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Scope and Content

Woodrow Whidden served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a pastor in the South, East and Midwest of the United States from 1969 until 1990. From 1990 until 2006 he taught in the undergraduate Religion Department of Andrews University. From August 2006 until his retirement he taught at the Seminary of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) in the Philippines. A frequent contributor to Ministry magazine, he has been published in the Wesleyan Theological Journal, The Asbury Theological Journal, Toronto Journal of Theology, and Andrews University Seminary Studies. His book publications include Ellen White on Salvation (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1995), Ellen White on the Humanity of Christ (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1997), and The Trinity: Its Implications for Life and Thought (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2002; co-authored with Jerry Moon and John Reeve). His most recent work is a biography of Seventh-day Adventist editor, and revivalist, Ellet Joseph Waggoner entitled, E. J. Waggoner: From the Physician of Good News to Agent of Division (Hagerstown, MD: Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2008).

E. J. (Ellet Joseph) Waggoner (1855-1916) is one of the more famous names in Seventh-day Adventist history. He, along with A. T. Jones, spearheaded the emphasis on the doctrine of righteousness by faith which broke upon the church at the 1888 General Conference Session in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ellen G. White joined with Jones and Waggoner in emphasizing the righteousness of Jesus Christ on our behalf through faith and not by works of the law which had been the predominate position of the church prior to this time.

In 1892 Waggoner was sent to England to help the work there. Over the next decade he moved into some increasingly divergent theology. He also divorced his wife in part due to this new theology. After his return to the United States he left denominational employment and worked his last years at the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

This collection is wholly Whidden’s research materials for the Waggoner book. It includes correspondence, an exhaustive compilation of Waggoner’s writings, as well as supplementary materials associated with events in Waggoner’s life from the 1880s to early 1900s.

All of the writings of Waggoner, Ellen White, and others included in this collection have been keyed or scanned into a computer. The materials in this collection are printouts of the text of the letters or publications. The same is true for some other documents as well. There are also some photocopies of original documents, but this is limited. The sub-series, “Complete Words of E. J. Waggoner,” is all computer printout of text documents. This sub-series will be a little challenging to use due to the quantity as well as the inexact divisions between titles and dates, and the difficulty in quickly seeing the source. It is a valuable resource but it will be a little challenging to access.
Arrangement

This collection is arranged according to the way Whidden kept the research files. Thus it follows the original arrangement of how it was arranged when given to the Center of Advent Research, with slight modifications here and there for easier use by researchers.

Provenance

The collection was donated by Woodrow Whidden to the James White Library in March 2005 ahead of Whidden’s departure to the Philippines. It is unclear why it was stored in the Library until July 2012 when it was transferred to the Center for Adventist Research.

Use

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   Bx 1 Fld 2 Letters to Woodrow Whidden (7 letters)

Ellen G. White
   Bx 1 Fld 3 Compiled portions of letters and manuscripts pertaining to E. J. Waggoner (1857 - 1908)

E. J. Waggoner to various people
   Bx 1 Fld 4 Letters from 1894 - 1895 (5 letters)
   Bx 1 Fld 5 Letters from 1898 - 1899 (7 Letters)
   Bx 1 Fld 6 Letters from 1900 - 1901 (4 Letters)
   Bx 1 Fld 7 Letters from 1902 - 1903 (9 letters)

LeRoy E. Froom
   Bx 1 Fld 8 Letters to Mrs. Pearl Waggoner Howard (3 letters)

W. C. White
   Bx 1 Fld 9 Letters to W. C. White from E. J. Waggoner (20 letters)

II. Writings

Woodrow Whidden. Manuscript for E. J. Waggoner: From the Physician of Good News to the Agent of Division
   Bx 1 Fld 10 Chapter 1
   Bx 1 Fld 11 Chapter 2
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E. J. Waggoner

Bx 1  Fld 25  The Two Covenants (2 copies)
Bx 1  Fld 26  Excerpts from The Everlasting Covenant

Others

Bx 1  Fld 27  Spicer, W. A.  How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis. 1938.  Chapter summaries and notes by Bille K. Burdick.” Jan 1987
Bx 1  Fld 28  Spicer, W. A.  How the Spirit of Prophecy Met a Crisis: Memories and Notes of the “Living Temple” Controversy. 1938

III. Topical Files

Complied Writings of E. J. Waggoner’s words on various topics (organized in alphabetical order based on topic)

Bx 1  Fld 29  Christ Humanity to Executionary Justice
Bx 1  Fld 30  Faith to Justification
Bx 1  Fld 31  Key to Pantheism to Old Testament and New Testament
Bx 1  Fld 32  Pacifist Ethics to Sunday Law
Bx 1  Fld 33  Subjective (pg. 1 - 150)
Bx 1  Fld 34  Subjective (pg. 151 - 300)
Bx 1  Fld 35  Subjective (pg. 300 - end)
Bx 1  Fld 36  Temperance to Women Suffrage

Complete words [writings] of E. J. Waggoner (generally in chronological order based on page number, some variation after page 9000)

Bx 1  Fld 37  [pages 1 - 300]
  pages 1-82 “The Review and Herald” 1861-1903
  pages 82-300 “American Sentinel” 1886-1888
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  pages 301-466 “American Sentinel” 1889-1899;
  pages 466-600 “The Signs of the Times” 1879-1883
Bx 1  Fld 39  [pages 601 - 900]
  pages 601-900 “The Signs of the Times” 1883-1885
Bx 1  Fld 40  [pages 901 - 1200]
  pages 901-1200 “The Signs of the Times” 1885-1887
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  pages 1201-1500 “The Signs of the Times” 1887
Bx 1  Fld 42  [pages 1501 - 1800]
  pages 1501-1800 “The Signs of the Times” 1887-1888
Bx 1  Fld 43  [pages 1801 - 2100]
  pages 1801-2100 “The Signs of the Times” 1889
Bx 2  Fld 1  [pages 2101 - 2400]
  pages 2101-2400 “The Signs of the Times” 1889-1890
Bx 3  Fld 3  [pages 9001 - 9374]
    pages 9001-9257 “The Present Truth” 1903-1904
    pages 9257-9262 “The Missionary Magazine 11” 1899-1902
    pages 9262-9364 “The Medical Missionary” 1903-1909
    pages 9364-9374 “The Home Missionary” 1890-1893

Bx 3  Fld 4  [pages 9905 - 10200]
    pages 9906-10038 “Bible Echo and Signs of Times” 1887-1900
    pages 10038-10050 “Australasian Signs of the Time” 1903-1904
    pages 10050-10053 “The Signs of the Times” 1906
    pages 10053-10065 “The Sabbath School Worker” 1890
    pages 10100-10149 “Bible Student’s Library” 1889-1897
    pages 10149-10169 “Apples of Gold Library” 1893-1899
    pages 10169-10182 “The Sentinel Library”
    pages 10182-10200 “General Conference Bulletin Daily 4 1891

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    pages 10201-10345 “General Conference Bulletin Daily 4” 1891-99
    pages 10346-10367 “General Conference Quarterly Bulletin 4” 1901
    pages 10367-10382 “General Conference Bulletin Daily 5” 1903

IV. Research Materials

Articles
    Bx 3  Fld 6  General Conference Daily Bulletin 1897 (4 items)
    Bx 3  Fld 7  General Conference Daily Bulletin 1899 (various pages from entire year)
    Bx 3  Fld 8  Notes on information collected from Daily Bulletin 1899
    Bx 3  Fld 9  The Present Truth 1902 (20 items)

Information pertaining to Paul Penno’s, “E. J. Waggoner’s Statement on Forensics”
    Bx 3  Fld 10  Statement on Forensics

London 2005
    Bx 3  Fld 11  Information collected by Whidden in London, 2005

Miscellaneous records of the General Conference
    This rather vague description is how Whidden described this series. The documents here are largely correspondence and similar type documents
    Bx 3  Fld 12  A. G. Daniells (1901 to 1903)
    Bx 3  Fld 13  Document 1
    Bx 3  Fld 14  E. J. Waggoner
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