Walter Specht Papers
Collection 82

Scope and Content:

Walter Specht (1912- ) was born at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado, where his father was a minister and teacher. Specht received his bachelor's degree from Walla Walla College in 1936 and worked as a minister and evangelist for ten years in Montana, Oregon, and Oklahoma. In 1945 he joined La Sierra College where he soon became head of the Theology Department. He obtained a study leave from 1949 to 1951 to do graduate work at the University of Chicago, and in 1955 graduated with a Ph.D. in New Testament. Dr. Specht continued to work as a teacher at La Sierra until 1967 when he joined the New Testament Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Dr. Specht, among other things, contributed to the publication of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary.

This collection contains mainly Specht’s personal correspondence from 1936 to 1976. There are a few personal documents written by him or article about his life and ministry. In addition there are materials related to the Robert D. Brinsmead controversy, letters of S. A. Nagel, and some miscellaneous documents.

Arrangement:

The original organization of the collection (with minor exceptions) is retained. See the following inventory for more information.

Provenance:

This collection was donated by Walter Specht on June 7, 1976.

Use:

All users of this collection will complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Record,” and observe the regulations specified in the “Patron’s Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.”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. However, any letter written to Specht may not be published without the authorization of the writer of the letter, if alive. Citation for this collection:

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II. Personal Documents

Newspaper Articles (about Walter Specht)

Box2 Fld8  “Elder Specht Receives Doctorate in Theology; Becomes
Newest Member Added to Ph.D. Roster,” The La Sierra College Criterion, Dec. 5, 1955.

this discussion concerning religion and science).

“Kingsway College Commencement Weekend Bulletin,” June 6-7, 1970. (Walter Specht gave the Commencement
address to the graduates).
III. Writings

By Walter Specht

Box2 Fld9 “What Do You Mean by This Service.” Communion service, Oct. 9, 1971.


“Comments on ‘A Proposal’.” This document is Specht’s reply to the proposal of publishing all Ellen G. White manuscripts and letters in a facsimile form.

By Others


Lee, James M. “God’s Paratroopers.” A document - letter to Elder Sutton (?).

IV. Topical Files

Robert Brinsmead

Box2 Fld11 Materials written by Robert Brinsmead

Order form of “Publications on Present Truth” by Robert Brinsmead. Distributed by the True Medical Missionary Association, Loma Linda, CA.

“A Statement by Robert D. Brinsmead.” This is a part of a letter to Seventh-day Adventist believers by the “True Medical Missionary Association, Loma Linda, CA. The letter also includes “Christian Brotherliness: A Lesson From the Reformation” by Alonzo T. Jones plus three documents written by Brinsmead:

“The Brinsmead Answer to the General Conference Report,” 1961
“The Sequel”
“The True Message of Righteousness by Faith”


__________. “The Open Door.” Self-published material, n.d.

___________. “Forty Propositions Presented to Andrews University Bible Scholars.” A chart showing forty errors that have been found in the Seventh-day Adventist publications and theological writings according to Brinsmead, n.d.

Box2 Fld12 Document and papers related to Brinsmead crisis

Fabian, L. Poole. “Aims of the True Medical Missionary Association.” This letter also includes an membership application for the True Medical Missionary Association, Loma Linda, CA, n.d.


“Newsletter.” Distributed by the True Medical Missionary Assn., v. 2, No: 13 (39), n.d.


Ford, Jock. “The Light Which Lightens the Earth.” A study presented to the Oneida Mountain Hospital Board with A. V. Olson, n.d.

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. *Errors of the Brinsmead Teaching*. Conway, MO: Gems of Truth, 1961? (This is a copy of a Special Committee Report of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists).
The History and Teaching of Robert Brinsmead.
1961.


Sayler, Floyd A. “The New Face of Brinsmeadism.”
Unpublished material, 1974.


“An Answer to Brinsmead.” Unpublished paper, n.d. [This material is a compilation of Ellen G. White writings],
n.d.


Spear, Beveridge R. “When Are God's People Sealed?”


“Analysis of Brinsmead’s Writings.” [This unpublished material is a critical evaluation of two pamphlets (“The Third Angel’s Message”; and “The Open Door”) written by Brinsmead], n.d.
Heppenstall E. “Perfection.” Notes for the seminary class in Righteousness by Fatih, n.d.

Mitchell, A. R. “A Reply to Brother G. Austin’s Letter: Re Innisfail Church Meeting Held on September 21st and 22nd, 1960.” [This letter describes the events surrounding Brinsmead’s disfellowship from the Seventh-day Adventist Church].

S. A. Nagel, correspondence. (Letters to church members and General Conference delegates, 1959-1964.

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V. Miscellaneous Materials


Alger F. Johns. Prayer at his funeral.