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**Abstract**

Instructor in English at Hope College Prep School, 1928-1934; professor, 1934-1972. Personnel files, photographs and reports for the English Department. Also, several articles on contemporary topics in English and on the campus.

**Accession No:** H88-0026  
**Provenance:** Clarence T. De Graaf  
**Donor:** Information unavailable  
**Photographs:** 13 images  
**Processed by:** Rebecca A. O’Shesky, February 1992  
Leon Witteveen, November 1993

**Biography**

Clarence Thomas De Graaf was born in Grand Rapids on November 14, 1901. He graduated from Calvin College with an A.B. degree in 1921, and received his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1924. He received his Ed.D. in English from the same school in 1945.

De Graaf’s teaching experience included teacher of English at Holland Christian High School from 1921-1928, and instructor in English at Hope College Preparatory School from 1928-1931. He was appointed to the Hope College faculty in 1931 and served as the chairman of the English Department. He retired in 1972.

**Scope and Content**

The collection includes the personnel files of De Graaf (one file is RESTRICTED), articles written by De Graaf and clippings related to his career. Also included are materials about his work as chairman of the English Department, tributes and memorials given on the occasion of his death, and photographs of De Graaf and others. The collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

**Container List**

Articles, n.d., 1966, 1968, one folder containing:  
A Center for Programmed Learning, n.d.  
College Students in a Changing Society, *The Church Herald*, 1965  
College Teaching, n.d.  
Literature in the Space Age, n.d.  
Report on the Netherlands, Hope College *Alumni Magazine*, 1948  
Teaching for Critical Thinking, Hope College *Alumni Magazine*, 1955  
Teen Age Slang, 1968
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Wichers, Dr. Wynand, Alumni Banquet, 1966
Biographical information, n.d., 1947-1986
Book Reviews, 1972, 1974
English Department Materials, 1948, 1958, 1964
   Department Report, 1964
   Memos on the Improvement of College Instruction, 1948
   Schedule of English Classes, 1958
   Funeral card, 1986
   Tributes, 1986
      M. Eugene Osterhaven
      R. Dirk Jellema
News release, Memorial Dedication, 1989
Memorandum on Dedication, 1989
Program, Dedication Ceremony, 1989
Tree Dedication, 1973
Personnel files
   1947-1974
   1952 (RESTRICTED)
Photographs, n.d., 1973 (13 images)
   De Graaf, Clarence, n.d., 1973 (includes photographs with students and Karin Grandberg)