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Biographical Information

Frank Lewis Marsh was a Seventh-day Adventist educator, writer, and biologist. Born to an Adventist farming family in Aledo, Illinois, October 18, 1899, he was educated in Adventist schools through 1929, training as a nurse at Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital and receiving his B.A. (1927) and his B.S. (1929) degrees in science from Emmanuel Missionary College. In 1939 he received a M.S. degree from Northwestern University, and in 1940 he received a Ph.D. in botany from the University of Nebraska. In 1958-59 he audited 18 courses in geology at Michigan State University.

Frank Marsh taught science for 43 years, half of this time at Andrews University (formerly Emmanuel Missionary College). He was involved with many science-related enterprises, and wrote prolifically in the area of science. Among Adventists, he is particularly well known for defending special creation.

For additional information on Dr. Marsh, see Box 1 folder 1 of these papers. Also see Warren Lee Jarrard's term paper, The Special Contributions of Frank Lewis Marsh, Ph.D. to Seventh-day Adventist Creationism [call number 006062], and Ronald L. Numbers' article, "'Sciences of Satanic Origin': Adventist attitudes Toward Evolutionary Biology and Geology," Spectrum (January 1979), pp. 17-30. Both are available in the Center for Adventist Research.

Scope

The papers are primarily manuscripts and articles that Marsh wrote. They also include biographical material on the Marsh family, some writings by others that Marsh collected, and some correspondence. The correspondence is notable for who he corresponded with. The most notable is an exchange of letters with evolutionist, Theodosius Dobzhansky. Dobzhansky felt he could discredit Marsh’s creationist view and change Marsh’s mind. After several letters Dobzhansky gave up and stopped the dialog. Also included are some letters to, from, and about creationist colleague, George McCready Price.

Extent

2 boxes [0.8 linear feet]

Arrangement

Refer to the Inventory for more details.
Provenance

The Frank L. Marsh Papers were given to the Adventist Heritage Center in the James White Library, Andrews University, during the period 1968 to 1979 by Frank Marsh. Additional papers were donated by his daughter, Sylvia Fagal, in July 2003.

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INVENTORY

I. Biographical Information

Box 1 Fld 1  Biographical sketch. [From Andrews University Public Relations files]. 3 leaves.
Box 1 Fld 2  Life Summary of a Creationist: Being An Extended Vita of Frank Lewis Marsh. 18 leaves.
Box 1 Fld 3  The New Jersey Marsh Family: Its Genealogical Branch Extending from Samuel (1) and Comfort Marsh through William Albert Brown (8) and Mary Jane Patterson, to their descendants [Berrien Springs, Mich., 1968]. 49 leaves.
Origin of the Aledo (Illinois) Seventh-day Adventist Church. Presented at the dedication of the Aledo Seventh-day Adventist Church, August 22, 1970. 5 leaves.
"Professor Prepares Historical Paper for Dedication of Church," The Times Record, September 9, 1970. 1 page.

II. Correspondence, 1944-1982

Box 1 Fld 5  Correspondence, Theodosius Dobzhansky and Frank L. Marsh, November 15, 1944 to February 21, 1945. [Personal and research use only. No publication without permission. Dobzhansky family has not given permission for publication nor has Marsh.]
Box 1 Fld 6  Correspondence, Ralph Gerard and Frank L. Marsh, January 8, 1970 to February 16, 1970.
Box 1 Fld 7  Correspondence to, from, or about George McCready Price, November 7, 1921 to February 16, 1963.
Box 1 Fld 8  Correspondence, miscellaneous, November 20, 1973 to April 7, 1982
III. Writings by Marsh

Box 1 Fld 9

Age of Chemical Substance of the Earth; Duration Since Creation Week. Berrien Springs, Mich., January 8, 1967. 9 leaves.


Amalgamation of Man and Beast (Chapter Nine). 17 leaves.


Amalgamation Within Genesis Kinds. Lincoln, Neb., April 26, 1942. 10 l.

An Analysis of the Amalgamation Statements. Lincoln, Neb., March 1, 1942. 15 leaves.


Box 1 Fld 10

"A Backward Glance" (manuscript, 10 pages)


“On the Crossability of Genesis Kinds,” (Manuscript, 14 pages)

“Origins: Words, Phrases, and Facts,” (Manuscript, 7 pages)


“The Significance of the Sabbath” (Manuscript, 14 pages)

Box 1 Fld 13 Theories of Origins; Double-Revelation Theory; Micro-evolution and Macro-evolution; Species and the Genesis Kind [15 pages]


Box 2 Fld 1 Proceedings from the Special Creation-Evolution Seminar presented Fall Term, 1973 by the Science Department of Lansing Community College.
Writings by Others

Evolution Protest Movement / Creation Science Movement
Publications
Box 2 Fld 2 Organizational Information
Box 2 Fld 3 *Creation* (1971 to 1988)
Box 2 Fld 4 Newsletters and Book Reviews (1957 to 1971)
Box 2 Fld 5 Pamphlets (1963 to 1985)
Box 2 Fld 6 Supplements to *Creation*
Box 2 Fld 7 Other Publications

Douglas Dewar, “The Man from Monkey Myth,” reprint from the April 1944 issue of *The Nineteenth Century and After*

Douglas Dewar, “Evolution Today,” reprint from the October-December 1944 issue of *Peace and Truth*

Douglas Dewar and L. M. Davis, “Obsessions of Biologists,” reprint from July 1944 and February 1945 issues of *The Nineteenth Century and After*

John R. Howitt, Karl Marx as an Evolutionist (2 copies)

Other Publications


*Christian Evidence League Book Bulletin* No. 13 (Spring 1967)


H. G. Coffin, “How to Relate Yourself to Evolution,” *These Times* (September 1, 1954)
Institute for Creation Research *Impact* Series No. 75 (September 1979)
J. L. Tucker, God or Evolution? *The Quiet Hour*
John W. Klotz, “The Importance of Creation Study,” *Creation Research Society* (1964)
*The Michigan Archaeologist* Vol 13, No 1 (March 1967)
*Prophecy Investigation Bulletins* No. 28 (June 1966)

**Booklets**
- Box 2 Fld 9 Francis Vere, *Lessons of Piltdown*
- Box 2 Fld 10 John C. Whitcomb, Jr., *Creation According to God’s Word*
- Box 2 Fld 11 Norman King, *White Paper on the Bible*
- Box 2 Fld 12 Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, *Evolution Versus the New World*
- Box 2 Fld 13 Paul A. Zimmerman, ed., *Essays from the Creationist Viewpoint* (1966)

**Pamphlets**
- Box 2 Fld 14 By Bible Science Association
- Box 2 Fld 15 Other Pamphlets

**Conference Materials**
- Box 2 Fld 16 Program Bulletin, 1986 International Conference of Creationism Compendium of Lectures on Magnetoscience (Hokksund 1979)

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