The Maitland Alexander Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator: Alexander, Maitland, 1867-1940
Dates: 1898-1927
Extent: 5 Boxes (5.5 linear feet)
Language(s): English

Chronology

1867 April 8 Born, New York City
1889 Graduated, College of New Jersey (now Princeton University)
1889-1890 Student, McCormick Theological Seminary
1890-1892 Student, Princeton Theological Seminary
1892 April 14 Ordained, Presbytery of Monmouth
1891-1892 Stated supply, Long Branch, New Jersey
1892-1896 Pastor, Long Branch, New Jersey
1896-1899 Pastor, Harlem church, New York City
1896 Awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity, Lafayette College
1899-1929 Pastor, First Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
1914 Moderator, General Assembly
1915 Awarded Doctor of Law, University of Kentucky
1916 Awarded Doctor of Law, College of Wooster
1929-1940 Pastor emeritus, First Church, Pittsburgh
1940 January 3 Died, Sewickley Heights
Biographical Information

Maitland Alexander (1867-1940), was the son of Henry M. Alexander and grandson of Archibald Alexander. He earned his undergraduate degree at the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1889, spent his first year of seminary at McCormick in Chicago, and then transferred to Princeton Theological Seminary to graduate in 1892. He served briefly in churches in Long Branch, New Jersey, and Harlem, New York City; and later became known as a prominent Presbyterian pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, where he served for thirty years. In 1914 he was Moderator of the Presbyterian Church. In 1918 he was given a year’s leave by his church to serve as Director of Religious Work for the American occupation army in Coblenz, Germany.

Scope and Content

These papers consist primarily of Maitland Alexander’s sermons from 1898 to 1927, and also contain some addresses and talks for these same years.

Subjects

Alexander, Maitland, 1867-1940--Archives.

Princeton Theological Seminary--Alumni and alumnae--Archives.

Presbyterian Church--Clergy--Archives.


Administrative Information

Use of Materials

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Processing Information

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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 Special Collections.

Arrangement

The bound manuscript sermons are arranged into two series; black binders and leather binders. Each series is arranged chronologically.

Contents

Box 1
1:1 Addresses on Special Occasions, Vol. 1-4. 1910-1927

Box 2

Box 3
3:1 Sermons (Black Binders), Vol. 27-35. 1919 October 5- 1927 January 23.

Box 4

Box 5