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Abstract

Hope College class of 1931. Librarian of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. Collection includes *Early History of the Holland Settlements in Western Michigan*, bibliography, 1948; Hope College materials on the alumni association (1944-1956), diaries, 1927, 1929-1934, Hope College Library, 1940, 1949, and Y.W.C.A. 1927-1931. The collection also includes her speeches and writings (1917-1989), travel journals (1962-1981), correspondence, business papers, and *Digest and Index of the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America 1906-1957*, by Mildred Schuppert. A portion of the correspondence was written by Schuppert's grandfather to relatives in the Netherlands and is written in Dutch. There are many photographs of members of the Schuppert family, both in the United States and in the Netherlands. Her Hope College Memory Book (1927-1931) and photographs from Hope College and Western Seminary are also included.

Accession No: W94-1183
Provenance: Mildred W. Schuppert
Donor: Elton J. Bruins
Photographs: 221 images (Boxes 1 and 2)
Processed by: Kristin Clark, June 1995
Elaine Bruins, October 2005

Biography

Mildred W. Schuppert was born in 1909 in Waupun, Wisconsin, and was the only child of Isaac and Alwine Schuppert. She enrolled at Hope College in 1927 and graduated in 1931. Following her graduation, she became secretary to Dr. Wynand Wichers, who was serving as the president of Hope College, and she worked as a cashier.

In 1945, Schuppert began a new phase in her career by attending library school at the University of Michigan. When she completed library school, she was employed as a librarian at Hope College. In 1950, Schuppert accepted the position of librarian at Western Theological Seminary where she continued to work until her retirement in 1974. She also played the organ for the seminary chapel for many years, as well as at several area churches.

During her retirement, Schuppert prepared two volumes of the *Digest and Index of the Minutes of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America*. The two volumes cover the years from 1906-1977. She also prepared some indices for the Reformed Church hymnal, *Rejoice in the Lord*.

Scope and Content

Mildred Schuppert's papers are significant because of the active role she played in the Holland community. She touched the lives of hundreds of students at Hope College and Western

Seminary and developed personal friendships with a countless number of them. Schuppert had a wide variety of friends in every age group because of her involvement with the community. Her papers document the people and places that she came in contact with throughout her life.

The collection is arranged alphabetically. The papers include correspondence, writings, diplomas, legal documents and photographs. A portion of her correspondence was written by Schuppert's grandfather to relatives in the Netherlands and is written in Dutch. There are many photographs of members of the Schuppert family, both in the United States and in the Netherlands. Photographs from Hope College and Western Seminary are also included.

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