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Container List

100th Anniversary booklet, 1953
Church Documents and Notes, 1866-1938
Consistory Minutes
  1853-1866 (in Dutch) (includes original book and four folders of photocopies)
  1881-1899 (in Dutch)
  1900-1913 (in Dutch)
  1913-1926 (in Dutch)
  1926-1936 (in Dutch until 1929)
  1935-1938
  1930-1932
  1932-1933
  1933-1934