Register of the
Max Hill Collection
Collection 274

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Scope and Content

Max Hill (1881-1951), a native of Missouri, was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He graduated from Pacific Union College, and then worked in the Adventist educational system for many years. He served as principal of the Sanitarium Church School, Napa, California. Later he superintended the Seventh-day Adventist schools in the Missouri Conference. Hill also served in the editorial department of the Signs of the Times at the Pacific Press Publishing Association. Hill served the church in many other ways particularly in connection with the Sabbath School and youth.

The primary feature of this collection is a sizeable number of original poems composed by Max Hill covering different themes such as education and spirituality. Some of his poems were published in the Review and Herald, the Adventist general church paper. Other works include books titled, Exchange Ship and Studies in Prophets.

There are some personal and biographical documents in the collection as well. Of particular interest is the diary of a Japanese doctor serving on Attu Island in Alaska during World War II. The diary documents the Americans attack on the island and the Japanese defeat which ended with the death of most of the Japanese soldiers including this doctor. We do not know the connection between Hill and the doctor unless they knew each other while the Japanese man was studying at Pacific Union College.

Provenance

The Max Hill collection came to the Center for Adventist Research as part of the Ernest W. Lloyd Collection donated by Lloyd between 1972 and 1985. Max Hill documents were separated out since they seem to be a separate collection of their own.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and observe the regulation specified in the “Patron’s Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

Box ___, Folder ___, Max Hill (Collection 274), Center for Adventist Research, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
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INVENTORY

I. Biographical and Personal Documents

- Bx 1 Fld 1 Trust/Will and Legal Documents
- Bx 1 Fld 2 Certificates and Awards
- Bx 1 Fld 3 “Max Hill, 69, Dies in Eureka.” A newspaper clip. No source, no date.
  Memorial Record. In Memory of Max Hill.
  “Mrs Sarah Catherine Hill.” Brief life history of the mother of Max Hill.

II. Correspondence

- Bx 1 Fld 4 Max Hill official letters. 2 letters.
- Bx 1 Fld 5 Other letters. 2 letters.

III. Writings

Writings by Max Hill

Published Writings


Unpublished Writings [arranged by title]

- Bx 1 Fld 7 Max Hill Poems. A to B. 35 pieces.
- Bx 1 Fld 8 Max Hill Poems. C to I. 27 pieces.
- Bx 1 Fld 9 Max Hill Poems. J to S. 22 pieces.
- Bx 1 Fld 10 Max Hill Poems. T to Y. 45 pieces.
- Bx 1 Fld 11 Other Poems.
- Bx 1 Fld 12 “God the Spirit.” A Paper that shows the role of the Holy Spirit supported by biblical texts. 2 copies.
IV. Other

Bx 1 Fld 13  J.C. Evans trust/will and legal documents. Closed. Not to be viewed or used by request of Mr. Evans. [It appears Mr. Evans did not wish for his family to know how much money he placed with the Church.]

Bx 1 Fld 14  Nebu Tatsugushi. “Extraction of Diary Northern 15216 Detachment North Sea Defense Field Hospital.” Jun 1, 1943. A diary of a Japanese man who attended Pacific Union College, College of Medical Evangelists (Loma Linda University) and graduated from there in June 1932. He held a California medical license as of September 1938. The diary describes American landings in Attu, Alaska, May/June 1943.

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