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Biographical Information

Arthur Whitefield Spalding (spelled "Spaulding" with a "u" until 1916) was closely connected with the Seventh-day Adventist church throughout his life. It was the year that he was born, 1877, that his parents joined the church. Just before his eleventh birthday, his family moved to Battle Creek where he worked for several church leaders. At the age of 14, he was secretary to R. M. Kilgore and later secretary to J. H. and W. K. Kellogg at Battle Creek Sanitarium, and secretary to President E. A. Sutherland at Battle Creek College. As an educator, Arthur Spalding headed the department of English and supervised small fruit farming at Emmanuel Missionary College from 1903 to 1906. He taught in and directed elementary and secondary schools in Wisconsin and the South. In 1910 he co-founded Fletcher Institute in North Carolina.

A writer throught his life, he produced his first book, A Man of Valor, while teaching at Emmanuel Missionary College. As secretary to Ellen White in 1913 he wrote Men of the Mountain under her employ. He has contributed many articles for church publications and books familiar to Adventist readers such as Golden Treasury of Bible Stories and Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists.

For Nineteen years (1922-1941) Arthur Spalding served as founder and full-time secretary of the Home Commission of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists--writing and lecturing extensively on the home. His wife Maud Wolcott Spalding (whom he had married in 1899) developed programs and material for preschool children, especially in the area of nature study. See Babes and Cradles (Adventist Heritage Center, PZ8.3 .S773B3) and boxes 11 and 12 of this collection.

Spalding died December 15, 1953, near Collegedale, Tennessee. See A Fire in My Bones (Adventist Heritage Center BX6158.9 .S68M3) for a biography by his children.

Scope

The Arthur Whitefield Spalding Papers were placed in the Adventist Heritage Center in the James White Library, Andrews University, in June 1960 by Arthur Spalding's children--Ronald W. Spalding, M.D., and Elizabeth Spalding McFadden of Gobles, Michigan. The papers contain correspondence, manuscripts, and articles collected by Arthur Spalding. Of particular interest are materials dealing with the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference Home Commission (which Spalding founded and directed from 1922 to 1941) and Spalding's correspondence dealing with the writing of Origin and History of Seventh-day Adventists.

Please note the existence of a second Spalding Papers collection in the Center for Adventist Research. They do overlap in coverage but came from different sources so were not merged.

Arrangement

The current arrangement was done by the Adventist Heritage Center at the time it was processed for public use. At some point after processing additional materials came to the Center. This material was integrated in 2019 and the register revised. See the Table of Contents for an overview of the arrangement.

Provenance

The Spalding Collection was donated to Andrews University by Ronald W. Spalding and Elizabeth V. McFadden on June 2, 1976. Some elements of the collection were donated in June 1960.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the "Application To Use Unpublished Records," and observe the regulations 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 ____ , fld____, Arthur Whitefield Spalding Papers I (Collection 010), Center for Adventist Research, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
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The Cultural Influence of Literature, Feb. 10, 1953. 2 items.
In the Fullness of Time. Week of Prayer Reading, Sunday, November 12, 1950.
The Hidden Fire
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Box 7 Fld 11 The Home Commission.

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Box 8 Fld 1 The Home Commission. The Christian Home in the Christian Church, Dec. 5, 6, 8, 1938.

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editor; Paul Mason, accountant; A. W. Spalding, writer; Helen Graham, stenographer; Tessie Woodbury, housekeeper; A. Carter, janitor; Mae Walling, niece of Mrs. White; Effie James, stenographer.

House of A. Hilliard, Otsego, Michigan where E. G. White had her health reform vision, June 6, 1863.

Joseph Bates Home.


Mothers’ Societies.

Unidentified pictures.

XII. Maud Wolcott Spalding Materials

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Building Blocks. Part III of a Manual of Preschool Education. Stories, Songs, Poems, and Games. [Cover only]

The Children’s Bible. [By Maud Spalding?] Feeding the Lambs. [By Maud Spalding?]

The First Church Schools.


God Saved the Baby. [By Maud Spalding?]

The Gospel of Nature. Read at the General Conference, San Francisco, June 2[,] 1941?].

Laboratory Listings. [Outline only. By Maud Spalding?]

Outline for Book on Nature. Gates of Eden. [By Maud Spalding?]

Outline and Suggestions for Nature Study

The Pleasant Dark. [By Maud Spalding?]
Reading God's Pictured Word, September 1952. [Outline only. By Maud Spalding?]
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Oss, John. *Seventh-day Adventist Missions in China*.

Pamphlets

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*Calendar Change Menaces Religion*. Washington 12, D.C.: Committee on Calendar Revision, n.d.


Washburn, J. S. The Startling Omega and Its True Genealogy. By the author, 5318 Chancellor Street, Philadelphia, Pa., n.d. [April 18, 1920 at beginning of text which is in the form of a letter.]


When Is a Child Ready to Enter School?: School Readiness. Glendale Calif.: Department of Education Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, n.d. 2 items.


White, Ellen G. Perils Increase Till Jesus Comes: A Solemn Warning. N.p., n.d. [Sanitarium, Cal., Oct. 1, 1903, on the bottom of the text]

White, Julius Gilbert. The Animal Kingdom: Reservoir of Disease. Madison College, Tenn.: Published by the author, 1941.

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