Edwin R. Thiele Papers  
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Scope and Content

Edwin R. Thiele (1895-1986) was a missionary in China, editor, archaeologist, writer, and Old Testament professor. A native of Chicago, he graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1918 with a B.A. degree in ancient languages. After two years of work as home missionary secretary for the East Michigan Conference, he left in 1920 for mission service in China. During his 12-year work in China, he was an editor and manager for the Signs of the Times Publishing House in Shanghai.

After returning to the U.S., Thiele received an M.A. degree in archaeology from the University of Chicago in 1937. He then joined the religion faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College, while continuing his doctoral work at the University of Chicago. He obtained a Ph.D. degree in biblical archaeology in 1943. His doctoral dissertation, later published as *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings*, is widely regarded as the definitive work on the chronology of Hebrew kings. After retiring from teaching in 1965, he moved to California where he continued to write. He died in St. Helena, California in 1986.

This rich and full collection exhibits Thiele’s teaching materials on a wide variety of biblical topics as well as his research interests in geology, archaeology, and chronology. Included are his research notes for his milestone book on the chronology of the Hebrew kings. Also included are files from his time working in China with files touching on a range of Seventh-day Adventist work and institutions for the time he was there. The sections on Geology and his topical files are wide ranging in their scope. See the following Table of Contents and the detailed Inventory for more information.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection as shown in the inventory is such to maximize the accessibility of the materials. Each series is grouped by genre or topic and arranged alphabetically. However, in folders with a random collection of materials, no effort has been made to impose an order.

Provenance

Edwin R. Thiele donated his papers to the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center in 1981.
Extent

35 Hollinger Boxes [14 linear feet]

Use

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