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Abstract

John H. “Jack” Hoekstra graduated from Hope College in 1950. From there he went on to serve as chairman of the Extension/Expansion Committee of the Classis of Kalamazoo. The collection includes background materials and correspondence concerning his work with the Kalamazoo Classis, Vision in Mission slides, and newspaper clippings and programs documenting his memorial service.

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Biography

John H. “Jack” Hoekstra was born May 27, 1926, to Theodore (Ted) and Winifred (VanderSalm) Hoekstra of Kalamazoo, Michigan. He attended Kalamazoo area schools and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1944. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Navy for two years. He graduated from Hope College in 1950 and the University of Michigan business graduate school. Upon completing his education, he joined Hoekstra Sales Company, an appliance store owned by his father, Ted Hoekstra, and his uncle Jerald Hoekstra. In addition, he spent most of his adult life working with Kalamazoo Classis of the Reformed Church in America and his church, Second Reformed Church.

Hoekstra passed away at the age of 81 years in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on September 5, 2007.

Scope and Content

The collection is arranged alphabetically by topic and includes background materials and correspondence concerning Hoekstra’s work with the Kalamazoo Classis, Vision in Mission slides, and newspaper clippings and programs documenting his memorial service.

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