

Winslow, Herbert Howland (1866–1937)

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For two decades Herbert Winslow cared for financial assets of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, first as an accountant at Pacific Press Publishing Association and later as a secretary/treasurer in the China Mission.

Heritage

Herbert Winslow was born in Topsham, Maine, on October 20, 1866. His parents were Henry and Rebecca (Howland) Winslow. His mother was the daughter of Stockbridge Howland and grew up in the Millerite Movement. Herbert was the eldest of four children. A sister perished as an infant but two brothers, Eleazer (b.1870) and Frank Stockbridge (b.1880), survived to adulthood. His father was connected with the insurance business.¹

Church Career

As a young man, Herbert was employed as an accountant at the Pacific Press Publishing Association in California for seventeen years.² The establishment supplied treasury assistance to the California Conference and for this reason, his work gravitated to a role connected closely to the conference and at arm's length from the press.³ At the Southern California Conference annual meeting late in 1907, he was elected secretary/treasurer.

Herbert married Mary Ann Lyle in Oakland, suburban of San Francisco, on September 6, 1893.⁴ Sadly, their eldest son, Alton Clay (b.1894), passed away in August 1907 with valvular disease of the heart.⁵ They had three younger children: Albert Lyle (b.1896), Eda Frances (b.1898), and Nellie Lucille (b.1902).⁶

Soon after the death of son Alton, a request was made for Herbert to transfer to the China Mission and serve as their secretary/treasurer. He and his family arrived in China in early 1908 to begin duties in the office at Canton (now Guangzhou).⁷ Twelve months later the business office was moved north to Shanghai.⁸ Herbert's passport indicated he intended to stay in China for five years, but he returned to America after a three-year term, providing better education prospects for his children.⁹

Later Years

Herbert did not link up with church work when he returned to his homeland. The 1920 United States Census lists him as a traveling salesman. Ten years later he is recorded as being a public accountant. He passed away in Oakland, California, on January 30, 1937, and was interred in the local Mountain View Cemetery. Mary passed away on August 30, 1945, and rests in the same cemetery.¹⁰

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