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Scope and Content

The seminary was established in 1910 as Clinton German Seminary in Clinton, Missouri, south of Kansas City. The school was intended to train young Seventh-day Adventists of German background to be able to perform more effective evangelistic work among the German-speaking population in North America. At that time almost 10 million people in the United States were of German origin, more than 10% of the entire population of the country. In the wake of tension that arose towards the German population in the United States during World War I the name of the seminary was changed in 1917 to Clinton Theological Seminary. At that time the teachers started to teach classes in English rather than German, except for the German language classes and the homiletics classes. During the war the German language had become unpopular and people with a German background tried to assimilate as much as possible into the larger culture. Through these changes in society at large the school had lost much of its uniqueness and had also more or less fulfilled its mission inasmuch as German language teaching was no longer deemed necessary. When the enrollment decreased at Clinton after the war, the school was confronted increasingly with financial difficulties. The lack of interest in the German language and the financial difficulty raised the question if a separate German institution was really necessary. In 1925 the Clinton campus was sold and the German Department moved to Broadview College at La Grange, Illinois.

Researchers should be aware that additional materials by and about Clinton Theological Seminary are also found elsewhere in the Center for Adventist Research.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection is essentially as it was donated. It is divided into materials by and about the Seminary, and other documents related to Clinton.

Provenance

Marley H. Soper donated this collection to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research in 1975, after doing research and writing a term paper on the Clinton Theological Seminary.

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I. Materials By and About Clinton Theological Seminary

History

- Bx 1 Fld 1 History of Clinton Theological Seminary, 1910-1925 (Clinton, Mo.: Clinton Seminary Press, 1925) [incl. complete list of all presidents and graduates]

Advertisement Brochures

- Bx 1 Fld 2 *Deutsches Seminar* (Clinton, Mo.: Clinton Seminary Press, 1910). [incl. handwritten English translation, 1975]
Advertisement brochure with pictures and description of the teachers [1916-1921, probably before the change of name]
"Searchlight: Read and Think—Pray and Work" (Clinton, Mo.: Clinton Seminary Press, n.d.)

Bulletins

- Bx 1 Fld 3 Bulletin 4, no. 18 (1922) [2 copies]
Bulletin 6 (1924)

Commencement Programs

- Bx 1 Fld 4 Program for May 19-22, 1921
Program of Academic Graduation Recital for February 3, 1923
[Thyrsa Grove, Gertrude Meier]
Program for May 17-20, 1923 [2 copies]
Program for May 22-24, 1924 [2 copies]

Faculty List

- Bx 1 Fld 5 1910-1925 [2 copies]

Songs

- Bx 1 Fld 6 Jennie E. McClelland, "The Loud Cry" (n.d., 1924).
"Schullied."
Eduard F. Leyh, "The Star Spangled Banner."
D. D. Ehrhardt, "Unser Seminar."
"Unser Seminar": School Song and March of the Clinton Theological Seminary (Clinton, Mo.: Clinton Seminary Press, [1916]). [3 copies]
"Unser Seminar": Schullied des Theologischen Seminars zu Clinton."

Poems

- Bx 1 Fld 7 J. B. Penner, "Die Deutsche Abteilung."
J. B. Penner, "Kinder, hört, was Mutter sagt!" (March 1925)
J. B. Penner, "Mehr Freiwillige hervor!" (October 1922).
J. B. Penner, "So spricht das Deutsche Seminar."

Examination Paper

- Bx 1 Fld 8 12 unused examination papers.

II. Other Documents Related to Clinton Theological Seminary

Articles about Clinton Theological Seminary

- Bx 1 Fld 9 O. A. Olsen and W. A. Spicer, "Thirty Fifth-Meeting, June 2, 5:30 AM," *General Conference Bulletin*, June 3, 1909, 295, 296.
- W. B. White and W. A. Spicer, "Fortieth Meeting, June 4, 3 PM," *General Conference Bulletin*, June 6, 1909, 344.
- "General Conference Minutes," October 13, 1909, 114, 115. *Central Union Conference Bulletin*, 1st quarter 1910, 16-19.
- E. T. Russell, "Unser deutsches Seminar," *Deutscher Arbeiter*, July 14, 1910, 105-107 [there are also articles on the General Conference Session by G. A. Grauer and E. T. Witzke].
- E. T. Russell, "The German Seminary," *Review and Herald*, July 28, 1910, 17.
- "The Adventist College Building Remodeling and Erecting New Barn—Opens Sept 28th," ..., August 11, 1910, 1.
- "Furnish College Building: Clinton Furniture Co. Get Contract from Adventist College," ..., September 8, 1910, 1.
- J. F. Simon, "President's Report of the German Seminary, Clinton, Mo.," *General Conference Bulletin*, May 19, 1913, 61, 62.
- G. F. Haffner, "The German Work in the Western Division of North America," *General Conference Bulletin*, May 20, 1913, 55, 56.
- "Camp Meeting Begins Today: German Seminary Campus a Tented City," *Henry County Reporter*, August 27, 1914.
- G. F. Haffner, "Report of the N. A. Division West German Department," *General Conference Bulletin*, April 9, 1918, 124, 125.
- Youth's Instructor*, March 16, 1920.
- J. B. Blosser, "Clinton Theological Seminary Institute," *Review and Herald*, May 27, 1920, 27, 28.
- F. R. Isaac, "Clinton Theological Seminary," *Review and Herald*, June 10, 1920, 26.
- J. S. Koehler, "Das Finanzwesen der Schule," *Deutscher Arbeiter*, August 20, 1920, 252, 253.
- J. T. Boettcher, "Report of the German Department of the Bureau of Home Missions," *General Conference Bulletin*, May 18, 1922, 202, 203.
- Various clippings from the *Henry County Democrat* (1925).

Photographs

- Bx 1 Fld 10 Photographs of the various departments and people (1912-1913, 1916-1917, 1922-1925)
- Bx 1 Fld 11 Photographs of various people.
- Bx 1 Fld 12 Photographic negatives of departments, student body, and graduations.
- Bx 1 Fld 13 Photographic negatives of buildings and people – Part 1.
- Bx 1 Fld 14 Photographic negatives of buildings and people – Part 2.
- Bx 1 Fld 15 Photographic negatives of buildings and people – Part 3.

General Conference Minutes regarding Clinton Theological Seminary
Bx 1 Fld 16 1909, 1923-1927, 1957.

Experiences of Students and Faculty

- Bx 1 Fld 17 Letters received by J. B. Penner (1971), 6 letters.
[C. M. Graf, L. Harris, H. Schmidt, E. Simon, F. Wall,
B. Butherus]
- Bx 1 Fld 18 Letters received by Marley H. Soper (1975), 13 letters.
[W. P. Ortner, H. C. Herman, L. Ford?, T. T. Babienco,
R. Salisbury, R. H. Hartwell, Henry County Library,
M. M. Church, E. P. Gaede, H. W. Roth, H. C. Witzke,
K. Wagner Domina].
- Bx 1 Fld 19 Questionnaires received by Marley H. Soper (1975), 33 pcs.
[M. R. Bartel, C. Becker, H. Boehm, P. G. Broeckel,
E. S. Burke, B. G. Butherus, D. C. Butherus,
O. D. Carter, H. H. Daede, O. B. Dean, F. L. Dinius,
J. J. Dollinger, E. P. Ebel, E. F. Finck, D. C. Gaede,
P. H. Gaitens, J. Glantz, C. M. Graf, E. V. Grant,
A. Hagele, H. K. Y. Hagstotz, D. P. Harder, E. H. Hardt,
W. F. Hardt, L. Harris, P. E. Hart, D. C. Hartwell,
H. E. Hein, R. E. Ortner Heinrich, W. D. Heinrich,
A. Heiser, H. A. Kaufman, E. Koeppen].
- Bx 1 Fld 20 Questionnaires received by Marley H. Soper (1975), 37 pcs.
[M. P. Loewen, F. A. Lorenz, A. Marx, G. L. T. Mayer,
M. R. Mohr, O. Nies, W. B. Ochs, A. L. Ortner, H. Peters,
P. W. Peters, M. M. Rabuka, S. Peters Reger, S. Reile,
D. N. Reider, E. Reinmuth, O. W. Reinmuth,
A. E. Renner, J. D. Rosenbach, L. Roth, A. F. Ruf,
G. F. Ruf, J. C. Schmidt, E. + E. Schneider,
C. C. Schneider, M. H. Schuster, E. L. Simon,
H. H. Simon, A. B. Steinert, E. Tetz, K. Timken,
F. E. Wall, J. Weng, R. H. Wentland, J. A. Westermeyer,
L. Westermeyer, W. Wilkinson, H. Windhorst].

Materials by Katherine Meier and A. C. Rampson (1923)

- Bx 1 Fld 21 2 letters.

Cassette Tapes with Information on Clinton Theological Seminary

- Bx 1 Fld 22 1 tape "Clinton County Democrat: Articles from
Newspapers."
1 tape "Elder Penner, March 25, 1975."
1 tape "R. E. Hoen, February 24, 1975, 2:00 - 3:40 pm."

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