The Geerhardus Vos Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator: Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Special Collections.
Dates: 1883-1928
Extent: 3 Boxes (0.9 linear feet)
Language(s): English, Dutch

Chronology

1862 Born, March 14, Heerenveen, Netherlands, to Jan Hendrick Vos and Aaltje Beuker Vos
1881 Graduated, Amsterdam Gymnasium
1881-1883 Student, Calvin Theological Seminary
1885 Graduated, Princeton Theological Seminary
1885-1886 Fellow in Hebrew, University of Berlin
1888 Ph.D., University of Strassburg
1888-1893 Professor, Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary
1893-1932 Professor, Biblical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary
1894 April 24 Ordained evangelist, Presbytery of New Brunswick
1894 Married to Catherine Frances Smith, September 7, Grand Rapids, Michigan
1932-1949 Professor Emeritus, Princeton Theological Seminary
1932-1933 Resided, Roaring Branch, Pennsylvania
1933-1941 Resided, Santa Ana, California
1941-1949 Resided, Grand Rapids, Michigan
1949 Died, August 13, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Biographical Information

Dr. Vos also received an honorary doctorate from Lafayette College (1893). He was the author both of scholarly and popular books, including *Grace and Glory* (sermons given in Miller Chapel), *The Self-Disclosure of Jesus*, *Biblical Theology*, *Charis*, *Pauline Eschatology*, *The Mosaic Origins of the Pentateuchal Codes*, and *The Epistle to the Hebrews*. Most of these currently remain in print nearly 50 years after his death. Dr. Vos also published a great number of articles and six collections of verse, four of these in the Dutch language.

Dr. Vos was known for his opposition to proposed revisions of the Westminster standards and also to the reorganization of the Seminary. Today he is, perhaps, best remembered for his pioneering work in the discipline of Biblical Theology.

Scope and Content

The collection currently includes correspondence, printed lecture notes, student lecture note manuscripts, biographical materials, bibliographical items, articles, and memorabilia.

Subjects

Vos, Geerhardus, 1862-1949--Manuscripts.


Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection was assembled in April of 1996 from a number of sources, the origins of which are not unknown. These items had been preserved in storage for some time and were not available to library patrons. The original finding aid was written in April of 1996 by Raymond D. Cannata, under the direction of William O. Harris, Archivist. The finding aid was edited by Sarah Seraphin in February of 2009.
Access

There are no special restrictions to access of this collection. It may be examined by library patrons under the normal rules and conditions of the Seminary Archives.

Use of Materials

The following is the acceptable citation for publication: The Geerhardus Vos Manuscript Collection. Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

Related Material

See also the following materials in Special Collections:

The Board of Directors of Princeton Theological Seminary Records

The Alexander Napier MacLeod Manuscript Collection

The Allan Alexander MacRae Manuscript Collection

The Francis Landey Patton Manuscript Collection

The H. Clare Welker Manuscript Collection

See also the following oral histories in the PTS Audio Collection:

Oswald Allis (tape #0514)

Muriel Jennings (tape #0339-0342)

Allan A. MacRae (tapes #0314, 0323-0324, 0467)

Carl McIntire (tapes #0310, 0404)

Ed Rian (tapes #0331-0334)

Contents

Box 1
- Three copies of "Notes on New Testament Biblical Theology" [privately printed course notes].

**Box 2**

- Two copies of "Notes on Old Testament Biblical Theology" [privately printed course notes].
- Manuscript of Vos notes copied by Prof. James Oscar Boyd, "Course of IV Popular Lectures by Geerhardus Vos, at the Princeton Seminary Summer School, on the Messianic Consciousness of Jesus." June 1913
- "The Modern Hypothesis and Recent Criticism of the Early Prophets." [Multi-part series of articles from the Presbyterian and Reformed Review, written by Vos and sewn together]. 1898
- N.T. Biblical Theology class notes of Dr. Voss taken by J.B. Carpenter of Molly Springs, Miss. October 10, 1907

**Box 3**

3:1 Reorganization correspondence: Vos to Sylvester Beach, Secretary of Princeton Seminary Directors; Vos to Frank Stevenson [photocopies]. (July 13, 1928), (December 19, 1928)
3:2 Correspondence: 13 letters from Vos to B.B. Warfield [photocopies]. 1889-1891
3:3 Family Correspondence.
3:4 Correspondence regarding admission to Princeton Seminary. 1883
3:5 Bibliography of Vos' writings. 1980
3:6 Theological Index to Dictionary of Religion.