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Abstract

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

Accession No: H88-0270  
Provenance: Treasurer Henry Winter and Rev. Anthony Luidens  
Donor: Internal Transfer  
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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

Box 1

Building  
Bid Summary, 1941

Construction Report from 1942 *Milestone*, 1942  
Construction Specifications for Bidders, 1941-1942  
Cost Estimates, n.d., 1939, 1942  
Dedication Program, September 16, 1942  
Electrical Specifications, 1941  
Equipment Desired by Science Departments, n.d.  
First Plan, n.d.  
Heating, Ventilating and Plumbing Specifications, 1941  
Lab Furniture  
    Blueprints (see Oversized)  
    Layouts and Specifications, n.d., 1941  
    Proposals, n.d., 1941  
Report on Brick Manufacturer, 1941

Campaign

Gift/Pledge Cards, n.d.  
Holland Area Campaign  
    Kickoff Newspaper Clippings, 1939  
    Pamphlet, 1939  
Pamphlet, "What Hope College Does for the World" by S. M. Zwemer, n.d.  
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  
From Wynand W. Wichers, 1940-1942  
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  
    Bergen  
    California  
    Cascades  
    Chicago

Dakota  
East Sioux  
Germania  
Grand Rapids  
Greene  
Holland  
Hudson  
Illinois  
Kalamazoo  
Monmouth  
Montgomery  
Muskegon  
Newark  
New Brunswick  
New York  
North Long Island  
Orange  
Palisades  
Paramus  
Passaic  
Pella  
Philadelphia

Box 3 (**RESTRICTED**)

Contributions (cont.)

Classis Contributions (cont.)

Pleasant Prairie  
Poughkeepsie  
Raritan  
Rensselaer  
Rochester  
Saratoga  
Schenectady  
Schoharie  
South Bergen  
South Long Island  
Ulster  
Westchester  
West Sioux  
Wisconsin  
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