

Clarksville Presbyterian Church

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

April 28, 2024

Rev. Dr. Eunsoo Choi

- Ph.D., University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- Professor of Church History at seminaries and universities in Korea and the US
- Senior Advisor of the Gunsan Mission and History Museum

Dr. Alessandro Damar Drew

Medical Missionary to Korea

Son of Rev. Dr. Thomas Milton Damar Drew, Senior Pastor of
The First Presbyterian Church of Chase City and
Clarksville Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Thomas Milton Damar Drew,

February 11, 1826 - October 12, 1923, 97 years old



1861 England Census, Guernsey, Channel Islands

Dr. Drew was a Primitive Methodist minister. He and his family immigrated to Mecklenburg County, VA, in the US in 1893.

The undermentioned Houses are situate within the Boundaries of the

[see-Township] of Philip & Philip		City or Municipal Borough of Bristol	Municipal Ward of Philip & Philip	Parliamentary Borough of Bristol	Town of	Hamlet or Tything, &c., of	Ecclesiastical District of Trinity				
No. of Schedule	Road, Street, &c., and No. or Name of House	No. of Inhabitants	Value of Rents, &c.	Name and Surname of each Person	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether Blind, or Deaf and Dumb
							Males	Females			
20	17 Church St. R.	1		Robert Smith	Son		11		Schooler	Bristol	
				Elizabeth do	Sister	Un		32	Household Duties	Born in the Town	
				Thomas Drew	Head	Mar	35		Primitive Methodist Minister	Weymouth Dorsetshire	
				Ann W. do	Wife	Mar		30	Housewife	Weymouth Dorsetshire	
				Elizabeth do	Son	Un	1		Housewife	Born in the Town	
21	16 do	1		Ann do	Son	Un	19		Housewife	Bristol St. Philip	
				Thomas Williams	Head	Mar		21	Household Duties	Born in the Town	
				Elizabeth do	Wife	Mar		17	Housewife	do Little Dean	
				Richard do	Brother	Un		10	Housewife	do Bristol	
				George do	Brother	Un		8	Housewife	do Weymouth	
22	15 do	1		Elizabeth do	Son	Un		17	Housewife	Weymouth Dorsetshire	
				Thomas Chapman	Head	Mar	35		Household Duties	Bristol	
				Elizabeth do	Wife	Mar		13	Housewife	Weymouth	
				John do	Son	Un		10	Housewife	Bristol	
				Charles do	Son	Un		17	Housewife	do	
23	14 do	1		William do	Head	Mar	35		Household Duties	Bristol	
				Ann do	Wife	Mar		23	Housewife	Weymouth	
				John do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
				Frederick do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
				Elizabeth do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
24	13 do	1		Elizabeth do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
				John do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
				Frederick do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
				Elizabeth do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
				John do	Son	Un		3	Housewife	Weymouth	
Total of Houses...		58		Total of Males and Females...			94	16			

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Rev. Dr. Thomas Drew

This photo shows Rev. Dr. Drew in front of Clarksville Presbyterian Church. The church, located on 4th Street in Clarksville, was constructed in 1865 and was sold to Second Baptist Church in 1906 where it has been in continuous operation.



Clarksville Presbyterian Church

The current church is located at 502 Virginia Avenue and was constructed in 1908. Dr. Drew was serving the church during the time of construction.



The First Presbyterian Church of Chase City



Dr. Alessandro Damar Drew

Oldest son of Dr. Thomas Drew: July 16 1859 - December 11, 1926, 67 years old



Lucy Ealb Law Drew

February 12, 1866 - December 18, 1932, 66 years old.



Dr. Alessandro Drew

Married Lucy Ealb Law, September 27, 1893 in Danville, VA



Hampden-Sydney College

Dr. Alessandro Drew completed undergraduate studies at Hampden-Sydney College.



Virginia Medical School, UVA

Dr. Alessandro Drew completed his Medical Doctor degree at UVA.



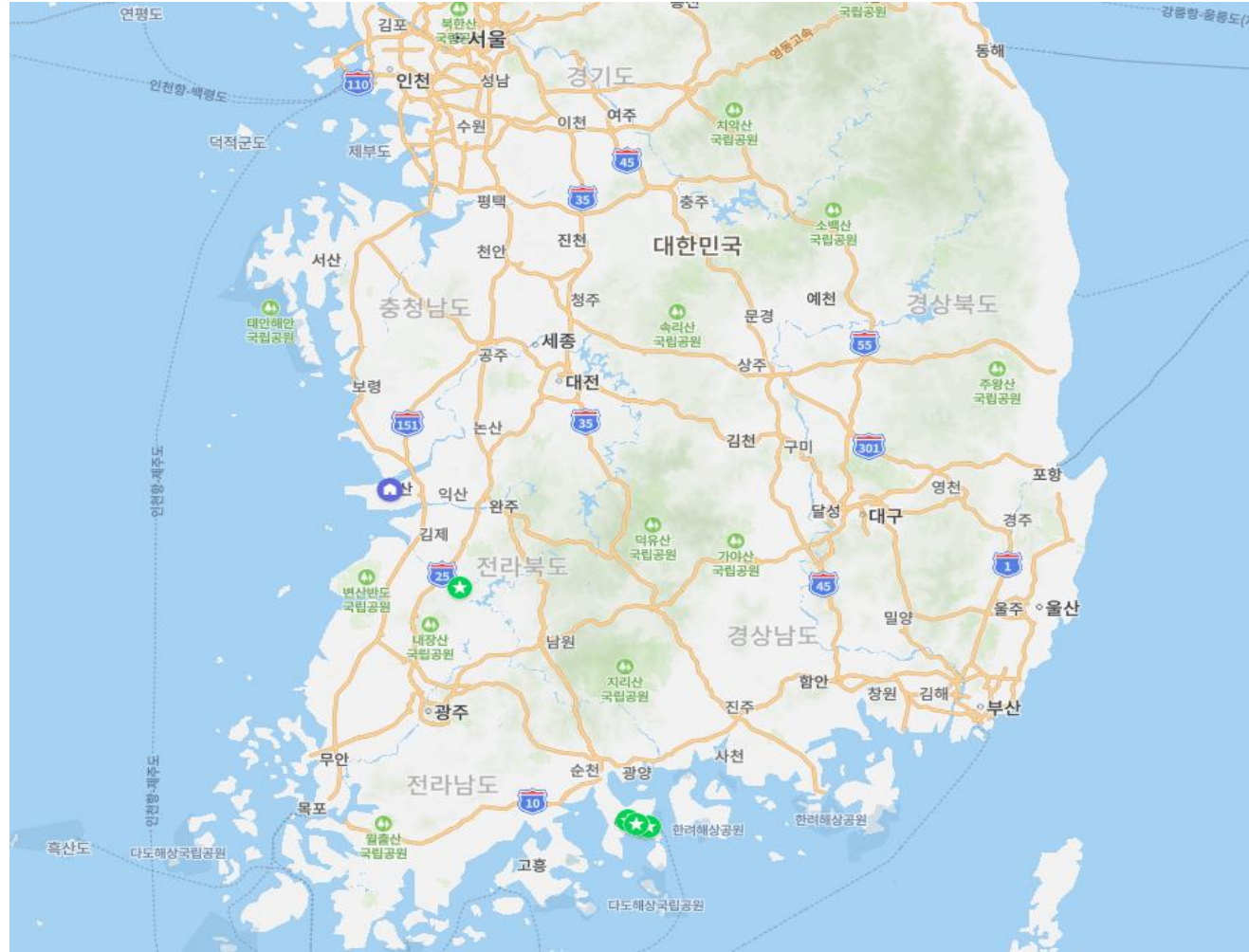
Dr. Alessandro Drew and his wife

Sailed to Chosen, Korea in 1893. Dr. Drew began his medical work in the Sammak Temple, Seoul, Korea for cholera patients during an epidemic.



Dr. Drew and Rev. Reynolds

Traveled widely in the Province of Jeolla, in the southwestern region of Korea.



Dr. Drew and Rev. Junkin

Monument of the first arrival in Gunsan, Mt. Suduk.



Dr. Drew's House and First Hospital

The Southern Presbyterian Mission to Korea. Dr. Drew took care of over 4,000 patients within his first two years.



Dr. Drew

Standing outside Jesus Hospital at Gunsan, Korea.



Dr. Drew's Medical Boat



Dr. Drew's Family

At Gunsan with their Korean helper.



Dr. Drew

Went to San Francisco and Oakland, California, due to his critical illness but was never able to return to Korea. Dr. Drew began missionary work in San Francisco and helped the Korean Independent Hero, Dosan An Changho, pictured here.



Dr. Drew

Worked with Mr. Ahn Changho. This is an interview in the San Francisco Chronicle. Dr. Drew helped Mr. Ahn to establish the first Korean Independent Organization outside of Korea.



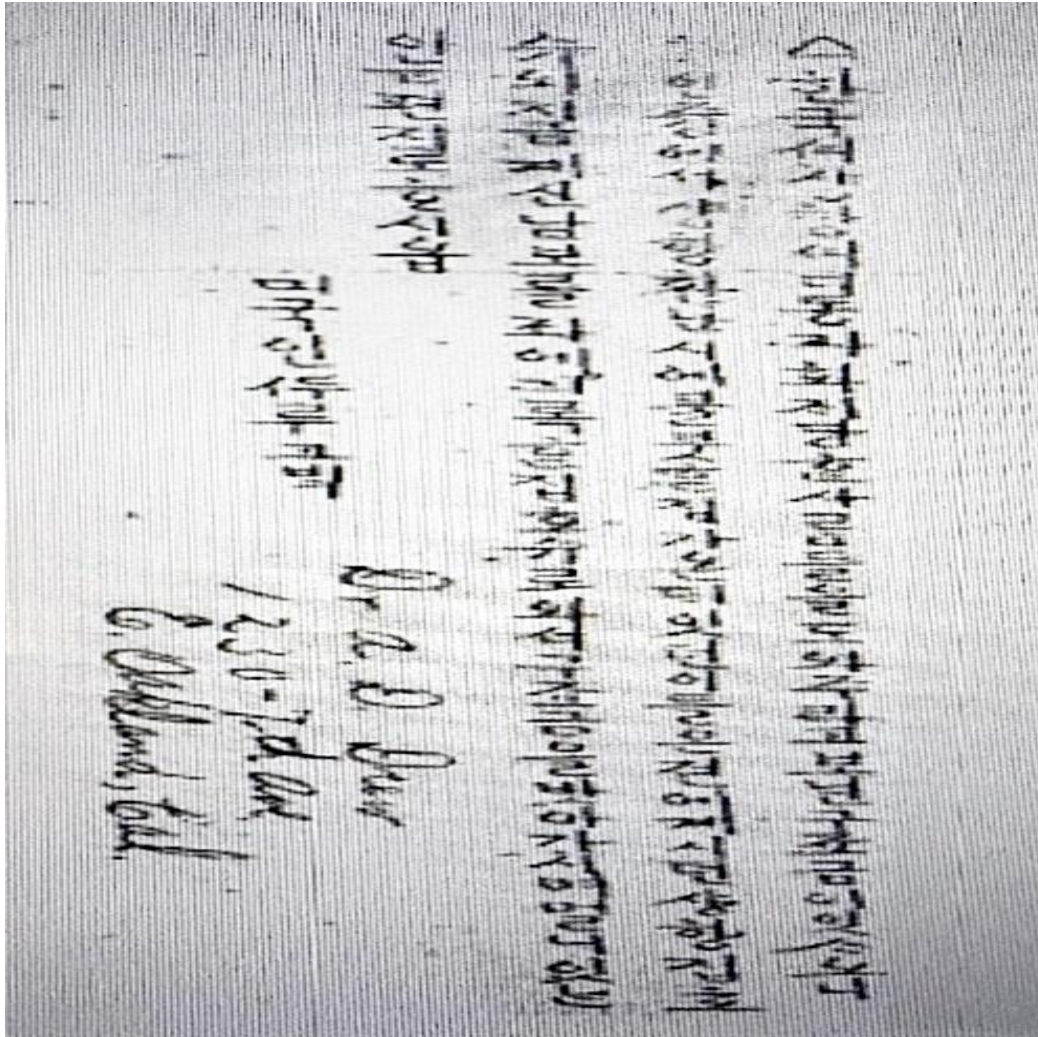
1906 San Francisco Great Earthquake

Dr. Drew did humanitarian works for Koreans in San Francisco.



Dr. Drew

Distributed emergency funds from the Korean government to Koreans in the area.



Dr. Drew

Lived a humble and sacrificial lifestyle in this rented house and continued to help Koreans in California.



Dr. Drew and his wife Lucy

Upon their deaths in 1926 and 1932, they donated their bodies for medical science.



Dr. Drew's Legacies in Korea

Legacy #1: Gunsan Station



Dr. Drew's Legacies in Korea

Legacy #2: Marker of his first arrival.



Dr. Drew's Legacies in Korea

Legacy #3: Jesus Hospital



Dr. Drew's Legacies in Korea

Legacy #4: Guam Church, first church in the province



Dr. Drew's Legacies in Korea

Legacy #5: Mission Memorial Tower (to be completed in 2024)



Dr. Drew's Legacies in Korea

Legacy #6: Gunsan Mission History Museum (to be completed in 2024)

