

Register of the  
**Otto J Graf Collection**

Collection 123

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#### Biographical Information

Otto Julius Graf was born in 1879, the son of Julius J. And Bertha Graf. He received his B.A. from Union College in 1904 and his M.A. from the University of Nebraska. He served for one year as educational secretary of the Northern Union Conference, and one year as history teacher at Union College. From 1908 to 1917 he was president of Emmanuel Missionary College and exerted upon the college a molding influence. Due to persistent ill-health he retired permanently in 1918. He moved to Loma Linda, California, where he was active in volunteer roles as his health allowed. He died in 1950.

#### Scope

The collection consists of some biographical and personal materials, correspondence, manuscripts, papers, and notes related to Graf and his work.

#### Arrangement

The folders are numbered on the basis of topical and chronological sequence. See the following inventory.

#### Provenance

The Otto Julius Graf Collection was donated in 1986, by Mrs. Catherine N. Graf.

#### Use

All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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## Inventory

### I. Personal and Biographical

#### Fld 1

- Certificate of Ordination of Julius J. Graf (Otto's father), 1893 [officiating elders, who signed the certificate: S. N. Haskell and Alonzo T. Jones]
- Obituary of Bertha Antonia Meilicke-Graf (Otto's mother), 1916
- Class photograph of the 1904 class of Union College [includes Otto J. Graf]
- Marriage certificate for Roberta L. Andrews and Otto J. Graf, Aug 4, 1908
- Our Class of '29 (a poem by V[elma] Crawford celebrating the College of Medical Evangelists class of 1929)
- Obituary of Otto J. Graf from the *Lake Union Herald*, Oct 31, 1950 [2 copies]
- Class letter to the Class of '29 from Catherine [Graf?], May 8, 1958

### II. Correspondence

#### Fld 1a Incoming Letters from Mission Field (1911-1919) - 6 Items

- Japan - 2 letters
- India - 2 letters
- China (China Mission Training School) - 2 letters

#### Fld 2 Outgoing Letters (1927-1932) - 15 Items

#### Fld 3 Incoming Letters (1914-1932) - 6 Item

### III. Manuscripts

#### Fld 4 Manuscripts, Papers, and Notes by O. J. Graf - 16 Items

- Suggestions for Saving our Schools from the Spiritual Consequences of Worldward Steps that have been forced upon us by the Laws and Accrediting Associations of the Land (3 Copies)
- Suggestions
- Qualifications of a Good Student
- Is the Teacher Always Right?
- How I Use the Bible in Teaching History (2 copies)
- Women's Place in the Home (2 Copies)
- Turning Darwin's Theory Overboard (3 Copies)
- Forward in Christian Education
- Turning Over a New Leaf
- [Untitled]

- Fld 5 Manuscripts, Papers, and Notes by others - 6 items
- Christian Education in the Third Angels Message (Marion E. Casly)
  - The New Archeological Discoveries (Camden M. Cobern)
  - The Ideal Seventh-day Adventist Young Man (Charles E. Weniger)
  - The Prevention of Disease and its Cure by Rational Methods (Ellen G. White)
  - Medical Missionary Work and the Ministry (Ellen G. White)
  - A Modern Moral Question

IV. Miscellaneous

- Fld 6 Miscellaneous - 3 items
- Educational Quotes (2 quotes)
  - Ruth Ashmore

Fld 7 *Bible* of Otto J. Graf [poor physical condition with extensive markings]

V. Photographs [REMOVED and included in the Adventist Digital Library]

Fld 8 Contain some identification

Fld 9 Album [presumably family related though no identification]

Fld 10 Limited identification, may not be enough

Fld 11 No identification

Items removed from O. J. Graf Collection

- 4 Post Cards
- 1 Picture
- 1 *Student Movement* (July 24, 1944)
- 1 *Student Movement* (Mar 11, 1949)
- 1 Founders' Golden Anniversary Bulletin (1874-1924)
- 1 Pamphlet gby Ellen G. White, *Useful Occupation Better then Games*
- 1 *Seventh-day Adventists Historical Landmarks in Battle Creek, Michigan*.  
Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Association. 4 panels  
on 1 sheet

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