

Register of the
Madison Institutions
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History

Madison institutions began as an idea of providing a way for all men and women who wished an education to have a way to get it if they were willing to work. Edward A. Sutherland and Percy T. Magan, with Ellen G. White's encouragement, acted on this idea and established a school near Nashville, Tennessee, in 1904, to serve the people of the South. This new school was self-supporting in that it was not formally connected to the Seventh-day Adventist church structure. Within a couple of years several self-supporting "units" had been established in the South drawing inspiration from what was being done at Madison.

"Some of the cardinal principles upon which the school was built were self-supporting missionary training, self-government, work and study, and teachers and staff working along with student, those without cash being able to work their way through." SDA Encyclopedia, 1976, page 830. Through the years from the nucleus of a school developed the Madison Rural Sanitarium (later Madison Hospital), a large farm (nearly 1,000 acres), a food factory, and a number of industries which gave work for students. A sizeable number of similarly focused institutions and entities sprang up throughout the South over the next half century all based on the Madison model of self-support and mission outreach.

Some of the leading figures in the history of the Madison institutions are: Edward A. Sutherland, Percy T. Magan, Ellen G. White, Nellie Druillard, Lida Funk-Scott, Bessie DeGraw, Josephine Gotzian, and Floyd Bralliar.

By the early 1960s, however, the Madison College and Hospital entities were heavily in debt and faced the need to seriously upgrade physical facilities. It seemed impossible to raise the necessary funds via its self-supporting base of supporters. So in 1963 and 1964 the facility was transferred to the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists. This was not enough when in 1964 the College lost accreditation of its nursing program. This combined with continuing debt load and other issues led to the closing of the College in September 1964. The hospital continued on as did the associated Academy, now known as Madison Academy. The hospital eventually was purchased by a large hospital corporation and is today outside of Adventist hands.

Scope and Content

The Madison Institutions Collection provides a picture of portions of the Madison operation at certain points in time. A review of the collection inventory that follows shows a wide variety of organizational records that cover a number of years, but it also reveals that many years are lacking in providing a full picture. Still, what is available will help a scholar gain an understanding of activities and challenges faced by the institution and a few of its "off spring."

For the financial records you need to understand that the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute is the official name for Madison College. There are very few

records associated with the medical facility as those were likely kept separately. The Druillard Trust was a major source of funding for the institution thus there are some records here from the Trust including financial records and some property and legal documents in that series.

There is a good group of Madison-related publications such as the campus news paper (*Madisonian*), the *Bulletin*, some newsletters, plus many pamphlets by or about Madison. Of note are a number of early publications authored by Ellen White for the benefit of Madison.

Like much of the collection the Writings and Syllabi series is a hit and miss accumulation and provides a few examples of work by Madisonites but obviously nowhere near a complete set. The Davidson, Magan, Spalding, and White groups are probably the most important of this series.

The legal, trust, and property records series is significant in that it shows the extent of the institutions work in this area. This may have been a source of revenue for the institution through the receipt of and the resulting selling or renting of property. It is also a series that is extremely difficult to work through effectively if you are not familiar with legal terminology and how these types of records are used.

The correspondence series could be the more significant portion of this collection in that here a scholar may find information to flesh out the various personalities and the larger motivations and movements associated with Madison. This series has two major groups though this is not reflected in the organization. The first group, the one termed, Madison, are original correspondence conducted mainly by E. A. Sutherland but also a lot is from Bessie DeGraw. This is the day to day business of the institution for the years covered. There are a couple of different tracks within this group as well. The DeGraw letters seem to be more internally oriented or if with the outside are concerned with students or prospective students or more mundane or routine topics. The Sutherland letters are more institution-wide and external. This statement is not universally true in the collection, but is generally the case.

The second grouping of correspondence are generally photocopies of letters collected primarily from the Ellen G. White Estate and the General Conference Archives. They form a very nice foundation to understand the earlier years of Madison. While they may be available in original format elsewhere they are nicely collected here and thus rendered more accessible. A researcher does need to wonder what letters may be missing from the accumulation.

The photograph series is fairly self-explanatory. The vast majority of these photographs may be found via the Center for Adventist Research Photograph Collection finding aid. The photographs include many buildings and people plus some of the "off spring" institutions.

Among the Collections series probably the Ard and the Rimmer series are the more significant. The Ard's became the leaders of one of the Madison-related units at Chestnut Hill Farm, Portland, Tennessee. Rimmer was a faculty member at Madison College for quite a few years. One other name that pops up through the history of Madison is Mary Kate Gafford. She served for many years as the librarian. Lida Scott was a significant individual in the development of Madison, but what we have from her in this collection is, while interesting, is not as significant as we would wish.

Arrangement

This collection came to the Center for Adventist Research with no useful arrangement. The arrangement shown in this register is completely imposed by the processor in order to make it logical and useable for future researchers. As further work is done on supplementary Madison Institution collections also held by the Center this arrangement may be altered and added to in order to produce a more cohesive and complete picture of the Madison Institutions, Sutherland, and the work of the self-supporting movement.

Provenance

Most of the current collection was donated by the Madison College Alumni Association in March and May 2013. A few boxes, mainly in the correspondence series, came considerably earlier from others associated with Madison.

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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II. Topical Files

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Box 232	02	History of Madison College: publications and manuscripts
Box 223	02	History
Box 206	02	Clippings, self-supporting institutions, talk by E. A. Sutherland

Box 200	02	Madison College; rural living; Madison Foods; Ellen G. White testimonies regarding Madison; promotional material
Box 251	02	Reports, syllabi,
Box 206	02	Self-supporting work
Box 256	02	Miscellaneous papers related to E. A. Sutherland, Madison College, and others

III. Publications and Writings

Publications

Box 224	03	<i>Madisonian</i>
Box 218	03	<i>Survey</i> , 1930s -1960s
Box 223	03	Newsletters
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Box 225	03	Madison related
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Writings and Syllabi

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Box 211	03	Magan, P. T. Life of
Box 201	03	Manuscript—10 kingdoms
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Box 217	03	Straw, W. E. Syllabi, 1950s-1960s
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Box 206	03	Syllabi
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Box 237	03	White, Julius Gilbert writings
Box 237	03	Writings by various Madison people

IV. Legal, Trust, and Property Records

Box 222	04	Legal, trust, and property records
Box 201	04	Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute mortgages and notes, 1925-1930
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Box 205	04	Property, insurance, and investment matters
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Box G11	05	Magan, P. T., letters, 1897-1937
Box G09	05	Sutherland, E. A. letters, 1892-1931
Box 244	05	Sutherland, E. A. with Ellen White, W. C. White, and others, c.1904-1909
Box 223	05	Sutherland, E. A. and Ellen White correspondence, as published by Al Dittes
Box 246	05	Sutherland, E. A. and DeGraw, 1931-1936
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Box 235	05	Sutherland, E. A., 1933
Box 245	05	Sutherland, E. A. and DeGraw, 1937-1943
Box 205	05	Sutherland, E. A., 1940-1943
Box 234	05	Sutherland, E. A. and DeGraw, 1940-1943
Box 233	05	Sutherland, E. A., 1951-1955
Box G12	05	White, W. C., 1891-1907
Box G13	05	White, W. C., 1908-1930
Box G15	05	White, W. C., 1931-1937

VI. Audio-Visuals

Non-Photographs

Box 216	06	Audio tapes [no identification]
Box 208	06	Glass slides on agricultural topics (probably not produced at Madison)
Box 210	06	Glass slide projector
Box 242	06	Specimen slides for science lab
Box 243	06	Motion picture film

Photographs

Box 201	06	Photographs
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Box 215	06	Photographs: Nursing graduating class, 1958; loose pictures for Madison College history book
Box 230	06	Photographs
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Box 249	06	Photographs self-supporting work
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Box 209	07	Ashville School & Sanitarium. A. A. Jasperson, correspondence, 1939-1952
Box 209	07	Ashville School, Finance Committee, 1940s
Box 201	07	Laymen's Foundation audit report, 1950, 1954
Box 211	07	Madison Church record book, 1906-1925 (photocopy)
Box 209	07	Various organizations, minutes, 1940s-1950s

VIII. Miscellaneous

Box 201	08	Agricultural journal, 1917-21
Box 211	08	Artifact: wall board from the Helen Funk Assembly Hall

Box 255	08	Autograph book from the Battle Creek Sanitarium
Box 205	08	Charter and bylaws
Box 205	08	Clippings
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Box 201	08	Loor lawsuit brief
Box 253	08	Plaques
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IX. Minutes

Box 223	09	Madison College: Minutes from the early years (photocopy)
Box 209	09	Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, 1951-1963
Box 251	09	Self-Supporting Convention notes, 1926, 1928
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X. Collections

Herschel and Susan Ard

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Supplementary Collections

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Bessie DeGraw

Box 204	33	DeGraw, Bessie graduate school notes, readings, and thesis
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Diffenderfer

Box 211	35	Diffenderfer scrapbook
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Mary Kate Gafford

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Johnson Family

Box 215	38	Johnson, June O. 2 photograph albums, 19teens
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James G. Rimmer

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Lida Scott

Box 252	30	Scott, Lida Bible
Box 237	30	Scott, Lida clippings and photos
Box 203	30	Scott, Lida clippings
Box 222	30	Scott, Lida plates
Box 201	30	Scott, P. G. scrapbook of current events, 1911-1912

Edward A. and Sallie Sutherland

Box 201	34	Sutherland, E. A. tax receipts, 1947-1948
Box 256	34	Sutherland, E. A.—things in his wallet at his death, 1955
Box 212	34	Sutherland, E. A. library—16 books
Box G01	34	Sutherland, Sallie 3 books



Items Removed From the Collection

Books from the E. A. Sutherland personal library added to the Center for Adventist Research book collections.

Froude, James Anthony. *Caesar: A Sketch*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1879.

Kellogg, J. H. *Autointoxication, or, Intestinal Toxemia*. Battle Creek, MI: The Modern Medicine Publishing Co., 1918.

Kellogg, John Harvey. *How to Have Good Health Through Biologic Living*. Battle Creek, MI: The Modern Medicine Publishing Co., 1932.

Kellogg, J. H. *The Health Question Box, or, A Thousand and One Health Questions Answered*. Battle Creek, MI: Modern Medicine Publishing Co., 1920.

Sutherland, E. A. *Living Fountains or Broken Cisterns: An Educational Problem for Protestants*. Battle Creek, MI: Review and Herald Publishing Co., 1900.

White, Mrs. E. G. *Early Writings of Mrs. White. Experience and Views, and Spiritual Gifts, Volume One*. Battle Creek, MI: Review and Herald, 1882. Fourth Edition (printing), 1891. [from Bessie DeGraw]