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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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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
Candelight 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
Easter
    Bible School Assembly
    Services, 1919-1965 (2 folders)
    Newsletters and Notes, 1950-1957, n.d.

Box 2
Easter (cont.)
  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
Hope College, 1963, n.d.
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
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