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Abstract

The collection consists mainly of the “American” letters of the eight children of Johannes Pieter Oggel and his wife Adriana de Pree Oggel, who immigrated to America in 1855 and 1856: Johannes P. Oggel (1828-1914), Rev. Pieter J. Oggel (1829-1869), Dirk C. Oggel (1832-1900), Marinus J. Oggel (1838-1910), Dena Maria Oggel Welle (1840-1930), Rev. Engelbert C. Oggel (1841-1910), Hendrik P. Oggel (1844-1926), and Jacobus M. Oggel (1839-1926). Johannes, Dirk, Marinus and Hendrik left for America on April 28, 1855, and Pieter, Jacobus, Dena and Engelbert departed on April 29, 1856, for America. The letters are written to their stepmother, Krina van Zuinjen Oggel who was married to their father, Johannes P. Oggel, after the death of their mother, Adrianna (1845); to their half-brother, Dingeman Jacobus; or half-sister, Maria, who married J. M. Wieland, both of whom remained in the home village of Axel, Zeeland, the Netherlands. The father, Johannes Pieter Oggel, died in 1856. Almost all of the letters are in Dutch: translations have been made (2 copies). Dutch Immigrant Collection (Wisconsin).

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Provenance: Oggel Family  
Donor: Dingeman J. Oggel and Eugene Scholten  
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History

The eight children of Johannes Pieter Oggel and Adriana de Pree Oggel were Johannes P. (1828-1914), Pieter J. (1829-1869), Dirk C. (1832-1900), Marinus J. (1838-1910), Jacobus M. (1839-1926), Dena Maria Oggel Welle (1840-1930), Engelbert C. (1841-1910), and Hendrik P. (1844-1926). Johannes, Dirk, Marinus, and Hendrik left for America on April 28, 1855, and Pieter, Dena, Jacobus, and Engelbert departed on April 29, 1856. After Adriana’s death in 1845, Johannes married Krina van Zuijen, and many of the letters are addressed to her, to a half-brother (Dingeman Jacobus), or a half-sister (Maria, who married J. M. Wieland), both of whom remained in the home village of Axel, Zeeland, the Netherlands. The father, Johannes, died in 1856.

Both Engelbert and Pieter became pastors in the RCA. Pieter served churches in Grand Haven, Michigan, and Pella, Iowa, before becoming a professor at Hope College, where he worked until his death in 1869. Engelbert served churches in various locations as well as being editor of De Hope and treasurer at Hope College.

Scope and Content

The major part of the Oggel Family collection and all of the Dutch Immigrant Collection (Wisconsin) were donated by Mr. Dingeman J. Oggel, Axel, Zeeland, the Netherlands, in 1975.
Some of the material in the Oggel Family collection was donated by Dr. Eugene Scholten of Holland, Michigan, in 1980.

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Other correspondents are: L. de Linn, J. H. Donner, Jennie M. Welle, Dirk C. De Pree, Mrs. E. C. Oggel, Eleanor van Bruggen, Mrs. H. P. Oggel, D. Minderhout, Jan de Pree, Mrs. A. de Pree, F. van Driele, Ary van Driele, Jan den Herder, James Ossewaarde, P. Marijs, and H. G. Keppel.

The material donated by Dr. Scholten consists of wedding announcements and invitations, correspondence, clippings, photographs, and a genealogy of the Oggel and De Pree family.

The Dutch Immigrant Collection (Wisconsin) consists of copies of letters in Dutch by settlers in Wisconsin to relatives in the Netherlands. Mr. Dingeman J. Oggel of Axel, Zeeland, The Netherlands, made these copies from originals in the archives of the Axel town hall. Because the letters are in longhand and rather difficult to decipher, Mr. Oggel supplied typed transcripts for most of them. Most of these letters were written by Pieter van Ouwerkerk of Holland Township, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, and by Abraham Pieter Brill of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to relatives in Zuidzande and other towns in Province Zeeland, Kingdom of Holland (Netherlands).

Container List

OGGEL FAMILY COLLECTION

Aandenken Van E. C. Oggel, n.d.
Anniversary Book (excerpt), First Reformed Church, Pella. Iowa, 1921
Banquet Program, Dr. A. Kuyper, 1898
Clippings, H. P. Oggel and J. E. Oggel, 1855, 1945
Correspondence
   L. De Linn to “Lieve Domini” (P. J. Oggel?), n.d.
   Jan Den Herder to Mrs. J. P. Oggel, 1880
   D. C. De Pree to J. P. Oggel, 1855
   Jan De Pree to J. P. Oggel, 1852, 1854 (2 items)
   Jan De Pree to D. J. Oggel, n.d., 1877, 1878 (3 items)
Jan De Pree to family, 1874-1881 (3 items)
J. H. Donner to J. P. Oggel, 1869
H. G. Keppel to J. Wieland, 1901 (includes 4 photos)
P. Marijs to D. J. Oggel, 1894
D. Minderhout to J. P. Oggel, 1846 (2 items)
Dingeman J. Oggel to E. C. Oggel, 1903
Dirk C. Oggel to family, 1855-1901 (10 items)
Engelbert C. Oggel to family, 1873-1909 (29 items)
Mrs. Engelbert C. Oggel to family, 1910
Hendrick P. Oggel and Dirk C. Oggel to family, 1855
Hendrick P. Oggel to family, n.d., 1887-1896 (5 items)
John P. Oggel to family, 1855-1869 (9 items)
Marinus J. Oggel to family, 1882-1899 (11 items)
Pieter J. Oggel to family, 1844-1856 (14 items)
James Ossewaarde to J. Wieland, 1894 (2 items)
Eleanor Van Bruggen to family, 1882
Mrs. Heintje Oggel-Van Bruggen to family, 1887 (3 items)
Cornelius Vander Meulen to D. C. De Pree, 1845
Ary Van Driele to Mrs. J. D. Oggel, 1890
F. Van Driele to Mrs. J. P. Oggel, 1878
F. Van Driele to J. Wieland, 1881
F. Van Driele to D. J. Oggel, 1882
F. Van Driele to Unidentified, n.d., 1882 (2 items)
A. C. Van Raalte to J. P. Oggel, 1844-1845 (2 items)
A. C. Van Raalte to Philip Phelps, 1864 (2 items)
Dina Maria Welle-Oggel to family, 1877-1899 (15 items)
Jennie M. Welle to Mrs. M. J. Wieland, 1883
Unidentified, n.d., 1841, 1884 (3 items)
Typed Translations of Correspondence (2 folders)
Hand Drawn Map of the United States by J. M. Oggel, n.d.
Invitations
25th Anniversary, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Oggel, 1897
Wedding, Cora Fischer and John E. Oggel, 1902
Obituary, H. P. Oggel, 1926
Oggel, E. C., Pencil Drawings, n.d. (2 items)
Oggel, J ohnny, Report Card from Holland Public Schools, 1888 (RESTRICTED)
Oggel, D. J., Naar De Andere Kust: De Landverhuizing Naar Noord-Amerika In De 19e
Eeuw. Beschouwingen En Aanvullende Gegevens Betrefeende De Enigrate [To
the Other Coast: The Migration to North America in the 19th Century,
Considerations and accompanying data regarding the migration], 1981 (Dutch)
Photographs
Amphitheatre at Northport, Michigan, n.d. (1 image)
De Moen, Carl, n.d. (photograph of a painting) (1 image)
Oggel, Dingeman J. and Mrs. and Elton J. Bruins, 1979 (1 image)
Oggel, Dr. and Mrs. E. C., n.d. (5 images)
Oggel, John P., n.d. (1 image)
Oggel, Pieter J., n.d. (1 image)
Oggel, Unidentified, n.d. (37 images)
Mulder, Robert and family, n.d. (1 image)
New Paltz, New York, Reformed Church, n.d. (1 image)
Vander Meulen, Cornelius, n.d. (print) (1 image)

Programma van den elfden Zendingsdag, 1895
Sermons of P. J. Oggel, 1856 (D)

Scholten Addition
Announcements and Invitations, Oggel family, 1879-1914
Genealogy of Oggel and De Pree family, n.d.
Marriage Certificate, J. P. Oggel and Magdalena De Vries, 1866
Newspaper Clippings, 1869-1944

DUTCH IMMIGRANT COLLECTION (WISCONSIN)

Correspondence
Abraham Pieter Brill to family, 1851-1917 (10 items)
J. J. Brill to family, 1854-1870 (5 items)
P. J. Brill to family, 1910
Hubert Risseeuw to family, 1855, 1861 (2 items)
P. Souffrouw to Unidentified, 1870
Sara Van Bortel to family, 1853 (2 items)
Jacobus Hendrik Van Ouwerkerk to family, 1855-1866 (6 items)
J. H. Van Ouwerkerk and Sara Van Bortel to family, 1853, 1854 (2 items)
Pieter Van Ouwerkerk to family, 1851-1867 (7 items)
Unidentified to Pieter Brill, 1854
Fragments of letters, n.d.