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Abstract

Martin Eugene Flipse received an A.B. degree in 1916 and an A.M. degree in 1920 from Hope College. He graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1920. He also received a B.D. degree from Rutgers University in 1926 and was honored with a D.D. degree in 1940 from Hope College. He was married to Callie L. De Mots, who was also a Hope College class of 1916 member. Flipse was licensed and ordained in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) by the Classis of Passaic in 1920. From 1918-1920, he served as a student pastor at Montville, New Jersey. After being ordained, he served as a minister in Montville from 1920-1921. From there he spent the rest of his career as pastor of the Douglaston Community Church in Douglaston, New York, from 1921-1965. His father, Martin Flipse (1866-1938), had also served as pastor for RCA from 1893-1935. The younger Flipse also served on the Board of Trustees of Hope College.

His collection consists of sermons, speeches, church event materials, youth congregation lessons, and photographs of Martin Eugene Flipse. Sermons are arranged chronologically and into special topics such as holidays and momentous events. Photograph albums include pictures of Western Michigan sites ca. 1916-1918, including Holland, Saugatuck, Hope College, and World War I era Camp Custer. Also included are three oversized foreign posters used in youth lessons.

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Provenance: Martin Eugene Flipse
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Biography

Martin Eugene Flipse was born to Rev. Martin and Mrs. Flipse in Albany, New York, on April 22, 1895. He received an A.B. degree in 1916 and an A.M. degree in 1920 from Hope College. He graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1920. He also received a B.D. degree from Rutgers University in 1926 and was honored with a D.D. degree in 1940 from Hope College.

Flipse was married to Callie L. De Mots, who was also a Hope College class of 1916 member. They had four sons, Martin Eugene II (Hope College class of 1940), John Edward, Robert Charles, and William Jay. Two of Flipse’s three siblings also graduated from Hope College: M. Jay in 1917, and sister Marquerite in 1928; brother Ivan did not.

After graduation, Flipse went on to become licensed and ordained in the Reformed Church in America (RCA) by the Classis of Passaic in 1920. From 1918-1920, he served as a student pastor at Montville, New Jersey. After being ordained, he served as a minister in Montville from 1920-1921. From there he spent the rest of his career as pastor of the Douglaston Community Church in Douglaston, New York, from 1921-1965. His father, Martin Flipse (1866-1938) had also served as pastor for RCA from 1893-1935. The younger Flipse also served
on the Board of Trustees of Hope College.

Flipse passed away in East Norwich, New York, on November 2, 1971, and was interred in Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland, Michigan. Dr. Elton J. Bruins officiated at the interment.

Scope and Content

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Container List

Box 1

Anniversaries of Douglaston Community Church, 1922-1965
Baccalaureate Sermon, Hope College, 1940
Bible School Assembly, 1937-1956
Biographical Information, 1971, n.d.
Booklet, “The Fulfillment,” by Oswald W. S. McCall, 1939
Boy Scout/Father and Son Sunday, 1920-1952
Candlelight Services, 1924-1962
Children’s Day Programs, 1920-1965 (5 folders)
Children’s Lesson, 1955
Children’s Sermon Subjects, 1920-1923
Christmas
  Publications, 1946-1958
  Services, 1921-1965 (3 folders)
  Young People, Bible School Services, 1934-1964
Church and State in Mexico, 1927
Church Anniversary Sermons, 1921-1965
Communion Services, 1918-1964 (3 folders)
Dedication Services
  Education Building and Chapel, 1953
  New Church Building, 1924
  Objects, 1920-1964
  Leoharrt Carillon Memorial Chimes, 1937, 1959
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  Bible School Assembly
  Services, 1919-1965 (2 folders)
  Newsletters and Notes, 1950-1957, n.d.

Box 2
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- Publications, 1935-1962
- Youth Services, 1931-1960
- Every Member Canvass Services, 1920-1964
- Funeral Services, 1919-1962 (2 folders)
- General Synod, 1924, 1927
- Girl Scout/Camp Fire Girls Sunday, 1939-1957
- Good Friday Services, 1929-1953
- Ground Breaking and Cornerstone Services, 1951, 1952
- Hebrew Letters, 1935-1956
- Installation Services, 1946-1964
- International Situation, 1935
- Junior Congregation
  - n.d., 1920-1965 (6 folders)
  - Decorated Wooden Plaque, 1963
  - Flower from Jerusalem, 1954, 1963
  - Newspaper Clippings, 1958, n.d.
  - Papers, 1963
  - Peacock Feather, 1963
  - Publications, 1946-1950
  - Publications and Objects of Discussion, 1930-1960 (1 image)
- Xmas
  - Lessons, 1931-1963
  - Postcards (Holy Land Sand), n.d.
- Lent, 1951-1964
- Memorial Service, Rev. C. I. Scofield, 1928
- Mother’s Day Services, 1920-1962
- Newsletters, 1949-1961
- Newspaper Clippings, Deadly Crash, 1963
- New Year’s Services, 1918-1962 (2 folders)

Box 3

- Note Cards, 1962
- Palm Sunday Services, 1919-1965
- Pamphlets, 1918-1936
- Papal Encyclical, 1928
- Patriotic Services, 1919-1960 (3 folders)
- Reformation Sunday Services, 1926-1965
- Sermons
  - Martin Eugene Sr., Albany, 1896
  - “Christianity’s Triumph,” 1920
  - General, 1920-1934 (15 folders)

Box 4

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Sermons (cont.)
  General, 1935-1961 (30 folders)

Box 5

Sermons (cont.)
  General, 1962-1965 (8 folders)
  Special Occasion Sermons, 1921-1924
  Speeches and Addresses, 1923-1961 (2 folders)
  Thanksgiving Services, 1918-1964 (2 folders)
  Transcripts of Sermons, 1951
  Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Service, 1940
  World Day of Prayer, 1944-1964

Box 6

Photograph Album (Small, Black, Thick), ca. 1916-1917
Photograph Album (Large, Black, Thin), ca. 1916-1917
Photograph Album (Large, Black, Thick), ca.1918

Oversize in Non-Photographic Media
  Three Posters for Youth Lessons