

Register of the
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Scope and Content

B. O. Engen was born January 31, 1883, in Olmsted County, Minnesota; died July 4, 1963, at La Sierra, California. He was a literature evangelist (colporteur) and later an ordained minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. An accident incapacitated him in 1937. Engen was married to Serena, and they had two sons, Willard and Gordon, and a daughter, Evelyn.

The B. O. Engen Collection consists of three boxes containing some clippings, correspondence on reduction of armament, and sermons. Mostly there are Ellen G. White statements and tracts and pamphlets. Many boxes of books also came with the collection. The non-Adventist books were separated and processed by the James White Library's Seminary Collection. The remaining books, about half of the total, were processed by the Center for Adventist Research. The books were largely Adventist titles from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. No bibliography was compiled due to the nature of the collection and the method used to separate it early.

Arrangement

The collection was not well organized when it was received at the Center for Adventist Research. It is artificially ordered to reflect five series. The main series are:

- I. Clippings
- II. Correspondence
- III. Writings
- IV. Quotations
- V. Tracts and Pamphlets

Within each section the folders are arranged in alphabetic order. The letters are in chronological order.

Provenance

Gordon Engen, B. O. Engen's son, donated the collection to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research in March 2003.

Use

All users of this collection are required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulation specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct."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. Clippings

- Bx1 Fld 1 Jews and Zionism.
- Bx1 Fld 2 The Law of God, Sabbath, and Sunday.
- Bx1 Fld 3 Protestantism and Catholicism.
- Bx1 Fld 4 War's Costs, suffering, and violence.
- Bx1 Fld 5 Miscellaneous:
 - Bible interpretation.
 - Death and "soul."
 - Health.
 - Poems.
 - Salvation.
 - Tithe, and others.

II. Correspondence

- Bx1 Fld 6 From J. Enright, Oct 1903.
 - From Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council to General Public, Feb 11, 1922.
 - From Edward N. Calisch to his colleagues of Central Conference of American Rabbis, Feb 15, 1922.
 - From John Moon and others to the Pastors of the Churches of Christ in America, Feb 24, 1922.
 - From Elias L. Solomon to Colleagues of The United Synagogue of America, Mar 1, 1922.
 - From A. Lawrence Lowell and others to the Pastors and Churches of America, Mar 1, 1922.
 - From S. Parkes Cadman and George W. Wickersham to "Dear Brother," Feb 24, 1928.
 - From General Conference Religious Liberty Department to General Public, (a newsletter), July 1, 1949.

III. Writings

Bx1 Fld 7 How May I Become a Christian? And What Does It Mean to Bear the Name of Christ?

Sermons

Bx1 Fld 8 By B. O. Engen, 82 sermons, some of them are typed and other handwritten. Most of them are just outlines. Some of them have dates, for instance:

“Baptism by Fire,” Nov 29, 1936.

“Everlasting Covenant,” Nov 9, 1940.

“Granite Falls,” Sep 5, 1942.

“Righteousness by Faith,” Dec 25, 1946.

“Elijah’s Message,” Apr 19, 1947.

“Men Who Stood in the Gap and Repaired the Breach for God,” May 3, 1947.

“Holy Spirit,” Jun 21, 1950, and others

Bx1 Fld 9 By others, 25 sermons. Most of them are typed.

“Courage,” by J. L. McElhany

“A Divine Purpose, and a Divine Providence,” by A. G. Daniells.

“Just a Comma,” by Charles L. Paddock.

“The Law in Galatians: Is It the Moral Law?,” by Paideutes Ago Agonistes.

“Sabbath-keepers in Bohemia,” by Z. Winter.

“The Unwritten Law,” by W. B. Hill, and others.

IV. Quotations

Bx1 Fld10 By Ellen G. White 1. There are three notebooks. One of them is a selection of manuscripts and letters by Ellen White for leading men in the advent movement entitled “Group ‘C’.” The second one is a book of quotations which first letter start with C, such as Cain, Camp-meetings, Care, and so on. The last one is about quotations of the book *Testimonies for Our Ministers*.

Bx2 Fld 1 By Ellen G. White 2. There are four notebooks. Two of them are arranged in alphabetical order from T, such as Talents, Tea, Teach, and so on, to V, such as Veil, Victory, Virgins, and so on. Another is a selection of manuscripts. The other is a selection of special testimonies.

- Bx2 Fld 2 By Ellen G. White and others, topics such as Confession, Formalism, The law of God, The atonement, and so on.
- Bx2 Fld 3 By others 1 about religious liberty, Catholic church, and Sabbath and Sunday.
- Bx2 Fld 4 By others 2 about Sabbath and Sunday.
- Bx 2 Fld 5 By others: Sabbath-Keepers in Norway, Sweden, and Finland. A collection of typescript quotations in a self-bound book.
- Bx2 Fld 6 Two lists of topics to file in two notebooks. Those are arranged in alphabetical order.

V. Tracts and Pamphlets

Sabbath and Sunday

- Bx3 Fld 1 An Appeal to Clergy: Open Letter from Seventh-day Adventist Ministers, by A. G. Daniells and others.
A. Campbell on the Enforcement of Sunday Observance, published by the International Religious Liberty Association, 1899.
A Commercial or Christian Sunday at Our Nation's Capital - Which?, Mar 1, 1927.
The Bible or Tradition?: Dr. Torrey and the Sabbath: A Review, by C. H. Edwards.
The Christian Sabbath, by Stemple White.
Jesus and the Sabbath, by R. H. Martin
Nature and Obligation of The Sabbath by J. H. Waggoner, 1884.
Hard Nuts Cracked, compiled by H. M. S. Richards.
One Thousand Dollar Reward, Nov 11, 1895.
Protecting Sunday in the Nation's Capital: Extracts from Speeches of Hon. William C. Lankford of Georgia: On Proposed Sunday Legislation for District of Columbia, 1927.
Rome's Challenge: Why do Protestants Keep Sunday?, 1893.
Twenty-five Reason for Keeping Sunday.
The Two Laws.
The Sabbath Day and the Sabbath, published by Bethany Publishing House.
Sabbath Keeping, by E. Stevens.
Some "Hard Nuts" Cracked, published by Review and Herald.
Sunday Laws: Their Origin, Nature, and Object, by W. A. Colcord.
What Are Works of Charity and Necessity?, by G. B. Thompson.
What was Nailed to the Cross?: An Exposition of Col 2:14-17.

Who Teaches a New Doctrine?

Church and State

- Bx3 Fld 2 Baptist Principles of Religious Liberty, by George B. Wheeler.
The Church of Rome In American Politics.
National Reform is Church and State, by A. T. Jones.
The National Reformed Constitution and the America Hierarchy,
by A. T. Jones.
Declaration of Independence.
Principles of Religious Liberty, by J. B. Nelson.
Protestantism: True and False, published by the International
Religious Liberty Association.
Religious Liberty and the Doctrines and Aims of the Papacy,
published by Review and Herald.

By Ellen G. White

- Bx3 Fld 3 The Great Crisis and A Crisis.
The Peril of Worldliness in Education.
Special Testimonies For Ministers and Workers-No. 6.
Special Testimonies For Ministers and Workers-No. 7.
The Unwise Use of Money and the Spirit of Speculation, 1911.
Words of Encouragement to Self-Supporting Workers, Apr 26,
1909.

The Soul and the Death

- Bx3 Fld 4 Are You Two Beings in One?, published by Southern Publishing
Association.
Payers to the Devil
The Sleep of the Dead, by D. M. Canright
The Sinner's Fate, by D. M. Canright.
The Wages of Sin.

Jesus

- Bx3 Fld 5 Day of the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ, published by
Review and Herald.
Easter: Whence Came It?, by Harold Albert Lukens.
Letter of Pontius Pilate to Caesar.
Two Great Questions About Jesus, by Clarence W. Kerr.

Others

- Bx3 Fld 6 After the Rapture of the True Church.
Bible Reasons: Why You Should Be a Seventh-day Adventist?,
by Milton E. Kern.

Guide to Right Eating, by William Brady.
“Let’s Study Romans,” by William W. Orr.
Regulations Governing the Sustentation Fund of the General
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, 1945.
Seventh-day Adventists and the Labor Unions, prepared by
Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
Temperance Bulletin, Second Quarter, 1949.
U. S. Senate Document 190. 56th Congress, 2nd Session,
reprinted by Concord Court.
What the Lutheran Church Stands For (2 copies), published by
American Lutheran Publicity Bureau.

Bx3 Fld 7 A book: A collection of 18 pamphlets published by the
Protestant Association between 1839 to 1847, about the
Roman Catholic Church and the progress of popery in the
British dominions, as well as the Protestantism in the United
Kingdom. There is a 50 page book, *The Romanism of Italy*,
by Culling Eardley Smith, 1845. Moreover, there are some
clippings about the Roman Catholic church and
Protestantism.

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