

Register of
Charles Henry Watson
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Biographical Information

Charles Henry Watson was born at Aringa, in the Port Fairy district of Victoria, Australia 1877. At first bitterly opposed to the Seventh-day Adventism embraced by members of his family, Watson accepted the Advent Message in early adulthood and embarked on a long career of missionary and administrative service. Appointed first to Maitland, New South Wales in 1909, then after his ordination in 1912, to the presidency of the Queensland Conference, Elder Watson tirelessly served the mission program of his church. He became vice-president in 1915. Within four years he consolidated the foreign missions program of his conference, and in 1920 organized the Australasian Conference Association. Elder Watson's financial integrity, business acumen, and administrative skills soon were recognized by the leadership of his church. In 1922, he became vice-president and associate treasurer of the General Conference. Four years later, he returned to the presidency of the Australasian Union Conference to supervise the expansion in home field conferences and a large rebuilding program. Elected to the presidency of the General Conference in 1930, Elder Watson for six years steered the Church through the storms of world economic depression. He returned to the Australasian Division in 1936 and later became president of the Australasian Union Conference. Though he relinquished his position in 1938, Elder Watson continued to serve as president of the Australasian Division until his retirement in 1944. He died in 1962 at age 85.

Scope and Content

The collection contains correspondence, addresses, sermons, papers, articles, and manuscripts written by C. H. Watson and others during the course of his life.

Provenance

In 1973, Alan A. Smith of Berrien Springs, Michigan, requested research access to selected portions of the C. H. Watson papers, owned and held by someone in Australia. While in Mr. Smith's possession, the Andrews University Adventist Heritage Center was allowed to make photocopies of the available papers.

Arrangement

Where possible the xeroxed materials have been kept in the arrangement made by the custodians of the C. H. Watson papers. The envelopes and folders are referred to as "env" and "fld." They are numbered on the basis of chronological, alphabetical, or topical sequence.

Use

All users of this collection will complete the Application To Use Unpublished Records, and observe the regulations specified in the Patron's Agreement and Researcher's Code of Conduct. All records in this collection are open and available for research. Suggested citation for this collection:

Box _____, fld _____, C. H. Watson Papers (Collection 5), Adventist Heritage Center, James White Library, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.

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INVENTORY

Correspondence

Box1 fld1 1898-1952. 42 letters.

Addresses

Box1 fld2 Addresses

Sermons by C. H. Watson

Box1 fld3 Christ's Substitutionary work.
The Church's task.
The Failure of a great movement.
From Heathen lands.
Funeral sermon.
Genesis 12:1
Gethsemane. Matthew 26.
The Greatness of service.
The Harvest of the Lord.
The Highest Education.
Helping the needy.
Helping the needy and the Lord.
The Holy Spirit.
Isaiah 41:19
Isaiah 59:20
John 14:19
The Lamp.
Mark 16:3
O Lord our Saviour.
Our stewardship.
The Overcomer's reward.
A Sermon.
Sermon: My dear brethren and friends.
Sermon: Our Lord's return.
The Simplicity of God's work.
Sin is understood as...
This morning I want to bring to your attention...
The Timelines of the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists.
The Way of the Christian.
The Wisdom of God.
Witnessing for Christ.

Papers, Manuscripts, Articles by C. H. Watson

- Box1 fld4 The Cause in Australia. 29 leaves.
The Danger of Compromise. 6 leaves.
Evangelistic Council proceedings filled, led and empowered. 4 leaves.
Health food organization. 8 leaves.
Information concerning the Australasian petition to the General Conference. 6 leaves.
The Light of modern medicine in darkest Africa, and other far away lands. The story of the pioneering courage of medical missionaries, as told by C. H. Watson. 6 leaves.
Problems and glories of the plan of salvation, comment by C. H. Watson. 34 leaves.
Review of D. C. Stewart's book. 5 leaves.
Saved by His life. Pp. 79-90.
The Way of the Christian. 5 leaves.

Papers, Manuscripts, Articles by Others

- Box1 fld5 Phillips, George W.: Dr. Phillips says. 13 leaves.
Robinson, D. E.: Has the Seventh-day Adventist Church become Babylon? 12 leaves.
Spicer, W. A.: The use of historical matter in writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. 21 leaves.

Miscellaneous

- Box1 fld6

Alan Smith's Correspondence

- Box1 fld7

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