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Records, 1939-1942. 1.50 linear ft. PARTIALLY RESTRICTED

Abstract

Records and correspondence concerning the fundraising campaign for, construction of, and contributions toward the first science building (now Lubbers Hall).

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History

By the late 1930s, increased enrollments were crowding Hope College facilities, particularly the science laboratories. In September 1939, with the approval of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), Hope embarked on a campaign to raise $250,000 to build a new science building and establish an operative endowment. The campaign was led by Professor Clarence Kleis in Holland, Rev. Anthony Luidens in the Eastern Synods, and Rev. J. William Pyle in the Western Synods. The building was designed in late 17th century Dutch style by Knecht, McCarty and Thebaud Architects of Grand Rapids. Construction started on June 2, 1941, and was completed during the summer of 1942. The building was dedicated on September 16, 1942. It housed Hope’s science departments until the summer of 1973, when the Peale Science Center was completed. The building was renovated starting in March 1974 and reopened in January 1975 as Lubbers Hall for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Scope and Content

The collection divides into four main categories: the building, fundraising campaign, contributions (RESTRICTED), and correspondence about the campaign. Records include cost estimates, construction specifications, equipment desired, and lab furniture layouts and specifications for the building. The campaign records include pamphlets and other materials that were used, plus records from Rev. Anthony Luidens, who led the campaign in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There is correspondence between Rev. Luidens and President Wynand Wichers, mostly about the campaign and other campaign correspondence to or from these men. Extensive records on contributions received make up the rest of the collection.

Container List

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Building
Bid Summary, 1941
Construction Report from 1942 Milestone, 1942
Construction Specifications for Bidders, 1941-1942
Cost Estimates, n.d., 1939, 1942
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Heating, Ventilating and Plumbing Specifications, 1941
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   Blueprints (see Oversized)
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   Proposals, n.d., 1941
Report on Brick Manufacturer, 1941
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   Gift/Pledge Cards, n.d.
Holland Area Campaign
   Kickoff Newspaper Clippings, 1939
   Pamphlet, 1939
Pamphlets and Church Bulletin Covers, n.d., 1940-1941
Plan for Campaign in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, 1940-1941
Poster, 1941 (see Oversized)
Reminder Mailing by S. Blocker, January 1942
Correspondence
   Between A. Luidens and W. Wichers, 1940-1943
   Between A. Luidens and Various Persons, n.d., 1940-1942
   Christmas Card from W. Wichers, December 1942
   To W. Wichers from Various Persons, 1939-1942
   To H. Winter from Board of Education, R.C.A., 1941-1942

Box 2 (RESTRICTED)

Campaign (cont.)
   A. Luidens’ List of Names Recommended for the Special Givers List
   A. Luidens’ Working Lists and Notes
Contributions
   Alumni
   Business and Individual
Classis Contributions
   Albany
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Holland Area
Hopeman Gift Announcement
Individuals in Iowa and Minnesota
New Brunswick Seminary
Record of Classis Contributions as of September 1942
Record of Classis Contributions as of Summer 1941
Reports on Church Contributions
Reports on Contributions from Eastern Synods
Somerset County Council of Churches

Oversized

- Building
- Lab Furniture Blueprints
- Campaign
- Poster, 1941
- Hope College Anchor Newspaper Headline, 09/16/1942