./Culture, 1924-1958
21	15	Maps: Africa - Miscellaneous, 1936-1966
21	16	Maps: Africa - Miscellaneous, 1949-1969
21	17	Maps: Africa - Miscellaneous, 1966-1967
21	18	Overhead transparency guides: Economies of Africa, undated
21	19	Overhead transparency guides: African elevations, undated
21	20	Overhead transparency guides: Geography of Africa, undated
21	21	Overhead transparency guides: African kingdoms, undated
21	22	Overhead transparency guides: African languages, undated
21	23	Overhead transparency guides: [Africa maps], undated
22	1	Overhead transparency guides: Africa races, undated
22	2	Overhead transparency guides: Africa regions, undated
22	3	Overhead transparency guides: Africa in the world, undated
22	4	Overhead transparency guides: [Anthropology], undated
22	5	Overhead transparency guides: [Anthropology], undated
22	6	Overhead transparency guides: [Anthropology], undated
22	7	Overhead transparency guides: [Anthropology], undated
22	8	Sociology/Anthropology, undated
22	9	Syllabi and notes, circa 1960-1970s
22	10	Miscellaneous, 1955-1972
22	11	Miscellaneous, undated
23		Filmstrips, undated

23 1 Filmstrip aids, undated

### Photographic Material

1 4 Photographs, circa 1950s, undated

27 Slides, circa 1930s-1980

28 Slides, circa 1930s-1980

23 2 Slide listings, undated

### Publications

2 1 Books: *Juta's modern teaching atlas for South African schools*, undated

2 2 Books: Ortmyer, Roger. *Sing and pray and shout hurray*, 1974

2 3 Books: Strong, Kendrick. *He actually lived in our midst*, 1982

2 4 Catalog: *Hunting World*, 1969

2 5 Clippings, 1940

2 6 Clippings, 1952

2 7 Clippings: *The Times British Colonies Review*, 1952

2 8 Clippings, 1953

2 9 Clippings, 1954-1957

2 10 Clippings, 1960-1966

2 11 Clippings, 1967

2 12 Clippings, 1968-1969

2 13 Clippings, 1973

2 14 Clippings, undated

2 15 [Hymnal and catechism in Tonga (?) language], 1945, undated

2 16 Journal articles, 1937-1966

2 17 Journal articles-M. D. W. Jeffreys, 1941-1953

3 1 Literature: Africa, 1956-1966

3 2 Literature: Botswana, undated

3 3 Literature: British West Africa, 1947-1951

3 4 Literature: China, 1972

3 5 Literature: French colonies in Africa, undated

3 6 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: Inhambane, 1908-circa 1936

3 7 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: Methodist Church missions, 1939-1968

3 8 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: United Methodist Church missions,  
1972-1974

3 9 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: Morocco, 1951

3 10 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: Mozambique, 1925-1964

3 11 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: Other denominations 1963, undated

4 1 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: Rhodesia, circa 1930s-1960s

4 2 Methodist Episcopal Church missions: South Africa, circa 1930s-1960s

4	3	Maps, undated
4	4	Pamphlets, 1936-1939
4	5	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1943-1944
4	6	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1945-1948
4	7	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1949
4	8	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1952-1955
4	9	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1956-1959
4	10	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1960-1963
5	1	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1964-1966
5	2	Periodicals: Africa Christian Advocate, 1967-1969
5	3	Periodicals: Africa Confidential, 1967-1968
5	4	Periodicals: Africa Fact Sheet 1964, undated
5	5	Periodicals: Africa Letter, 1963-1964
5	6	Periodicals: Africa Today, 1959
5	7	Periodicals: African-American Bulletin 1955, 1969
5	8	Periodicals: African News, 1954-1955
5	9	Periodicals: American Friends Service Committee newsletter, undated
5	10	Periodicals: American Universities Field Staff newsletter, 1955
5	11	Periodicals: Christian Century, 1954
5	12	Periodicals: Christian Economics, 1962-1967
5	13	Periodicals: Christianity and Crisis, 1966
5	14	Periodicals: Christianity Today, 1964
5	15	Periodicals: Cultural Events in Africa, 1965
5	16	Periodicals: Cultural Events in Africa, 1966
5	17	Periodicals: Cultural Events in Africa, 1967
5	18	Periodicals: Cultural Events in Africa, 1968
6	1	Periodicals: Cultural Events in Africa, 1969
6	2	Periodicals: Focus, 1950-1954
6	3	Periodicals: Foreign Affairs, 1953
6	4	Periodicals: Inhambane Christian Advocate, 1909-1920
6	5	Periodicals: Maryknoll, 1954
6	6	Periodicals: [Missionary newsletters], 1953-1968
6	7	Periodicals: Rhodesia Calling, 1964
6	8	Periodicals: Rhodesia Missionary Advocate, 1909
6	9	Periodicals: South Africa Missionary Advocate, 1922
6	10	Periodicals: South Africa Missionary Advocate, 1923
6	11	Periodicals: South Africa Missionary Advocate, 1924
6	12	Periodicals: South Africa Missionary Advocate, 1938-1939
6	13	Periodicals: South Africa Missionary Advocate, 1940-1942

- 6 14 Periodicals: Southern African Sentinel, 1954
- 6 15 Periodicals: Standard Book Review, 1966
- 6 16 Periodicals: Toward Freedom, 1953-1954
- 6 17 Periodicals: WUS [World University Service] in Action, 1966
- 1 5 Publicity Files: Bulletins and programs, 1951-1963, 1978
- 1 6 Publicity Files: Clippings - Africa 1964, undated
- 1 7 Publicity Files: Clippings - Belle Methodist Church, 1963-1964
- 1 8 Publicity Files: Clippings - Community Methodist Church, 1957-1960
- 1 9 Publicity Files: Clippings - [Extension of Columbia city limits], 1953
- 1 10 Publicity Files: Clippings - Florida, 1974-1975
- 1 11 Publicity Files: Clippings - "From the Bible," undated
- 1 12 Publicity Files: Clippings - Fuller and Gillet, undated
- 1 13 Publicity Files: Clippings - Fuller family, 1952-1955, undated
- 1 14 Publicity Files: Clippings - Missouri School of Religion, 1953-1957
- 1 15 Publicity Files: Clippings - Optimists Club, 1963, undated
- 1 16 Publicity Files: Clippings - Scarritt College, 1964-1965
- 1 17 Publicity Files: Clippings - Speaking engagements, 1953-1966, undated
- 1 18 Publicity Files: Clippings - Work in Africa, 1938, 1961-1963
- 1 19 Publicity Files: Clippings - Miscellaneous, 1974
- 1 20 Publicity Files: Conferences, academic speaking engagements, 1952-1971
- 1 21 Publicity Files: Newsletter articles, 1953-1964
- 1 22 Publicity Files: Press releases, 1956-1957, undated
- 7 1 Subject Files: Africa Mandates Commission, undated
- 7 2-4 Africa Studies Association, 1965-1970
- 7 5 Africa Studies Association - Newsletter, 1967-1968
- 7 6 Africa Studies Association - Roster of fellows, 1966-1969
- 7 7 American-African Affairs Association, Inc. special studies, 1966-1968
- 7 8 American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive, Inc. statement and newsletter, 1967-1969
- 7 9 American Society of African Culture (AMSAC), 1966
- 7 10 British Information Services reports, 1948-1952
- 8 1 Department of State *Background Notes*, 1968-1973
- 8 2 Department of State. Bureau of Intelligence and Research, 1965
- 8 3 Fisk University Program of African Studies, 1943
- 8 4 [French Information Service], 1953-1954
- 8 5 Golden case (Rhodesia), 1962
- 8 6 [Influence of church in Africa], 1953-1961, undated
- 8 7 Institute for Current World Affairs report, 1952-1953
- 8 8 International African Institute, 1947
- 8 9 Kenya, 1961, undated

- 8 10 Laymen's Movement for a Christian World, undated
- 8 11 Methodist Church. Board of Missions - Angola, 1961-1962
- 8 12 Methodist Church. Board of Missions and Church Extension. Division of Foreign Missions, 1952-1962
- 8 13 Methodist Church (Africa) Board of Missions - Rhodesia and Southeast Africa, 1962-1967
- 8 14 Methodist Church in Africa miscellaneous papers, 1942-1968
- 9 1 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. - Africa Committee minutes, 1952, 1965
- 9 2 Northwestern University - African Studies Program, 1952, 1970-1971
- 9 3-4 Portuguese Freedom Movements [Mozambique], 1963-1969
- 9 5 Rhodesia newsletters, 1961-1970
- 9 6 South Africa, Republic of - Information sheet, undated
- 9 7 Southwest Africa Volunteer Enterprise, Inc., 1964
- 9 8 Urbanization in Africa, 1952-1954
- 9 9 United Methodist Church. Board of Global Ministries, 1977
- 9 10 United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, 1967
- 9 11 United States Committee for Refugees, 1963-1967
- 9 12 World Understanding Workshop proceedings - Kitwe, Zambia, 1966 September 2-10
- 9 13 WUS Symposium on South Africa, 1966
- 9 14 Zimbabwe Refugee and Prisoners Fund, 1966

### Writings by Fuller

- 10 1 Africa - Ethnographic, undated
- 10 2 Africa - Historical, undated
- 10 3 Aging-Dying - Death, undated
- 10 4 Aging-Dying - Aging among southern Africa Bandu, undated
- 10 5 [Articles and Papers], [Articles], circa 1950s, undated
- 10 6 [Articles and Papers], [Botswana], circa 1967
- 10 7 [Articles and Papers], Botswana: one of Africa's newest nations, circa 1960s
- 10 8 [Articles and Papers], Mission, undated
- 10 9 [Articles and Papers], [Mission], undated
- 10 10 [Articles and Papers], [Miscellaneous], undated
- 10 11 [Articles and Papers], [Poverty], undated
- 10 12 [Articles and Papers], [Upper Room], undated
- 10 13 [Biblical] - Saul and Paul, undated
- 11 1 Biographical - [Don Gonçalo da Silveira], undated
- 11 2 Biographical - [Andre Fernandes], undated
- 11 3 Biographical - Biographical shorts, undated



- 11 4 Children's stories, undated
- 11 5 Children's stories, undated
- 11 6 Children's stories - Spotty and Children's [?], undated
- 11 7 Dissertation: Some conditioning factors in the Development of the Bantu religion, 1938
- 11 8 Drama: A backwoods Christmas, undated
- 11 9 Drama: Behind the beginning of Methodism, circa 1980s
- 11 10 Drama: The Christ of the cross, circa 1980s
- 12 1 Drama: The expected one, 1979
- 12 2 Drama: Flashback for Barnabas, undated
- 12 3 Drama: The last words of Jesus, undated
- 12 4 Drama: This free land of ours, 1983
- 12 5 Drama: [Miscellaneous short pieces], undated
- 12 6 Fiction - Shorts: An African witch's son, undated
- 12 7 Fiction - Shorts: Devil's point jinx, undated
- 12 8 Fiction - Shorts: The racket they couldn't beat, undated
- 12 9 Fiction - Shorts: Short story ideas, undated
- 12 10 Fiction - Juvenile, undated
- 12 11 Fiction - Short - Mysteries, undated
- 12 12 Historical novels and shorts - Religious: The destroyer [Esther], undated
- 12 13 Historical novels and shorts - Religious: The kingdom and the glory, undated
- 12 14 Historical novels and shorts - Religious: Mark, undated
- 12 15 Historical novels and shorts - Religious: To see or not to see, undated
- 12 16 [Letters to the editor], circa 1980s
- 13 1-14 [Manuscripts - unpublished]: Offering abundant life, 1988
- 14 1 [Manuscripts - unpublished]: Offering abundant life (final manuscript, duplicate), 1988
- 14 2 [Manuscripts - unpublished]: God's word through Daniel to all ages, 1986
- 14 3 [Manuscripts - unpublished]: Tell me the stories of Jesus, 1987
- 14 4-9 [Manuscripts - unpublished]: Unidentified manuscript re: Africa, undated
- 12 17 Novels - Secular - Precision Murder 1946
- 12 18 Novels - Precision Murder script 16, undated
- 15 1-3 Personality identity, 1982, undated
- 15 4 Poems-songs: poems, undated
- 15 5 Poems-songs: songs, undated
- 15 6 [Fragments and miscellaneous], undated
- 15 7 Songs by others, undated
- 15 8 Religion-SC study: [Religion in culture], undated
- 15 9 Religion-SC study: Ancestors, spirits and mundane affairs in China, undated

- 15 10 Religion-SC study: An anthropological view of religion and the projective, undated
- 15 11 Religion-SC study: Religion as ethnic and non-ethnic, undated
- 15 12 Religion-SC study: Religious or projective behavior in the functional aspects of culture, undated
- 15 13 Religion-SC study: An overview of religion as projective behavior integral with cultural forms, functions and meanings, undated
- 15 14 Religion-SC study: The osmosis of Christianity and culture, undated
- 15 15 Religion-SC study: [Anthropology and religion], undated
- 15 16 Religion-SC study: [Short essays], undated
- 15 17 Religion-SC study: [Miscellaneous], undated
- 15 18 Sermon material: [Loose items], 1961, 1964, undated
- 15 19 Sermon material: Sermon material, poems, etc., undated
- 16 1 Sermon material: Sermon subjects, undated
- 16 2 Sermon material: Sermons, General, undated
- 16 3 Sermon material: Sermons, Missionary, 1950s, undated
- 16 4 Sermon material: Worship, 1957-1963, undated
- 16 5 Sermons: Untitled folder, undated
- 16 6 Sermons: Complete, circa 1970s-1980s
- 16 7 Sermons: Ideas, undated
- 16 8 Sermons: [Parson's Corner] 1980-1982, undated
- 16 9 Sermons: Short shorts - [A Communion meditation], undated
- 16 10 [Short essays]: Alternatives to mammon?, circa 1980s
- 16 11 [Short essays]: Dealing with the defamation of Jesus, 1988
- 16 12 [Short essays]: Early Methodism - American heritage, circa 1980s
- 16 13 [Short essays]: John and other new testament writings, circa 1988
- 16 14 [Short essays]: Mission, undated
- 16 15 [Short essays]: My cats have been persons, circa 1980s
- 16 16 [Short essays]: The old class meeting, 1984
- 16 17 [Short essays]: What does the Bible say?, circa 1988
- 16 18 [Short essays]: Worship, undated
- 16 19 [Short essays]: [Miscellaneous], undated
- 17 1 Miscellaneous shorts [1], undated
- 17 2 Miscellaneous shorts [2], undated
- 17 3 Miscellaneous shorts [3], undated
- 17 4 Miscellaneous shorts - ABC's of life, undated
- 17 5 Theological: [Evolution] 1966, undated
- 17 6 Theological: Matthew and the lordship of Christ, undated
- 17 7 Theological: A third testament, undated
- 17 8 Theological: [Miscellaneous], undated

- 17 9 [Miscellaneous], 1968
- 17 10 [Miscellaneous], undated
- 17 11 [Miscellaneous] - [incomplete], undated
- 17 12 [Miscellaneous writings in spiral bound notebook], undated
- 24 Bibliography file by subject, undated

### **Writings by Others**

- 17 13 Clifford, G. M. Copied from the Igala Chiefdom, undated
- 17 14 Collins, Patricia. Early Batwana history...an account given by elders of the tribe in 1906, 1971
- 17 15-16 Helgesson, Alf. The Tshwa response to Christianity, 1971
- 18 1 Marcus, Harold G. A Historian's view of Bantu origins, undated
- 18 2 Mills, Joan-Marie. The Origin and social development of witchcraft and divinatory processes in African societies, 1969
- 25 Murdock, George P. African cultural summaries. Unpublished manuscript, pp 1-1150 [card file], 1958
- 26 Murdock, George P. pp 1151-2339 [card file], 1958
- 18 3-5 Nelson, Kathryn W. Child rearing patterns in a Lulua village of South Central Congo, 1968
- 18 6-7 Schirling, Robert C. Cross cultural perspectives, 1969
- 18 8 Simmons, Donald. The Effects of Christianity on an African society, undated
- 19 1 Africa: analysis of a continent, undated
- 19 2 African Studies Association papers delivered at November meeting, 1967
- 19 3 American missionaries in Africa, undated
- 19 4 Anthropology in the armed services, 1958
- 19 5 South Africa MA thesis, undated
- 19 6 525 Colonial Africa: Good papers on general backgrounds, undated
- 19 7 Course and history of Southern Africa papers, 1968
- 19 8-9 Student term papers, 1966-1968
- 19 10-11 Symposium: African Refugee Problem papers, 1967
- 20 1 [Tsonga Bible and Tswana Bible], 1967
- 20 2 [Miscellaneous papers], 1936-1970

### **Writings by Unknown Authors**

- 20 3 Manuscript re: Gwambe missionaries, undated
- 20 4 Unidentified fragments, undated

### **Miscellaneous**

- 1 1 Biographical information - vita, circa 1950s-1980s
- 1 2 Correspondence, 1952-1988
- 1 3 Miscellaneous, 1937-1977

OV 1 Oil painting on canvas: "Facsimile of ancient Cave Painting in South Rhodesia",  
by C.E. Fuller, undated

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