

Register of the

# Ron Numbers Collection-- The Creationists

Collection 178

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## Scope and Content

This collection contains the records used as resource material for the production of Dr. Numbers' book, *The Creationists*, published in 1992. This book documents the development of the creationist movement in the face of the growing tide of evolution. The bulk of the collection dates from the 20<sup>th</sup> century and covers most of the prominent, individual creationists and pro-creation groups of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century primarily in the United States, and secondarily, those in England, Australia, and Canada.

Among the types of records included are photocopies of articles and other publications, theses, interview tapes and transcripts, and official publications of various denominations. One of the more valuable contributions of this collection is the large quantity of correspondence of prominent individuals. These records are all photocopies.

A large section contains documentation related to Seventh-day Adventist creationists. Adventists were some of the leading figures in the creationist movement, and foremost among this group is George McCready Price. The Adventist Heritage Center holds a Price collection. The Numbers collection contributes additional correspondence and other documentation related to Price.

## Arrangement

Ron Numbers organized this collection for the purpose of preparing his book manuscript, though the book itself is not organized in this way. Dr. Numbers suggested his original arrangement be retained. While the collection is arranged in its original order, the outline that follows may be of help to some researchers. The box and folder numbers indicate the first folder of each area. These may not be precise divisions, however.

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|----|--------------|---|
| 1. | Box 1 Fld 1  | Seventh-day Adventist creationists                                      |
| 2. | Box 4 Fld 4  | Early fundamentalists   |
| 3. | Box 7 (?)    | American Scientific Affiliation members                                 |
| 4. | Box 10 Fld 1 | A.S.A. members who founded or joined the Creation Research Society      |
| 5. | Box 13 Fld 1 | Other societies and Christian denominations                             |
| 6. | Box 18 Fld 4 | Controversies of the 1970s-1980s  |
| 7. | Box 21 Fld 4 | Creationism outside the United States                                   |
| 8. | Box 23 Fld 5 | Ron Numbers' correspondence re: creationism and <i>The Creationists</i> |
| 9. | Box 25       | Cassette tapes of interviews and other creationism-related topics.      |

Within folders there was no attempt to rearrange material. They are as Dr. Numbers arranged them originally.

Since the folders are not in alphabetical order, an alphabetized list has been prepared to assist the researcher in finding the records related to particular individuals. No attempt was made to include names of people mentioned within the folders. Only those names appearing on the folder labels are included. See this list at the end of this register.

### Provenance

This collection was compiled over the span of nearly 15 years by Dr. Ronald L. Numbers, professor in the department of History of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) Medical School. The purpose was to form the documentation for his book, *The Creationists*, published in the summer of 1992.

Dr. Numbers wished to make his documentation available in a public facility to any interested researcher. He chose the Adventist Heritage Center at Andrews University since the George McCready Price and Frank L. Marsh collections were already housed here. Also, Seventh-day Adventists have been at the forefront of the creationist movement.

The collection was donated to Andrews University on December 30, 1991. What is shown as box 26-30 was donated in 2007.

### 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's Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct."

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INVENTORY

Box 1

- Fld 1 Science/Religion in SDA Journals (19th c.)
- Fld 2 Ellen G. White--Science
- Fld 3 Miscellaneous SDA Science
- Fld 4 George McCready Price Papers (Andrews University)--Correspondence
- Fld 5 George McCready Price--Articles

Box 2

- Fld 1 George McCready Price--Articles about
- Fld 2 George McCready Price--Miscellaneous
- Fld 3 E. S. Ballenger-Don Mote
- Fld 4 George McCready Price--General Conference Archives
- Fld 5 John Roach Straton-George McCready Price--Correspondence
- Fld 6 Edward Spech-George McCready Price--Correspondence
- Fld 7 David Starr Jordan-George McCready Price--Correspondence
- Fld 8 J. M. Cattell-George McCready Price--Correspondence
- Fld 9 Robert Maynard Hutchins-George McCready Price--Correspondence
- Fld 10 Charles Schuchert
- Fld 11 J. B. Cranfill
- Fld 12 Martin Gardner
- Fld 13 Percy Christian-George McCready Price--Correspondence
- Fld 14 General Conference Publishing Department Papers
- Fld 15 Alonzo Baker (including interview 6-14-73)
- Fld 16 Creation Deluge Society (including newsletters)
- Fld 17 Molleurus Couperus (I)
- Fld 18 Molleurus Couperus (II)

Box 3

- Fld 1 Benjamin Franklin Allen
- Fld 2 Clifford L. Burdick
- Fld 3 Ernest S. Booth
- Fld 4 Frank L. Marsh (including interview 5-11-73)
- Fld 5 Harold W. Clark

- Fld 6 Geoscience Research Institute (I)
- Fld 7 Geoscience Research Institute (II)
- Fld 8 Peter E. Hare
- Fld 9 Robert V. Gentry
- Fld 10 Rennie B. Schoepflin Field Trip

Box 4

- Fld 1 Richard M. Ritland (I)
- Fld 2 Richard M. Ritland (II)
- Fld 3a Richard M. Ritland (III)
- Fld 3 Ariel A. Roth
- Fld 4 Asa Gray
- Fld 5 James D. Dana (and E. F. Burr)
- Fld 6 J. William Dawson
- Fld 7 William Bell Dawson
- Fld 8 John McCrady and Edward McCrady

Box 5

- Fld 1 George Frederick Wright
- Fld 2 George Frederick Wright--Articles (1871-1884)
- Fld 3 George Frederick Wright--Articles (1885-1900)
- Fld 4 George Frederick Wright--Articles (1901- )
- Fld 5 George Barry O'Toole
- Fld 6 Alexander Petterson
- Fld 7 Luther Tracy Townsend

Box 6

- Fld 1 Baylor University
- Fld 2 Samuel Palmer Brooks
- Fld 3 J. Frank Norris and A. C. Dixon
- Fld 4 William Louis Poteat
- Fld 5 Alfred Fairhurst
- Fld 6 Kirtley F. Mather
- Fld 7 S. James Bole
- Fld 8 Charles B. Davenport
- Fld 9 William Jennings Bryan
- Fld 10 Clarence S. Darrow
- Fld 11 William B. Riley
- Fld 12 William B. Riley--Journals

Box 7

- Fld 1 Howard A. Kelly
- Fld 2 *Bible Student and Teacher*, (1901-1910)
- Fld 3 *The Bible Champion*, (1914-1930)
- Fld 4 *Christian Faith and Life*, (1931-1939)
- Fld 5 *The Defender*
- Fld 6 *The King's Business*
- Fld 7 Harry Rimmer
- Fld 8 Arthur I. Brown
- Fld 9 Charles W. Davis
- Fld 10 Fundamentalist Controversy--Primary Sources
- Fld 11 Fundamentalist Movement--Secondary Sources

Box 8

- Fld 1 Fundamentalism--Dissertations
- Fld 2 F. Alton Everest--American Scientific Affiliation History
- Fld 3 F. Alton Everest
- Fld 4 American Scientific Affiliation (I)
- Fld 5 American Scientific Affiliation (II)

Box 9

- Fld 1 *Journal of the American Scientific Affiliation*
- Fld 2 J. Laurence Kulp
- Fld 3 Russell L. Mixer
- Fld 4 Robert T. Ketcham
- Fld 5 Wheaton College Archives
- Fld 6 J. Frank Cassel
- Fld 7 Edwin A. Olson
- Fld 8 Walter R. Hearn
- Fld 9 Davis A. Young
- Fld 10 Daniel E. Wonderly

Box 10

- Fld 1 John C. Whitcomb (I)
- Fld 2 John C. Whitcomb (II) (Whitcomb-Henry M. Morris--Correspondence)
- Fld 3 Institute for Creation Research
- Fld 4 Henry M. Morris--VPI
- Fld 5 Henry M. Morris--Articles

- Fld 6 Henry M. Morris and Duane Gish (and Harold Slusher) Interviews
- Fld 7 Walter E. Lammerts--General
- Fld 8 Walter E. Lammerts--1962
- Fld 9 Walter E. Lammerts--1963 (January to June)

#### Box 11

- Fld 1 Walter E. Lammerts--1963 (July-December)
- Fld 2 Walter E. Lammerts--1964
- Fld 3 Walter E. Lammerts--1965
- Fld 4 Walter E. Lammerts--1966
- Fld 5 Walter E. Lammerts--1967
- Fld 6 Walter E. Lammerts--1968-1969
- Fld 7 Walter E. Lammerts--1970-1975
- Fld 8 Walter E. Lammerts--1976-1982
- Fld 9 Creation Research Society
- Fld 10 *Creation Research Society Quarterly*

#### Box 12

- Fld 1 Textbook Controversies
- Fld 2 William J. Tinkle
- Fld 3 Wilbert H. Rusch, Sr.
- Fld 4 Larry G. Butler
- Fld 5 Nicolaas Adrianus Rupke
- Fld 6 Bolton Davidheiser
- Fld 7 Harold S. Slusher
- Fld 8 John N. Moore
- Fld 9 Kurt Patrick Wise

#### Box 13

- Fld 1 Iowa State University
- Fld 2 Creation-Science Research Center
- Fld 3 Bible-Science Association
- Fld 4 Catholic Center for Creation Research
- Fld 5 Liberty University (Baptist)
- Fld 6 Concordia Historical Institute (St. Louis) (Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod)
- Fld 7 Theodore Graebner
- Fld 8 Lutheran Publications

Box 14

- Fld 1 Byron C. Nelson (I)
- Fld 2 Byron C. Nelson (II)
- Fld 3 Carl H. Krekeler
- Fld 4 Alfred M. Rehwinkel
- Fld 5 Paul Bartz, *Luther and Evolution*
- Fld 6 Mormons and Evolution (I)
- Fld 7 Mormons and Evolution (II)
- Fld 8 Sterling B. Talmage

Box 15

- Fld 1 Methodist--General
- Fld 2 Holiness--Miscellaneous
- Fld 3 Nazarene
- Fld 4 Wesleyan Methodist
- Fld 5 Free Methodist
- Fld 6 Pilgrim Holiness
- Fld 7 Church of God-Anderson

Box 16

- Fld 1 Salvation Army
- Fld 2 Pentecostal Publishing Company
- Fld 3 Henry Clay Morrison (*Pentecostal Herald*)
- Fld 4 *Pentecostal Herald*, (1920-1924)
- Fld 5 *Pentecostal Herald*, (1925-1930)
- Fld 6 Asbury College
- Fld 7 Andrew Johnson
- Fld 8 Pentecostal--Miscellaneous
- Fld 9 Assemblies of God

Box 17

- Fld 1 Pentecostal Holiness
- Fld 2 Aimee Semple McPherson (Foursquare)
- Fld 3 Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee
- Fld 4 James D. Bales
- Fld 5 James Stephen Wolfgang--Thesis: *Fundamentalism and the Churches of Christ, 1910-1930*
- Fld 6 *Reason and Revelation*



- Fld 7 *Science and Scripture*
- Fld 8 *The Creationist*, 1937-1938 (volume 1 and 2) TRANSFERRED

Box 18

- Fld 1 Dudley Joseph Whitney--Books
- Fld 2 Dudley Joseph Whitney--Articles
- Fld 3 L. Allen Higley
- Fld 4 Arkansas Trial
- Fld 5 Orval Faubus (Governor of Arkansas)
- Fld 6 Louisiana Trial
- Fld 7 American Civil Liberties Union--Louisiana Case
- Fld 8 Ronald L. Numbers Deposition (I)
- Fld 9 Ronald L. Numbers Deposition (II)

Box 19

- Fld 1 Marian Finger
- Fld 2 California, 1980s
- Fld 3 Stephen B. Darby--Creation Controversy in California
- Fld 4 Nancy L. Stake--Thesis on Scientific Creation Movement
- Fld 5 Creation/Evolution Newsletter
- Fld 6 Bay Area Skeptics and Committees of Correspondence
- Fld 7 William Mayer--Biological Sciences Curriculum Study

Box 20

- Fld 1 Robert H. Dott, Jr.
- Fld 2 Robert Siegfried
- Fld 3 National Association of Christian Educators (NACE)
- Fld 4 Creationist Pamphlets--Miscellaneous
- Fld 5 Scientific Creationism (Primary Sources)
- Fld 6 Pro-Creationist articles
- Fld 7 Anti-Creationist articles (I)
- Fld 8 Anti-Creationist articles (II)

Box 21

- Fld 1 Creationism--General articles
- Fld 2 Creationism--Clippings, etc.
- Fld 3 Fundamentalism Project

- Fld 4 Creationism in England
- Fld 5 Victoria Institute
- Fld 6 Doug Wertheimer--*The Victoria Institute, 1865-1919*

#### Box 22

- Fld 1 Sir John Ambrose Fleming
- Fld 2 Robert E. D. Clark
- Fld 3 Evolution Protest Movement/Creation Science Movement
- Fld 4 Bernard Acworth (including correspondence with C. S. Lewis)
- Fld 5 Newton Scientific Association
- Fld 6 Biblical Creation Society (E. H. Andrews and David C. Watts)
- Fld 7 A. J. Monty White
- Fld 8 A. Ernest Wilder-Smith
- Fld 9 Australia
- Fld 10 Barry Price

#### Box 23

- Fld 1 Arthur C. Custance
- Fld 2 North American Creation Movement
- Fld 3 North American Creation Movement Newsletter
- Fld 4 Albert Fleischmann
- Fld 5 Biographical Data--Miscellaneous
- Fld 6 Ronald L. Numbers correspondence with Journal Editors and Conference Planners

#### Box 24

- Fld 1 Ronald L. Numbers correspondence--Book Editors (minus Knopf)
- Fld 2 Ronald L. Numbers correspondence--*The Creationists* and other articles
- Fld 3 *The Creationists*--Evaluations
- Fld 4 *The Creationists*--Draft manuscript (4-1-91), read by Henry Morris & Duane Gish

#### Box 25

##### Audio cassette tapes

- Tape 1 Molleurus Couperus, 1-19-1983
- Tape 2 Phil Donahue Show: Creation-Evolution. Barbara Parker, Mel Gabler, William Mayer, Norris Anderson
- Tape 3 Alten Everest/A.S.A., 5-10-1984
- Tape 4 Alten Everest, 5-10-1984  
Henry Morris, 5-10-1984

- Tape 5 Duane Gish, 5-10-1984  
Robert Kofahls, 5-11-1984
- Tape 6 P. E. Hare, 10-22-1983
- Tape 7 Walter Hearn, 5-7-1984 (part 1)
- Tape 8 Walter Hearn, 5-7-1984 (part 2)
- Tape 9 J. L. Kulp, 7-23-1984
- Tape 10 Walter Lammerts, 1-17-1983 (part 1)
- Tape 11 Walter Lammerts, 1-17-1983 (part 2)
- Tape 12 Robert L. Miller--"Teaching Science in the Public High School," 1-15-1983
- Tape 13 J. R. Moore and S. D. Davies--"Darwin at Westminster: A Remembrance." BBC Radio 4, 4-18-1982
- Tape 14 Henry Morris and Duane Gish, 10-26-1980 (part 1)
- Tape 15 Henry Morris and Duane Gish, 10-26-1980 (part 2)
- Tape 16 Henry Morris, Duane Gish, and Harold Slusher, 1-6-1981 (part 1)
- Tape 17 Henry Morris, Duane Gish, and Harold Slusher, 1-6-1981 (part 2)
- Tape 18 Ronald L. Numbers--"Best of Our Knowledge", 10-10-1990
- Tape 19 Phimer and Duane Gish debate, 3-1988 (?)
- Tape 20 Barry Price--letter to Tom Jukes and Marian Finger, 3-1988
- Tape 21 Bernard Ramm, 5-8-1984
- Tape 22 Brandon Rimmer, 5-15-1984
- Tape 23 Nell Seagraves, 5-11-1984  
Ariel Roth, 5-13-1984 (part 1)
- Tape 24 Ariel Roth, 5-13-1984 (part 2)
- Tape 25 Nell Seagraves and Thwaites--Creation-Evolution, 4-1983
- Tape 26 A.S.A. Conference, 1-15-1983
- Tape 27 Does Evolution Bother You? 10-1982
- Tape 28 Evolution-Creation: the Scientific Issue, 5-6-1982
- Tape 29 Nova--"Darwin", 11-1-1981

## Box 26

### Anti-evolutionism in Australia and New Zealand.

- Fld 1 Correspondence: Australia and New Zealand
- Fld 2 Correspondence and various documents: Australia and New Zealand
- Fld 3 Correspondence and various documents: Australia and New Zealand

Ronald Numbers articles. The files that follow these two articles are the source documents for these articles themselves.

Fld 4 Numbers, Ronald L. *Creationists and Their Critics in Australia: an Autonomous Culture or 'the USA with Kangaroos'?* (published in *Historica Records of Australian Science*, vol. 14, No: 1, 2002).

Fld 5 Numbers, Ronald L., and John Stenhouse. *Antievolutionism in the Antipodes: from protesting evolution to promoting creationism in New Zealand* (published in *BJHS*, No: 33, 2000). Plus some materials about the article.

Other articles:

Fld 6 Australian Geologist.

Fld 7 Australian Science Teachers.

Fld 8 Australian Skeptic.

Fld 9 Creation Science Foundation Ltd. (Prayer News)

#### Box 27

Fld 1 Creation Science Foundation (Australia).

Fld 2 *Creation Science Prayer News* materials.

Fld 3 EPM Newsletters - I (Australia).

Fld 4 EPM Newsletters - II (Australia).

Fld 5 Materials from Avondale College.

Fld 6 Miscellaneous - Australian documents.

Fld 7 Professor Ian Plimer Trial documents.

#### Box 28

Fld 1 Creation & Evolution in New Zealand (secondary sources).

Fld 2 Creation Literature Society Documents (New Zealand).

Fld 3 Creation Science (New Zealand).

Fld 4 Creationism in New Zealand (primary sources).

Fld 5 National Archives of New Zealand.

Fld 6 Alex Ritchie papers

Fld 7 Carol Scott papers (New Zealand).

Fld 8 David Lane papers (New Zealand).

Fld 9 James Lippard papers I.

Fld10 James Lippard papers II.

Box 29

- Fld 1 John Knight papers.
- Fld 2 Lynden Rogers papers.
- Fld 3 The Reaper (New Zealand).
- Fld 4 Barry W. Butcher thesis: "Darwinism and Australia 1836-1914" (1992).

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- Fld 1 John Stenhouse thesis: "The 'Battle' between Science and Religion over Evolution in Nineteenth Century New Zealand" (1985).
- Fld 2 Margaret Carol Scott thesis: "The Resurgence of Creationism and Its Implications for New Zealand" (1987).

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