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### Introduction

In 1974, the Asian Studies Department at UBC received a donation of books, prints, china and other items from Donovan Miller, brother of the Anglican missionary Jessie Miller. After making copies of some of the lantern slides in the donation, Dr. John Howse of the Asian Studies Department, sent the lantern slides to Special Collections. They now form the Jessie Miller Photograph Collection.

### Biographical/historical note

Jessie Marguerite Miller was a missionary for the Anglican Church of Canada in Japan and India. She was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba on March 8, 1910 and was educated in Alberta. Jessie worked briefly as a missionary-teacher in northern Saskatchewan before being posted in 1935, as a missionary for the church in Japan. Jessie worked mostly in the City of Gifu, though she was well-known in other parts of the country. Most of her work centred around women and children, in particular the blind. Because of her efforts, Jessie received many gifts from the Japanese as well as an award from the Emperor of Japan.

During the WW 2, Jessie was prevented from working in Japan. She spent five years working in northern India before returning to Japan. Ill health forced Jessie to return to Canada in 1969. She died in Vancouver on April 13 1974.

### Scope and content note

This collection consists of 86 hand colored lantern slides relating to Jessie Miller's activities in Japan. The slides feature street scenes in Tokyo in the 1930's and the missionary summer resort of Nojiri-ko. The slides are not identified.