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Abstract

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Biography

Folkert “Frank” De Roos was born in Frankeke, the Netherlands, on August 20, 1890, to Gerlof and Theresa Rypstra De Roos. In 1894, his family moved to Springfield, South Dakota. De Roos graduated with the Hope College Preparatory Department class of 1912, Hope College class of 1916, Western Theological Seminary class of 1919, and did graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary from 1919-1920. While at Hope College, De Roos was a member of the Ulfilas Club, Y.M.C.A., track and football teams, and Knickerbocker Society (fraternity), and competed in oratory and debate competitions.

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Scope and Content

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Frank (Folkert) De Roos
  Biographical, 1912-1921
  Correspondence
    Hope College Preparatory School students and teachers admissions office postcard, n.d. (includes image)
    Hope College students and teachers admissions office postcard, n.d (includes image)
    Postcard from C. Krell to Frank De Roos, 1910

Diplomas
  Hope College diploma, 1916 (Oversized)
  Princeton Theological Seminary diploma, 1920 (Oversized)
  Western Theological Seminary diploma, 1919 (Oversized)

Photographs (19 images)
  Eight men behind snow bank near Hope College, n.d.
  Four male students sitting on porch of home, n.d.
  Frank De Roos, ca. 1920
  Frank De Roos and other men, 1918
  Frank De Roos and two other students, n.d.
  Hope College basketball team, 1911-1912
  Hope College basketball team, 1912-1913
  Hope College football team, n.d.
  Hope College male students in “Y” pattern, n.d.
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  Hope College Preparatory School male students, 1912 (2 images)
  Hope College Preparatory School male students in “M” pattern, 1911
  Hope College student body, ca. 1916 (Oversized)
  Hope College track team, n.d. (4 images)
  Princeton Theological Seminary Class of 1920 (Oversized)

Princeton Theological Seminary
  Princeton and The Call of Spring by Alfred Noyes with Outline and Notes, May 1917
  Princeton and The Call of Spring, Two Poems by Alfred Noyes, Seventh Grade Reading, Michigan Schools, 1926

Programs
Hope College Commencement program, 1916
Hope College Preparatory Department graduation program, 1912 (2 items)
Ribbons, Azure blue and white ribbons [Hope College Preparatory Department class of 1912 color]

Ruth Veldhuis De Roos
Awards, Certificates and Diplomas
  Allegan County Public Schools diploma, 1909 (Oversized)
  Grade Transcript from Hope College, 1938 (located in H88-0259.1)
  (RESTRICTED)
  Hope College Commencement Exercise invitation, 1917
  Hope College Commencement Program 1917
  Hope College Fifty-Year Circle certificate, n.d.
  Hope College Preparatory Department diploma, 1913 (Oversized)
  Hope College diploma, 1917 (Oversized)
  Michigan Education Association, Honor Award, 1957
  Michigan State Board of Education, College Life Certificate, 1926 (Oversized)
  Palmer Method of Business Writing Teacher’s Certificate, 1923 (Oversized)
  Teacher’s College Certificate, 1917

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Photographs (3 images)
  Ruth Veldhuis, n.d.
  Ruth Veldhuis and other female students, n.d.
  Ruth Veldhuis De Roos and other Reformed Church in America ministers and
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Oversized (stored in Hope College Oversized Cabinet)
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  Poster, Hope College poster of images, n.d.