Register of the

Elden Walter Papers

Collection 333

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Elden Walter Papers
(Collection 333)

Scope and Content

Elden Keith Walter was born on April 4, 1928 at Elma, Washington, and passed away at 87 years old on January 9, 2016 at Centralia, Washington. His wife was Arlys L. George-Walter-Qualley and his two daughters, Eve Garlyn and Eldena Colon. Elden Walter was most well-known as a Seventh-day Adventist American evangelist (famous for using an “Airatorium” in place of a tent) and author in the mid-20th century. He also served as a pastor, a mission pilot instrumental in the formation of Maranatha Flights International (now Maranatha Volunteers International), Field School Evangelism teacher with Andrews University, Director of the Bible School for the Voice of Prophecy, Ministerial Secretary for both the Southwestern Union and Pennsylvania Conferences, an international seminar speaker, and an administrator of companies overseeing retirement and assisted living facilities.

This collection consists largely of items related to Elden Walter’s evangelistic work, including advertisements and handouts; writings of his and others, and a few miscellaneous items, such as notes, photographs and DVD’s of his travels.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection was done by the Center for Adventist Research.

Provenance

This collection was donated in 2015 by Eve Garlyn and Eldena Colon, Elden Walter’s daughters. It was taken from the scrapbook collection of Elden’s late wife and their mother, Arlys.

Extent

1 box [1.6 linear feet].

Use

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Box ___, fld ___, Elden Walter Papers (Collection 333), Center for Adventist Research, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
I. General

Box 1 Fld 1  Donation Letters from donors (Elden’s daughters)
Box 1 Fld 2  Handwritten notes (3 sheets)

II. Correspondence

Box 1 Fld 3  Elden Walter, 1954-1991 (8 letters + 1 empty envelope)
Box 1 Fld 4  Arlys Walter (wife) (1 letter)

III. Writings

By Elden Walter

Books

Box 1 Fld 6  *Assurance in Witnessing*, 1997

Sermons, Bible Studies, and Manuals

Box 1 Fld 7  Handwritten sermon notes (4 pages)
Box 1 Fld 8  Set of Bible studies for meetings (21 studies)
Box 1 Fld 9  “Factors in the Successful Administration of ‘New Testament Witnessing’ Program”
Box 1 Fld 10 “Twelve Basic Essentials to the Conduct of a Successful Crusade” prepared by the Ministerial Association of the Southwestern Union Conference (Elden Walter, Secretary)
By Others

Box 1 Fld 11 Colon, Jac. “Revelation Now Crusade Visitation Guide” (Colon was Walter’s son-in-law)

Box 1 Fld 12 Wiggins, K. S. “How to Conduct a Successful Bible Seminar: A Tested Method For Using Group Dynamics To Win Souls At A Special Sabbath Morning Meeting.” (Wiggins was the Ministerial Secretary and Evangelist of the Caribbean Union Conference), Trinidad, 1975


IV. Evangelism Items

Articles Related to Walter and His Evangelistic Efforts

Box 1 Fld 14 1959-1981 (4 articles)

Advertising

Flyers

Box 1 Fld 15 Various Elden Walter events (20 flyers)

Box 1 Fld 16 Non-Elden Prophecy Seminar evangelistic meetings (4 flyers)

Box 1 Fld 17 Meetings held by Jac & Eldena Colon (Elden’s daughter) (6 flyers)

Newspaper

Box 1 Fld 18 Clippings of Elden Walter seminar ads (10 ads)

Ad Copy

Box 1 Fld 19 Newspaper, TV & radio advertising draft documents for Elden Walter seminars

Event Materials

Box 1 Fld 20 Organizational items for Elden Walter seminars (Order of subjects, expense tallies, seminar graphic design, etc.)

Box 1 Fld 21 Drafts of circular letters sent to community around/attendees of Elden Walter seminars, 1976-1983 (21 letters)
Box 1 Fld 22  Items given to attendees of Elden Walter seminars (registration cards, offering envelopes, etc.)

Miscellaneous Resource Materials
Box 1 Fld 23  Charts, brochures, items from other seminars (6 items)

V. Audio/Visual

Photographs
Box 1 Fld 24  Elden Walter in ministry (7 photos)
Box 1 Fld 25  Walter family (3 photos)

DVD Sets of Travel Videos Shown in Walter Meetings
Box 1 Fld 26  Around the World Tour: 1959 and 1962
Box 1 Fld 27  1965 South American Trip: volume 1 and 2

Videocassette (non-VHS)
Box 2 Fld 1  Prophecy Seminar TV spots (4) from cable company

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