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Biography

Frederick Griggs (1867-1952), was a Seventh-day Adventist educator and administrator. He was educated at Battle Creek College, the University of Buffalo, and Washington Missionary College. He married Blanche Eggleston in 1892. While principal of the Preparatory School of Battle Creek College (1890-1899), he strongly advocated establishing a teacher-training school, with the result that in 1896 he became the first head of such a school connected with a Seventh-day Adventist college.

He held the following positions after his time at Battle Creek College

1899-1907  Principal, South Lancaster Academy
1903-1910  Secretary, General Conference Department of Education
1910-1914  President, Union College
1915-1918  Secretary, General Conference Department of Education
1918-1925  President, Emmanuel Missionary College
1925-1930  Field Secretary, Far Eastern Division
1931-1936  President, Far Eastern Division
1936-1938  President, China Division

After returning to the United States in 1938, Griggs held for 11 years the chairmanship of the Board of Trustees of the College of Medical Evangelists and of the Pacific Press.

His first wife, Blanche, died in 1939. In 1940 he married Mabel Shaffer Murrin. He died at the White Memorial Hospital on August 10, 1952.

Scope

The Frederick Griggs Papers: Arnold C. Reye Collection contains Frederick Griggs’ correspondence from 1892 to 1949, and several other documents regarding his life and work. This collection is a significant portion of the material Reye collected during his dissertation research. His dissertation is entitled, Frederick Griggs: Seventh-day Adventist Educator and Administrator. Besides Griggs’ correspondence we find in the collection: Blanche Griggs’ diaries from 1916 to 1923 (incomplete); the manuscript “Frederick Griggs, Man of Vision, Molder of Lives” by M. C. Kuhn; “A report on F. Griggs’ Educational Theory,” by Arnold C. Reye; Memorials on F. Griggs from several individuals (Reye’s correspondence); and other documents related to him.
Arrangement

The material is kept in chronological and topical sequence, in much the same order as received. Much of the material comes from the General Conference Archives. The Archives uses RG for record group followed by a number designating a department or service. Griggs materials are sourced as follows:

- Box 1 mostly comes from RG 11 (Presidential)
- Box 2 and 3 are from a mix of RG 9 (General and Historical), RG 11 (Presidential), RG 17 (Field Secretary), RG 21 (Secretariat), RG 31 (Treasury), LLUHR, CH 1 (China Division Minutes), and FE 1 (Far Eastern Division Minutes)

Extent

5 Hollinger Boxes [2 linear feet]

Provenance

Arnold C. Reye, in an agreement between his dissertation chair, George Knight, and the General Conference Archives, donated this collection to the Andrews University Heritage Room in the James White Library, in January 27, 1984.

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:

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I. General/Biographical

Frederick Griggs

Box 1 Fld 1  Miscellaneous biographical documents

Box 1 Fld 2  Studies at the University of Buffalo

Box 1 Fld 3  General Conference Actions related to Griggs

Box 1 Fld 4  Griggs’ visit to Australia
             Australasian Union Conference
             Executive Minutes, October 18, 1916
             Australasian Record (1916)
             November 20, page 1-2
             December 4, page 6-7
             December 11, page 6-7
             December 18, page 1-3
             December 25, page 1-2

Box 1 Fld 5  Sustentation Fund

Box 1 Fld 6  Obituaries

Box 1 Fld 7  Reye’s correspondence and interviews about Griggs

Blanche Griggs [First wife of F. Griggs]

Box 1 Fld 8  Photocopies of Diaries, 1916 to 1923

Box 1 Fld 9  Obituaries
Mabel Griggs [Second wife of F. Griggs]

Box 1 Fld 10 Obituary

II. Writings About Griggs

Box 1 Fld 11 Kuhn, May Cole, *Frederick Griggs*. (1983 Manuscript, 248 pages)


Box 1 Fld 13 Kuhn, May Cole, “He Helped to Light the Lamp That Has Never Gone Out.” *The Journal of Adventist Education* (October-November, 1982), pages 17-18, 43-44

Box 1 Fld 14 Reye, Arnold C. “Frederick Grigg’s Educational Theory and the Educational Climate of the 1890s.” (Report for a Course, 66 pages)

Box 1 Fld 15 Poems in tribute to Frederick Griggs

III. Chronological Files [mostly correspondence plus some minutes and other documents]

Box 2 Fld 1 1892 to 1903 [79 letters]

Box 2 Fld 2 1904 to 1905 [72 letters]
Box 2 Fld 3 1906 [88 letters]

Box 2 Fld 4 1907 [56 letters]
Senders and recipients: A. G. Daniells, F. Griggs, W. C. White, W. A. Spicer, W. B. White

Box 2 Fld 5 1908 to 1909 [50 letters]

Box 2 Fld 6 1910 [48 letters]

Box 2 Fld 7 1911 to 1913 [92 letters]

Box 3 Fld 1 1914 [40 letters/documents]
Box 3 Fld 2  1915 to 1917 [41 letters/documents]

Box 3 Fld 3  1918 [76 letters/documents]

Box 3 Fld 4  1922 to 1929 [48 letters/documents]

Box 3 Fld 5  1930 [29 letters/documents]

Box 3 Fld 6  1931 [74 letters/documents]

Box 3 Fld 7  1932 [78 letters/documents]

Box 3 Fld 8  1933 [62 letters/documents]
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Box 4Fld 2 1935, January to May [47 letters/documents]

Box 4Fld 3 1935, June to December [50 letters/documents]

Box 4Fld 4 1936 [63 letters/documents]

Box 4Fld 5 1937, January to August [83 letters/documents]

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Box 4 Fld 8 1938, June to December [68 letters/documents]  

Box 5 Fld 1 1939 to 1942 [62 letters/documents]  

Box 5 Fld 2 1943 to 1946 [121 letters/documents]  

Box 5 Fld 3 1947 to 1949 [92 letters/documents]  
IV. Educational Institutions

Home Study Institute

Box 5 Fld 4  Simmons, Marion Seitz, “A History of the Home Study Institute (Seventh Day Adventist Church),” 1953 [Thesis, incomplete pages]

Box 5 Fld 5  Teesdale, W. Homer “Home Study Institute” (7 pages)

Box 5 Fld 6  “Suggestions on the Correspondence School” and Minutes of the Correspondence School Board (1909 to 1913)

Central Union Conference Bulletin (Union College)

Box 5 Fld 7  1910, First and Second Quarter (photocopy)

Box 5 Fld 8  1911, Second Quarter (photocopy)

Box 5 Fld 9  1912, Second Quarter (photocopy)

Box 5 Fld 10  Joint Union Summer School of the Pacific and North Pacific Union Conferences, June to August 1912

Box 5 Fld 11  South Lancaster Academy Board Minutes, March 1899 to November 1906

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