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Abstract

Included in the collection are papers of Douwe B. Yntema, Mary Loomis Yntema, Chester Yntema, Clara Yntema, Dwight B. Yntema, Hessel Yntema, Leonard Yntema, Theodore Otte Yntema and Gordon Yntema. Materials include clippings, personnel file (**RESTRICTED**), photographs, articles, memorials, correspondence, scholarly research, financial material pertaining to Hope College, and biographies.

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Provenance: Yntema Family
Donor: Information Unavailable; John Yntema
Photographs: 30 images
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History

Douwe Bouke Yntema was born on May 31, 1851, in Drenthe, Michigan. He graduated from Hope Preparatory in 1871, Hope College in 1876, and Michigan State Normal College in 1877. On December 27, 1888, Douwe married Mary Loomis. In 1893, Douwe was appointed to Hope College as a chemistry and physics professor. Douwe retired from the faculty in 1916 and spent the rest of his life on his farm outside of Holland until his death in 1920.

Mary Loomis Yntema was born on February 27, 1867, in Clinton County, Michigan. Mary graduated from high school in St. Johns, Michigan. After graduation, she taught elementary school in the area until her marriage to Douwe Yntema. The couple had six children, all of whom attended Hope College. She was elected Grand Rapids Mother of the Year in 1950 and wrote a book of family history. Mary died in Zeeland in April, 1970.

Hessel E. Yntema was born in 1891, the oldest of the Yntema children. He graduated from Hope College in 1912. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship in 1914 and left Oxford in 1917 with first honors from the School of Jurisprudence. In 1917, Hessel married fellow Hope graduate, Ida Olivia Danhof. The couple had three children, Marie Emile (North), Hessel Edward, Jr. and Danhof Baldwin. Hessel taught political science at the University of Michigan from 1917-1920. In 1921, Hessel received a law degree from Harvard Law School. From 1921-1928, he was a professor at Columbia University. The rest of his career was spent at Johns Hopkins, Yale, and the University of Michigan. Hessel died on February 21, 1966.

Leonard Yntema was born to Mary and Douwe in 1892. He was the valedictorian of Hope's Class of 1915. He received his master's degree in chemistry in 1917 and his Ph.D. in 1921. From 1921-1923, he was a National Research Fellow at both the University of Illinois and Yale. In 1923, he returned to the University of Illinois as a professor, where he remained until 1930. He was then appointed to the faculty of St. Louis University and taught there until 1943. Leonard then became the head of research at the Fansteel Corporation until his retirement in 1957. Leonard died on October 19, 1976. He was survived by his wife, Margaret Jean Busey, a daughter, Mary Katherine, and two sons, Douwe B. and George B.

Clara Yntema was born in 1894 and was the only girl among the six siblings. She graduated from Hope in 1916, majoring in Latin and mathematics. She received her master's from the University of Michigan in 1918. Clara then accepted a position at Bryn Mawr. In 1919, she began teaching for Kemper Hall, a girls' academy in Wisconsin and stayed there until 1921. From Kemper, Clara came back to Hope and taught there for two years. After that, she taught at South High School in Grand Rapids. Clara passed away on July 7, 1984.

Theodore Otte Yntema was born in 1900. In 1921, he graduated summa cum laude and was valedictorian from Hope. He went on to the University of Illinois, where he received his master's in 1922. After that, Theodore switched from physical chemistry to business and attended the University of Chicago. He earned a master's degree in business in 1924. In 1929, he received his doctorate in economics from the University of Chicago. He taught for several years and then served in the government during the recovery from the Great Depression. After concluding his government work, Theodore worked as a consultant for several major corporations, including Ford Motor Company. In 1949, Ford appointed him vice-president of finance, a position he held until his retirement in 1965. Theodore had married Kathryn Elizabeth Van der Veen on August 8, 1923, and the couple had two children, Elizabeth and John Arend. They eventually divorced. Theodore married Virginia Heigho Payne on July 31, 1939. Theodore and Virginia had two children, Virginia Gwin and Theodore Otte, Jr. On December 1, 1984, Theodore married a third time to Christa Gievers. Theodore Yntema died on September 18, 1985.

Dwight B. Yntema was born in 1902. He graduated from Hope in 1926 and did his graduate work at the University of Michigan, from which he received a master's degree in 1927 and a doctorate in 1932. After teaching for three years, Dwight worked for the government for several years as an economist. In 1946, he returned to Hope College as a professor and remained there until his retirement in 1967. He stayed in Holland until his death on August 23, 1980. Dwight married Cynthia and the couple had two sons, Gordon and David.

Chester Yntema was born in 1904. He attended Hope Preparatory and College, graduating as valedictorian in 1926. He received a doctorate in biology from Yale in 1930, and taught anatomy at the University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse, and Cornell. After his retirement from Syracuse, he remained in the area until his death on November 29, 1980. He was married to Elizabeth Sargent. The couple had no children.

Gordon Yntema was one of two sons born to Dwight and Cynthia Yntema. He was born on June 26, 1946. Gordon married Peggy Brown and the couple had two daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Jane Louise. Gordon was killed in Vietnam on January 18, 1968.

Scope and Content

The collection documents the lives of Douwe B. and Mary Loomis Yntema, their six children, and one of their grandsons, Gordon. Included are clippings, personnel file (**RESTRICTED**), photographs, journal and other articles, memorials, correspondence, scholarly research, financial material pertaining to Hope College, and biographies.

The collection is organized alphabetically by first name with the exception of Dwight and Theodore. These two have boxes of their own and are placed last. Biographical and other information is filed first and photographs are last. Dwight Yntema's collection is organized alphabetically by topic with the photographs filed last. Within the articles, there were several that included background research. These are filed alphabetically by title after the general

articles. Theodore Yntema's collection is arranged alphabetically by topic with biographical information at the beginning and photographs at the end.

The strength of the collection is the papers of Dwight Yntema, which contain not only a personnel file (**RESTRICTED**) for his years at Hope College, but also contains a large number of other documents including research done on Hope's grading system and a large number of economic and business concerns in Michigan.

A major weakness of the collection is the lack of documents pertaining to two of the siblings, Clara and Chester. The collection contains only one photograph of Clara Yntema. The folder on Chester Yntema contains only an obituary.

Container List

Box 1

Yntema Family

Biographical Information, n.d., 1942, 1949, 1967

Family of Hessel O. Yntema, Frisian Immigrant to Michigan, 1847, 1958

Fund for Faculty Development, n.d., 1982-1983

Chester Yntema

Journal Article, "A Series of Stages in the Embryonic Development of Chelydra serpentine," 1968

Obituaries, 1980-1981

Clara Yntema

Photograph, 1916 (1 image)

Douwe Yntema, 1883-1949, one folder containing:

Articles, n.d., 1883-1949

Commendation from the Council of Hope College, 1916

Physics Department Account Book, 1909-1914

Receipts, 1886-1905

Remarks to Graduating Class, 1893

"Report of the Commission of Ten," n.d.

Resignation, 1916

Yntema Memorial Number of Hope College Bulletin, 1920 (3)

Photographs, n.d., 1876, 1880, 1885 (6 images)

Gordon Yntema, 1968-1969

Hessel Yntema, 1913-1968 (2 folders)

Articles, 1913-1968

"The Comity Doctrine," 1966

"The Present Position of the United States in International Affairs," 1959

Obituary of Ida, 1965

Paper Dedicated to His Memory, 1966

Photograph, n.d. (1 image)

Leonard Yntema, Articles, 1928-1976, includes "The Place of the Study of Science in the Christian College," 1941

Mary Loomis Yntema (2 folders)

Articles, 1959-1970

Materials pertaining to her 100th birthday, 1967
Biographies written by Clara and Leonard Yntema, 1967
Photographs, 1967 (4 images)

Theodore Otte Yntema

Addresses, n.d., 1947-1964
Addresses, typescripts, 1944-1964

Box 2

Theodore Otte Yntema (cont.)

Biographical, 1956-1985
Books Used at Hope College
Der Schwiegersohn, 1911
Milton's L'Allegro and Other Poems/Paradise Lost Books I-III, 1914
Certificates and Programs (See Box 4)
Certificate of Appreciation for serving on Board of Trustees of The University of Chicago, 1970
Degree of Doctor of Laws at Grinnell College, 1960
Degree of Doctor of Humanities at Oakland University, 1973
Degree of Doctor of Science at Hope College, 1960
Degree of Doctor of Laws at Central Michigan University, 1964
Degree of Doctor of Laws at Franklin and Marshall College, 1960
Degree of Doctor of Laws at Grinnell College, 1960
Fellow to the America Association for the Advancement of Science, 1962
Correspondence concerning the Yntema Family Fund for Faculty Development, 1983
Photograph, n.d. (1 image)
Plaques (See Box 4)
Dean's Fund, The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, 1983, 1984
Distinguished Alumnus at The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business Alumni Association, 1977

Dwight Yntema

Academic Materials, 1947-1967
Articles, n.d., 1933-1960 (8 folders)
"Analysis of Economic Factors Related to Durable Goods," n.d.
"An Analysis of the Business Recession of n.d, 1937"
Changing Seasonal Fluctuations in the Amounts of Public and Private Assistance and Earnings on CWA and PWA Projects in 116 Urban Areas, 1929-1938, 1940
The Comparative Burden on Michigan's State and Local Taxes on Business, 1960 (2)
Corporate Profits and National Income, 1944 (2)
Economic and Business Administration Instruction at Hope College, n.d.
Income, 1952

Box 3

Dwight Yntema

- Articles, n.d., 1933-1960 (cont.)
 - Interim Report on the Study of Comparative State and Local Tax Burdens on Business, 1958
 - Measures of the Inequality in the Personal Distribution of Wealth or Income, 1933 (2)
 - National Income and National Products, n.d.
 - National Income Exceeds 76 Billion Dollars in 1940, 1941
 - “National Income Originating in Financial Intermediaries,” 1945
 - Outline of the Problem of the Unemployed, 1940
 - “Quality Evaluation of D and F Grades—A Survey of Current Practice,” 1951
 - Rents in the United States, 1929-1944, 1946
 - Summary Description of Estimates of Gross National Product, National Income, and Income Payments to Individuals, 1943
 - “Survey of Unemployment Compensation in Michigan,” 1955
 - Unemployment Compensation Payments in Michigan - A Study of Adequacy and the Incentive to Work, 1959 (3)
- Biographical, 1948-1980
- Book, *Michigan's Taxes on Business*, 1956, 1959
- Commerce Department Materials, 1942-1946
- Correspondence, Work Related, 1935-1985
- Hope College Planning for 1962-1972, 1961
- Land Purchase, 1933
- Personnel File, 1940-1977 (**RESTRICTED until 2017**)
- Photographs, n.d., 1957, 1960
 - Yntema, Dwight, n.d., 1957, 1960 (14 images, 1 negative)
 - Group, Yntema with unidentified persons, n.d. (3 images)

Box 4 (Oversized)

Theodore Otte Yntema

- Certificates and Programs
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