Clarksville Presbyterian Church

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATION

April 28, 2024

Rev. Dr. Eunsoo Choi

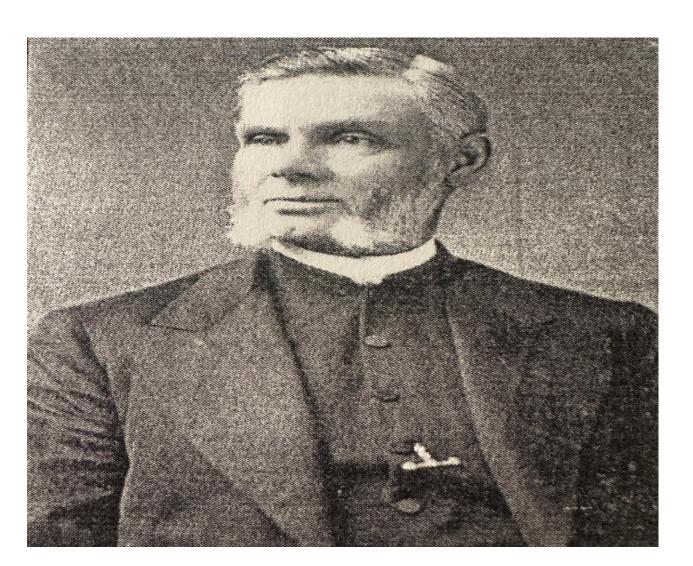
- Ph.D., University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- Professor of Church History at seminaries and universities in Korea and the US
- Senior Advisor of the Gunsan Mission and History Museum

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.

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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.

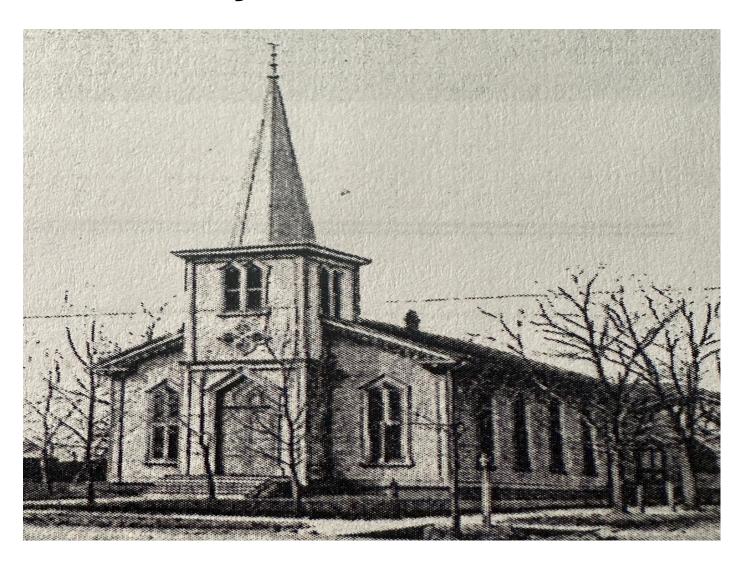


Clarksville Presbyterian Church

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.

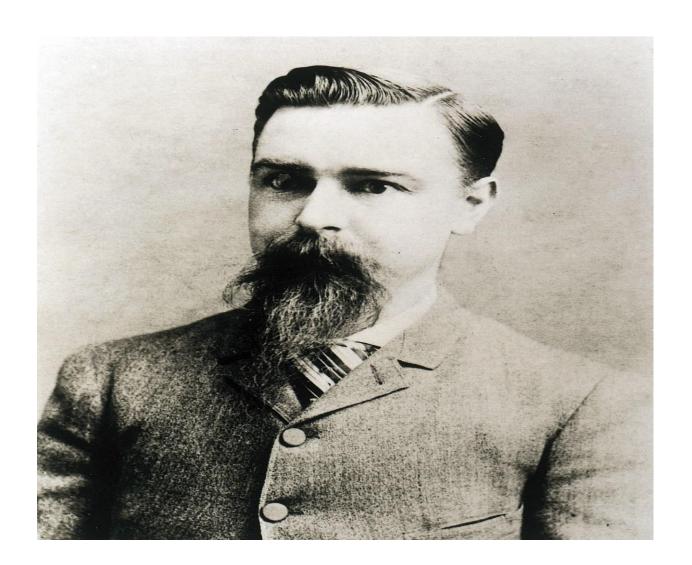


The First Presbyterian Church of Chase City



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.



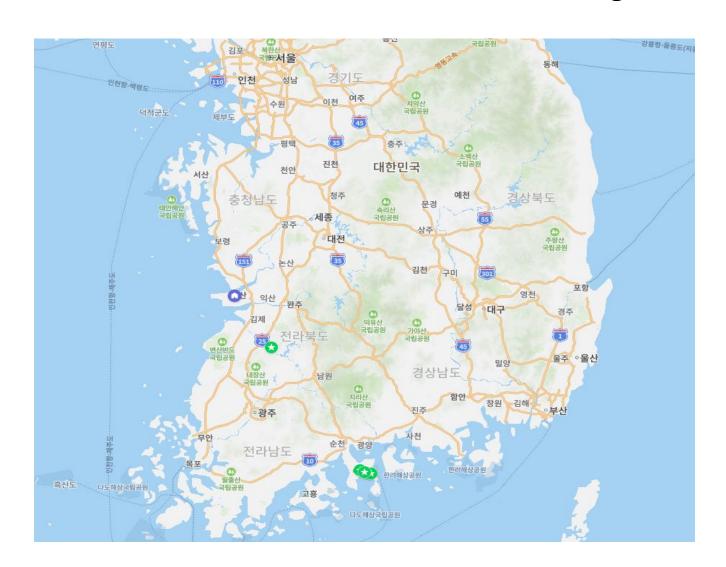
Dr. Alessandro Drew and his wife

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.

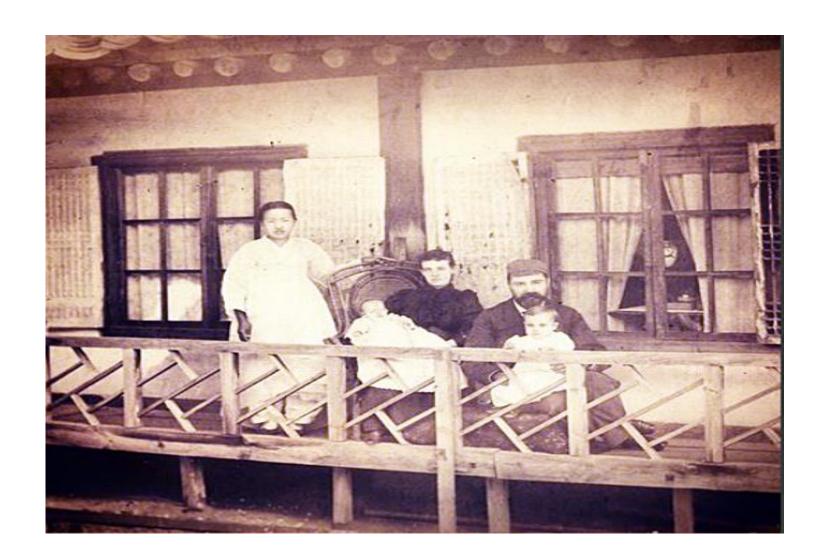


Dr. Drew's Medical Boat



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.



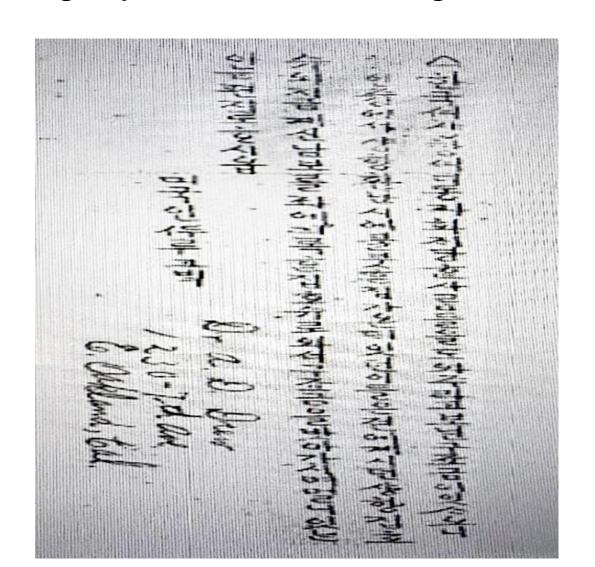
1906 San Francisco Great Earthquake

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



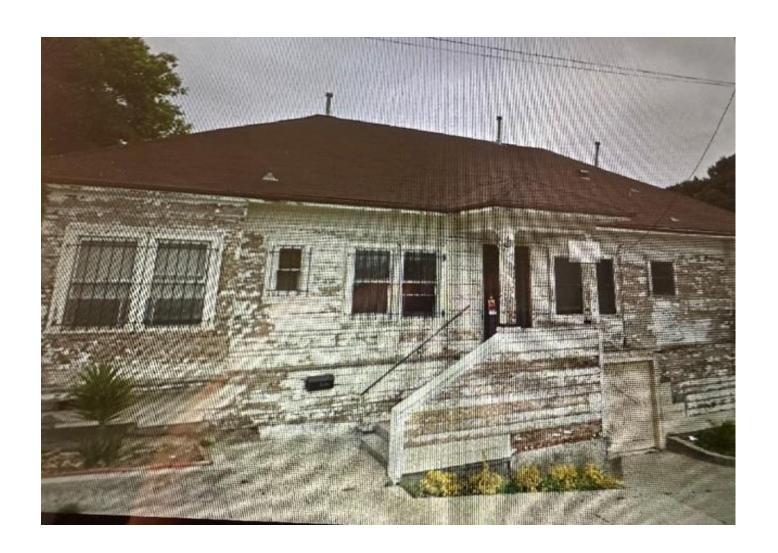
Dr. Drew

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.



Legacy #1: Gunsan Station



Legacy #2: Marker of his first arrival.



Legacy #3: Jesus Hospital



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



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



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

