

Walter Specht Papers

Collection 82

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Scope and Content:

Walter Specht (1912-) was born at Campion Academy, Loveland, Colorado, where his father was a minister and teacher. Specht received his bachelor's degree from Walla Walla College in 1936 and worked as a minister and evangelist for ten years in Montana, Oregon, and Oklahoma. In 1945 he joined La Sierra College where he soon became head of the Theology Department. He obtained a study leave from 1949 to 1951 to do graduate work at the University of Chicago, and in 1955 graduated with a Ph.D. in New Testament. Dr. Specht continued to work as a teacher at La Sierra until 1967 when he joined the New Testament Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, Michigan. Dr. Specht, among other things, contributed to the publication of the *Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*.

This collection contains mainly Specht's personal correspondence from 1936 to 1976. There are a few personal documents written by him or article about his life and ministry. In addition there are materials related to the Robert D. Brinsmead controversy, letters of S. A. Nagel, and some miscellaneous documents.

Arrangement:

The original organization of the collection (with minor exceptions) is retained. See the following inventory for more information.

Provenance:

This collection was donated by Walter Specht on June 7, 1976.

Use:

All users of this collection will complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Record," and observe the regulations specified in the "Patron's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. However, any letter written to Specht may not be published without the authorization of the writer of the letter, if alive. Citation for this collection:

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INVENTORY

I. Correspondence, sent and received (1936-1976)

Box1 Fld1	no date letters
Box1 Fld2	1936-1954
Box1 Fld3	1955
Box1 Fld4	1956
Box1 Fld5	1957
Box1 Fld6	1958
Box1 Fld7	1959
Box1 Fld8	1960
Box1 Fld9	1961
Box1 Fld10	1962
Box1 Fld11	1963
Box1 Fld12	1964
Box1 Fld13	1965
Box2 Fld1	1966
Box2 Fld2	1967
Box2 Fld3	1968
Box2 Fld4	1969
Box2 Fld5	1970
Box2 Fld6	1971
Box2 Fld7	1972-1976

II. Personal Documents

Newspaper Articles (about Walter Specht)

Box2 Fld8 "Elder Specht Receives Doctorate in Theology; Becomes Newest Member Added to Ph.D. Roster," *The La Sierra College Criterion*, Dec. 5, 1955.

"Church-Science Ideas Said Not in Conflict," *Riverside Daily Press*, May 25, 1959. (Walter Specht participated in this discussion concerning religion and science).

"Kingsway College Commencement Weekend Bulletin," June 6-7, 1970. (Walter Specht gave the Commencement address to the graduates).

III. Writings

By Walter Specht

Box2 Fld9 “What Do You Mean by This Service.” Communion service, Oct. 9, 1971.

“America - The Cradle of Freedom.” Unpublished document related to religious freedom.

“Comments on ‘A Proposal’.” This document is Specht’s reply to the proposal of publishing all Ellen G. White manuscripts and letters in a facsimile form.

By Others

Box2 Fld10 Columbia Union Conference Association. “Counsels for Estate Planning.” Compilation from the writings of Ellen G. White related to planning of estates, Sept. 1969.

Beach, B. B. “Calendar Reform in the Light of the Vatican Council.” Unpublished paper.

Lee, James M. “God’s Paratroopers.” A document - letter to Elder Sutton (?).

IV. Topical Files

Robert Brinsmead

Box2 Fld11 Materials written by Robert Brinsmead

Order form of “Publications on Present Truth” by Robert Brinsmead. Distributed by the True Medical Missionary Association, Loma Linda, CA.

“A Statement by Robert D. Brinsmead.” This is a part of a letter to Seventh-day Adventist believers by the “True Medical Missionary Association, Loma Linda, CA. The letter also includes “Christian Brotherliness: A Lesson From the Reformation” by Alonzo T. Jones plus three documents written by Brinsmead:

“The Brinsmead Answer to the General Conference Report,” 1961

“The Sequel”

“The True Message of Righteousness
by Faith”

Brinsmead, Robert. *Tidings of Great Joy*. Loma Linda, CA:
True Medical Missionary Assn., n.d.

_____. “The Open Door.” Self-published material, n.d.

_____. “Forty Propositions Presented to Andrews
University Bible Scholars.” A chart showing forty
errors that have been found in the Seventh-day
Adventist publications and theological writings
according to Brinsmead, n.d.

Box2 Fld12 Document and papers related to Brinsmead crisis

Fabian, L. Poole. “Aims of the True Medical Missionary
Association.” This letter also includes an membership
application for the True Medical Missionary
Association, Loma Linda, CA, n.d.

Rue, George Harvey. “To Seventh-day Adventists
Everywhere.” A letter promoting Brinsmead
meetings, n.d.

“Newsletter.” Distributed by the True Medical Missionary
Assn., v. 2, No: 13 (39), n.d.

Nagel, S. A. “The Brinsmead Movement.” Unpublished
material, n.d.

_____. “Offshoots.” Unpublished material, n.d.

Ford, Jock. “The Light Which Lightens the Earth.” A study
presented to the Oneida Mountain Hospital Board
with A. V. Olson, n.d.

General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. *Errors of
the Brinsmead Teaching*. Conway, MO: Gems of
Truth, 1961 ? (This is a copy of a Special Committee
Report of the General Conference of Seventh-day
Adventists).

The History and Teaching of Robert Brinsmead.

Washington, DC: Review and Herald Pub. Assn.,
1961.

D. Sibley to O. B. Kuhn. A letter. May 18, 1961. (Two
copies).

Sayler, Floyd A. "The New Face of Brinsmeadism."
Unpublished material, 1974.

Chaney, Frank L. "The Loud Cry of the Angel of Revelation
18 and the Sealing Work of Revelation 7:1-8," No:2.
Unpublished paper, n.d.

_____. "The Loud Cry of the Angel of Revelation 18
and the Sealing Work of Revelation 7:1-8," No:3.
Unpublished paper, n.d.

Shuler, J. L. "The Remnant Sinless - When? How?"
Unpublished paper, n.d.

"An Answer to Brinsmead." Unpublished paper, n.d. [This
material is a compilation of Ellen G. White writings],
n.d.

Slade, John A. "Lessons from a Detour: A Survey of My
Experience in the Brinsmead Movement."
Unpublished paper, 1964.

Box2 Fld13 Johns, Varner J. "Righteousness by Faith in the Light of the
Sanctuary." Unpublished paper, n.d.

Spear, Beveridge R. "When Are God's People Sealed?"
Unpublished paper, n.d.

Naden, L. C. "What do the Brinsmead Faction Really
Believe?" Unpublished paper, n.d.

Jarnes, Haakon I. "A Consideration of R. D. Brinsmead's
'Proposition 41.'" Unpublished paper, n.d.

"Analysis of Brinsmead's Writings." [This unpublished
material is a critical evaluation of two pamphlets ("The
Third Angel's Message"; and "The Open Door")
written by Brinsmead], n.d.

Heppenstall E. "Perfection." Notes for the seminary class in Righteousness by Fatih, n.d.

Mitchell, A. R. "A Reply to Brother G. Austin's Letter: Re Innisfail Church Meeting Held on September 21st and 22nd, 1960." [This letter describes the events surrounding Brinsmead's disfellowship from the Seventh-day Adventist Church].

S. A. Nagel, correspondence. (Letters to church members and General Conference delegates, 1959-1964.

Box2 Fld14

V. Miscellaneous Materials

Box2 Fld15 *Andrews University Seminary Studies*. "Preliminary Instructions to Contributors." Policy document.

"Andrews University Book Selection Policy for the James White Library." Policy document.

Alger F. Johns. Prayer at his funeral.