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Biography

Howard G. Hageman grew up in Albany, New York. He graduated from Harvard University with an A.B. in 1942. After receiving his B.D. from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1945, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary (1947-1948) and received his D.D. from Central College in 1957. He was licensed and ordained a minister by the Reformed Church in America in 1945. Hageman served as pastor of North Reformed Church in Newark, New Jersey, from 1945-1973. In 1973, Hageman took over as president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary; he held that position until 1985. An avid scholar, Hageman also studied and taught in the Netherlands. In 1982, he was decorated by Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands for furthering work in Dutch-American studies. Interested in family history as well, Hageman served for many years as editor of the Holland Society’s journal, De Halve Maen. Hageman also devoted his time to being a regular columnist in the Church Herald. The collection includes an audiotape cassette (“The Prophet of All Believers,” 1985), his biographical file, articles from the Church Herald, the Earnest Worker, and De Halve Maen, presentations and sermons, and pamphlets.

Scope and Content

The Howard Hageman Papers reflect Hageman’s years as pastor of the North Reformed Church and his dedication toward the Reformed Church in America. His articles and pamphlets are filled with encouragement to fellow RCA members on being reformed amid the turbulence and change that characterized the 1960s and 1970s in the United States. Hageman’s articles from
De Halve Maen show his deep interest in Dutch-American history. This collection does not contain any material reflecting his tenure as president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary or reflecting his years in various offices of the Reformed Church in America.

Container List

Articles
   n.d., 1948-1990
   Church Herald
      “This Reformed Church of Ours,” 1946-1954
   Earnest Worker, 1955-1957
   De Halve Maen, 1968-1970
Audiotape Cassette, Harry Hageman, “The Prophet of All Believers,” 1985
Biographical, 1959-2000
Pamphlets, n.d., 1960
Photograph, 1985 (1 image)
Presentations and Sermons, n.d., 1952-1976
Publication, Our Reformed Church, 1948, 1949