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Finding Aid for the

Eduard Adam Skendzel Churches Reference Collection

Collection # 299X

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Abstract

The Eduard Adam Skendzel Churches Reference Collection is a derivative collection, developing out of a gift of primarily Grand Rapids and Michigan Polish community reference materials collected and written by Skendzel. Coll. 299 proper, the Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection, is that primary collection.

This sibling collection 299X, Eduard Adam Skendzel Churches Reference Collection includes documents for non-Polish primarily Grand Rapids area churches, with a few other Michigan locations occasionally found. Much of this information covers Catholic, Baptist, CRC, Lutheran, Presbyterian and other denominational churches, and also Jewish temples, through original or photocopied versions of their written histories, anniversary booklets, and building dedication literature. To a lesser degree, the collection also contains newspaper articles, personal correspondence and biographical documents, interview notes, very few photographs, and periodicals. Some copy material in poor condition is physically separated, though listed in this finding aid, until such time as replacement copies in better condition can be obtained.

Collection #: 299X

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Donor: Eduard Skendzel Estate

Span dates:

Original processing date: Inventory, initial finding aid Ethan L. Menchinger, Summer 2005 ; review Summer 2007, revision in process.

Size: 5.6 linear ft. (67.5 in.)

Related Collections

Coll. 299, Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection

Coll. 347, GPRL Church Reference Collection

Coll. 270, Gathered at the River Collection

Coll. 096, WMGS Church Records Collection

Box Summary

Box No.	Description of Contents	Box Description
<u>Box Inventory September 2009</u>		
1	Book histories	Slim
2	Correspondence	Blue lidded
3	Biographical/historical, Christian school handbooks	Standard
4	Separation; Churches – Catholic parishes	Blue lidded
5	Churches – Baptist, CRC	Standard
6	Churches – CRC parishes	Standard
7	Churches – CRC, Episcopal, Lutheran parishes	Standard
8	Churches – Methodist, Netherlands Reformed Presbyterian	Standard
9	Churches – RCA	Standard
10	Churches – Jewish Temples	Standard
11	Poor Quality documents to be replaced	Cubic

Processing note:

Final review incomplete.

Separated materials should not be in box 4, as per the current active finding aid.

Biography

Eduard Adam Skendzel, son of Adam and Mary Angela (nee Dzierwa) Skenzdel, was born in Grand Rapids in 1921 and died there in 1999. Skendzel obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit, following which he pursued graduate studies in Linguistics and Philology at Wayne State University, Northwestern University, Indiana University, and La Universidad Interamericana in Mexico. As a linguist fluent in nine languages including Polish and Italian, Skendzel taught at Edsel Ford High School and Henry Ford College, both in Dearborn, Michigan.

He in addition practiced a vocation in history, conducting extensive research in the study especially of "Polonia" (Polish-speaking communities outside of Poland proper) in the Midwestern United States. His publications include several books and a plenitude of articles on "Pioneer Poles" in Grand Rapids and Detroit, as well as on the Catholic Church as a significant communal institution in immigrant Polish life. During the course of his work Skendzel accrued a large amount of material on West Michigan and Detroit churches, unrelated to the Polish community, which comprises this present collection.

History

Religion has always been a formative influence in Grand Rapids history, and, as one author remarked, "Grand Rapids people have always been a church-going people." (qtd. in Lydens, 445). Churches of many denominations began springing up in the Grand River Valley with the foundation of the earliest settlements in the 1830s and 1840s. From the Catholic mission of Father Frederick Baraga in 1832-1833 to the establishments of the Methodist Church in 1842 and the Lutheran Church in 1856, a great diversity of creeds (not necessarily exclusive to Christianity) were represented, reflective of similar diversity in the ethnic and national origin of residents. Baptists, Episcopalians, Jews, Roman Catholics, and others early on made the city their spiritual and temporal home. Slightly later, Dutch Calvinist sects emerged in large numbers and quickly became one of the largest denominations in the region.

Churches have multiplied in Grand Rapids in the last 150 years, increasing in step with the size of the city. However grand or humble they may be in appearance, their buildings and parishioners are nevertheless an important part of the city's fabric.

For further reading on churches in West Michigan see also these books in the GRHSCC Collection:

The Story of Grand Rapids. ed. Lydens. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1967.

Baxter, Albert. History of the City of Grand Rapids. Grand Rapids, MI: Munsell and Company, 1891.

McGee, John. The Catholic Church in the Grand River Valley, 1833-1950. Grand Rapids, MI, 1950.

Scope Note

This collection, 299X includes selected documents on Western Michigan churches, with a few Detroit churches also found. These items were acquired and used by Ed Skendzel for his reference library, and subsequently given to the Grand Rapids Public Library Archives. Coll. 299X is a sibling collection of Coll. 299, the Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection. Coll. 299, the primary collection given by Skendzel, documents his research of the Polish communities of Grand Rapids and Michigan, including references related to churches with Polish members.

This collection, Coll. 299X, the Skendzel Church References Collection, contains items which were out of scope for the Polish collection, but were desired for the archival collections and substantial enough in number to warrant a separate collection.

Documents for those churches which supported Polish, usually Catholic, congregations have been retained in the Skendel Polonian Historical Collection, 299. All of the church documents in both Coll. 299 and 299X are valued, along with the various other church related collections in the GRPL Archives, listed in the Related Collections area above.

Many of the documents in this collection are specific to one institution and congregation. Included in those specific to an institution may be those related to the congregation in general, or to specific subgroups, such as committees or schools, etc.

Other documents found here are general to one faith, though they may document specific aspects or documents of that one faith. Histories, correspondence, periodicals are some of the representative times of documents documenting those faiths. There may also be found some directory type materials which document several different area churches, such as maps of area churches. Directories for specific churches will be found under the name of the specific church. Catholic, Christian Reform and other Netherlands based reformed churches, are those most heavily represented. But, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, and various other denominations are also included in the documents found here.

Most of the items in the collection as in their as published state, but some are represented by photocopies.

Separated Materials

Items given by Skendzel which do not relate to Skendel's Polish research directly, and are also not documents about or from Grand Rapids area churches, are listed in the Separated Materials section of Coll. 299. These items are valued by the library, often duplicating those titles currently in use, but desired as replacement copies when those in use become to worn and fragile.

Some duplicates of items in Coll. 299 or 299X may also be included with the separated materials.

Series Descriptions

Series I. General information sources on several churches, or broad biographical/historical sources on different denominations.

This series contains items which are more general, documenting religions denominations, rather than to specific institutions.

- A. Denominational histories
- B. Church-related Correspondence
- C. Periodicals, News clippings, and general directories on area churches
- D. Grand Rapids parochial schools.

These include schools established by the faith, but not supported or directly affiliated with the particular local church. For schools specifically associated with a named church, see Series II.

Series II. Documents specific to individual churches by name of Church.

This series is first organized by the name of the denomination. Then, the documents for the specific churches of that denomination are organized alphabetically under the denomination heading.

- Catholic Church organizations
- Catholic churches
- Baptist churches
- Christian Reformed Churches
- Episcopal churches
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<p>Series I. General Biographical & Historical Information Sources.</p> <p>A. Denominational Histories</p>		
1	1	Bratt, James D. Dutch Calvinism in Modern America. GR : William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1984.
1	2	From Heart to Heart : Letters from Rev. Albertus Christiaan Van Raalte to His Wife, Christina Johanna Van Raalte – De Moen, 1836-1847. Editor, Leonard Sweetman. Translator, Egbert Post, et al. GR : Heritage Hall Publications, 1997.
1	3	God's Covenant Faithfulness : The 50 th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformed Churches in America. Edited by Gertrude Hoeksema. GR : Reformed Free Publishing Association, 1975.
1	4	A Watered Garden : A Brief History of the Protestant Reformed Churches in America / Gertrude Hoeksema. GR : Reformed Free Publishing Association, 1992. [Mold issues]
11 (1-5)		Summoning Up Remembrance / Henry Stob. . GR : William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1995. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11.
<p>Series I. General Biographical & Historical Information Sources.</p> <p>B. Correspondence</p>		
2	1	Summaries of correspondence between Fr. Simon Ponganis, Bishop Henry Joseph Richter, and the Apostolic Delegate in Rome outlining the early history of St. Isidore's Catholic Church (GR), 1897-1905. Typescript with annotations.
2	2	Correspondence between Bishop Henry Joseph Richter with various colleagues, 1885-1896. Photocopied with transcriptions in German and English.
2	3	Correspondence between Fr. Simon Ponganis, Bishop Henry Joseph Richter, and the Apostolic Delegate, clippings, and documentation relating to the former's pastoral removal. 2 vols. Photocopied. Duplicates found also in Coll. 299-48.

Series I. General Biographical & Historical Information Sources.

C. Periodicals, clippings & directories.

- 3 1 "Sixtieth Anniversary Celebration of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Andrew S. Sikorski" booklet, 1967. original.
- 3 2 "Literary Scraps and Cutting." original periodical clippings and photocopies. Bound album, late 19th or early 20th century.
- 3 3 "Historic Church Buildings to be Razed for Freeway" Grand Rapids Press article, Oct. 17, 1960. photocopy.
- 3 4 Essays and articles: "A Legacy of West Michigan Churches" GR Public Museum newsletter article, Spring, 1991. Brief RCA, CRC, and NRC histories from History of the City of Grand Rapids. "Re: Dutch in Grand Rapids, Especially in the Fulton-Diamond Area" essay. Photocopies.
- 3 5 Area Churches: Maps of churches and streets on Grand Rapids' West side. photocopies and self-drawn pictures.
- 3 6 Calvin College Archives editions of "Newsletter for the Friends of the Archives." 4 issues: March 1986, Jan. 1987, Jan. 1990, Jan. 1991. original.
- Origins** / Calvin College Archives [periodical].
- 3 7 Vol. VIII, no.2 (1990); Vol. X, no.1 (1992). Original.
- 3 8 Vol. XI, no. 1-2 (1993). original.
- 3 9 Vol. XII, no. 1-2 (1994); Vol. XVI, no.1 (1998). original.
- Note: Other issues of or articles from Origins are found listed under various individual churches in this collection. Need a complete inventory cross-reference list for the collection.

Series I. General Biographical & Historical Information Sources.

D. Parochial Schools

- 3 10 Adams Street Christian School
25th Anniversary yearbook, 1975. original.
40th Anniversary program, 1950-1990. original.
- 3 11 Calvin Christian School Association
Brief history sheet, 1929-1971. typescript.
100th Anniversary Service Program and Newsletter, 1990. photocopy.
100th Anniversary yearbook, 1990. original.
- 3 12 Grand Rapids Christian High School
“History of Grand Rapids Christian High School.” typescript.
- 3 13 Oakdale Christian School
75th Anniversary booklet, 1892-1967. original, unbound.
- 3 14 Plymouth Christian Elementary School
School handbook with brief history, 1992-1993. original.
- 3 15 Seymour Christian School
50th Anniversary booklet, 1920-1970. Photocopy.
- 3 16 West Side Christian School
100th Anniversary booklet, 1883-1983. Original.

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

A. Catholic Church Organizations

- 11 (4-1) The Dominicans of Grand Rapids
“Dominicans of Grand Rapids Centenary, 1977” booklet. original, re-bound. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11.
- 11(4-2) The Dominicans of Grand Rapids
Period Pieces : An Account of the Grand Rapids Dominicans, 1853-1966.
Original, re-bound. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11.
- 4 3 St. Ladislaus Aid Society: 75th Anniversary booklet, 1904-1979. Original.

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

B. Specific Catholic Churches

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| 4 | 4 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (Belmont, MI)
1993 parish directory. Original. |
| 4 | 5 | Church of the Holy Spirit (GR)
Parish history booklet, 1952-1977. Original. |
| 4 | 6 | St. James Catholic Church (GR)
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1870-1945. Facsimile of original and bound in
book form. |
| 4 | 7 | 75 th Anniversary booklet, 1870 – 1945. Original. Duplicated in 299-054. |
| 4 | 8 | St. Joseph's Catholic Church
Early parish history booklet, 1889-1989. Original. |
| 11 (4-9) | | St. Mary Catholic Church (GR)
Announcement Book and Banns of Marriage, 1881-1884.” Photocopied,.
and bound in book form. German and Latin. Duplicate at 299-054.
Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11. |
| 4 | 10 | St. Mary Catholic Church (GR)
(1969?) parish directory. Original. Duplicated in 299-54. |
| 4 | 11 | Parish directories, 1984-1986. Originals. Duplicated in 299-54. |
| 4 | 12 | Gelchichte der St. Marien-Gemeinde, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1857-1907
or Golden Jubilee Memories of St. Mary's Church, Grand Rapids
Michigan, 1857-1907. German and English. 2 copies, one original, one
facsimile. Duplicated in 299-54. |
| 4 | 13 | “Accounts of the German Church in the City of Grand Rapids, Kent Co.,
Mich.” parish ledgers. Photocopy. 3 copies. Duplicated in 299-53. |
| 4 | 14 | Archival records of Polish names in Baptismal, Marriage, Funeral and
other parish registries. Typescript. Duplicated in 299-53. |

Note: St. Mary Catholic Church (GR): letters and archival material regarding parish foundation and early history. Photocopied, with translations and transcriptions. German and English. ??? Could not be verified as being included in this material; possibly it is included with archival records of baptism, marriage, etc.

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

B. Specific Catholic Churches

- 4 15 St. Michael Catholic Church (Muskegon, MI)
75th Anniversary booklet, 1985. original, 3 copies. Duplicated in 299-55.
- 4 16 St. Stanislaus Catholic Church (Hilliards, MI)
100th Anniversary booklet, 1992. original.

C. Baptist Churches

- 5 1 Second Baptist Church (GR)
100th Anniversary program, 1883-1993. Oct. 8, 1993. original.
- 5 2 City View Baptist Church (GR)
“City View Church Grows Out of Storefront, into Prosperity.” West Side
Advance article, Dec. 10, 1992. original and photocopy.
- 5 3 Dutch Baptist Church (GR)(formerly Highland Hills Baptist Church)
“Celebrating One Hundred Years of God’s Faithfulness” 1994 booklet.
Original, with annotations.
- 5 4 Wealthy Park Baptist Church (GR)
Brief church history with a roster of pastors and letters to E.A. Skendzel
from the church historian.

D. Christian Reformed Churches

- 5 5 Christian Reformed Church
“One Hundred Years in the New World, 1857-1957” centennial book.
Original.
- 5 6 Various newspaper and magazine articles. Originals and photocopies.
- 5 7 Grand Rapids Press articles regarding the ordination of women.
Originals.
- 11 (5-8) First Christian Reformed Church
75th Anniversary booklet, 1857-1932. photocopy, bound. Poor quality
copy currently housed in Box 11.
- 11 (5-9) 100th Anniversary booklet, 1857-1957. photocopied and bound in book
form. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11.
- 5 10 125th Anniversary program, 1857-1982. photocopy.
- 5 11 Twelfth Christian Reformed Church
Brief church history, 1917-1967. Photocopy. 2 copies.

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

D. Christian Reformed Churches

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| 5 | 12 | Alpine Avenue Christian Reformed Church
100 th Anniversary book, 1881-1991. Original. |
| 5 | 13 | Beckwith Hills Christian Reformed Church (formerly Coldbrook CRC)
50 th Anniversary booklet 1882-1932. English and Dutch. Photocopy with
details of church history. |
| 6 | 1 | Beckwith Hills Christian Reformed Church (formerly Coldbrook CRC)
“A Century of Faithfulness, 1882-1982” 100 th Anniversary book. Original. |
| 6 | 2 | Bethel Christian Reformed Church
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1913-1988. Photocopy. |
| 6 | 3 | Boston Square Christian Reformed Church
Church profile, 1986.
25 th Anniversary booklet, 1942-1967. Original. |
| 6 | 4 | Broadway Avenue/Westview Christian Reformed Church
75 th
100 th Anniversary booklets. Original.
1962 dedication booklet, photocopy.
“Minutes-Book of the second English-speaking Christian Reformed
Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.” 1893. Photocopy. |
| 6 | 5 | Burton Heights Christian Reformed Church
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1905-1955. |
| 6 | 6 | Creston Christian Reformed Church
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1915-1965. Original.
“City's Oldest Christian School Turns 100.”
Northfield Advance article, Oct. 3, 1990. |
| 6 | 7 | Dennis Avenue Christian Reformed Church (Sunshine CRC)
“Fifty Years of Blessings” 50 th Anniversary booklet, 1893-1943.
Photocopy. |
| 6 | 8 | 100 th Anniversary book, 1893-1993. Original. |

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

D. Christian Reformed Churches

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| 6 | 9 | East Leonard Christian Reformed Church
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1925-1975. Original. |
| 6 | 10 | Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church
“100 Years in the Covenant, 1879-1979” centennial book. Original. |
| 6 | 11 | East Paris Christian Reformed Church
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1902- 1977. Photocopy. |
| 6 | 12 | Franklin Street Christian Reformed Church (3)
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1887-1962. photocopy.
History of Rogers Heights Chapel (an outgrowth of Franklin Street CRC).
photocopy.
“Three Drug-Forfeited Buildings Purchased for AIDS Assistance” Grand Rapids Press article, March 12, 1993. |
| 7 | 1 | Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Documents (3)
Fuller Avenue Christian Reformed Church : building dedication program,
1925. Photocopy.
25 th Anniversary booklet, 1925-1950. Photocopy.
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1925-1975. Original. |
| 7 | 2 | Gold Avenue Christian Reformed Church.
[loose sheet] Contain information on the church sent to Skendzel from
Wm. Ridley, 1988. |
| 7 | 3 | Graafschap Christian Reformed Church
“Faithful Recreate Past for Sesquicentennial” Grand Rapids Press article,
May 10, 1996. |
| 7 | 4 | Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church. Documents. (3)
Grandville Avenue Christian Reformed Church : 100 th Anniversary
booklet, 1891-1991. Original.
Origins [serial]
1987, vol. V, no. 2. Photocopy.
“The Language of Faith,” Grand Rapids Press article. n.d. |
| 7 | 5 | Highland Hills Christian Reformed Church.
[1 loose sheet] Has a brief church history from 1950-1990. |

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

D. Christian Reformed Churches

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| 7 | 6 | Jenison Christian Reformed Church. Documents (2)
Jenison Christian Reformed Church : 75 th Anniversary Year, 1950 book.
Original.
Abbreviated history of the Jenison CRC. Photocopy. |
| 7 | 7 | Kelloggsville Christian Reformed Church
100 th Anniversary book, 1875-1975. Original. |
| 7 | 8 | LaGrave Christian Reformed Church
"A Century of Grace." Centennial book, 1887-1987. Original. |
| 7 | 9 | Lee Street Christian Reformed Church. Documents (2)
Lee Street Christian Reformed Church : "Daughter Church of Grandville
Avenue CRC." Church history, 1926-1975.
Origins [serial]
1987 vol. v, no. 2. |
| 11 (7-10) | | Neland Avenue Christian Reformed Church
"This Far by Faith" 75 th Anniversary book, 1915-1990. Original, re-b
bound. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11. |
| 7 | 11 | Documents (5)
"Faithful Neighbor," Grand Rapids Press article, July 27, 1996.
1990-1991 Annual Directory. Original.
1989-1990 Annual Report. Original.
25 th Anniversary booklet, 1915-1940. original.
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1915-1965. Photocopy. |
| 7 | 12 | Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church. Documents (x)
40 Anniversary history, 1890-
50 Anniversary history, xxxx-xxxx
60 Anniversary histories of the church, xxxx-1930.
Photocopy, bound in book form.
Dutch and English. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11. |
| 7 | 13 | Oakdale Park Christian Reformed Church : "A Book of Remembrance"
100 th anniversary book, 1890-1990. Original. |

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

D. Christian Reformed Churches

- 7 14 Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church. Documents (x)
25th Anniversary booklet, 1951-1976. Photocopy.
General information and church history packets. Photocopied.
Church dedication program, May 31, 1981. Photocopy.
- 7 15 Riverside Christian Reformed Church : "Some Highlights of the 30 Years
at Riverside." Looseleaf. Original and photocopy.
- 7 16 Seymour Christian Reformed Church. Documents (2)
25th Anniversary book, 1939-1964. Original.
50th Anniversary book, 1939-1989. Original.
- 7 17 Sherman Avenue Christian Reformed Church
75th Anniversary booklet, 1907-1982. Original.
- 7 18 West Leonard Christian Reformed Church
100th Anniversary booklet, 1889-1989. Original.

E. Episcopal Churches

- 7 19 St. Mark's Episcopal Church (GR)
The Architecture of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. [pamphlet] Original.
- 11 (7-20) St. Paul Episcopal Church (GR)
**120th Anniversary booklet, 1869-1989. Original, bound into book
form. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11.**

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

F. Lutheran Churches

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| 8 | 1 | Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church). Documents (x)
Histories of the church taken from various sources. Photocopied.
25 th Anniversary booklet. Original.
75 th Anniversary booklet. Original. |
| 8 | 2 | German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel
“Geschichte der Evang.- Lutherischen Immanuels-Gemeinde in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1856-1906. 50 th Anniversary booklet. Original.
German. |
| 8 | 3 | German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel
Church history. Photocopied pages from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Baxter. |
| 8 | 4 | German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Immanuel.
100 th Anniversary booklet. Original.
130 th Anniversary booklet. Original.
Excerpts from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Baxter [and]
History of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. Photocopies. |
| 11 (8-5) | | Immanuel Lutheran Church
“History of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church U.A.C. Of Grand Rapids, Michigan.” 75 th Anniversary booklet, 1931. Photocopy, bound.
Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11. . |
| 8 | 6 | Hope Lutheran Church: early church history, 1914- 1939. Photocopy. |
| 8 | 7 | Mamrelund Evangelical Lutheran Church (Kent City)
90 th Anniversary booklet, 1866-1956. Photocopy. |
| 8 | 8 | Swedish Evangelical Covenant Church (formerly Swedish Evangelical Missionary Congregation)
Church history from History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.
25 th Anniversary collected writings booklet, 1880-1905. Original. |

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

F. Lutheran Churches continued ...

- 8 9 St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (presently St. John's United Church of Christ)
Excerpts. Church history from History of the City of Grand Rapids.
Photocopy.
50th Anniversary booklet, 1880-1930. Photocopy.
100th Anniversary booklet, 1880-1980. Photocopy.
- 8 10 Trinity Lutheran Church (Conklin, MI)
“A Century of Grace” 100th Anniversary booklet, 1865-1965. Original.
125th Anniversary booklet, 1865-1990. Original.
- 8 11 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (GR)
Typescript church history. Photocopy.
75th Anniversary booklet, 1896-1971. Photocopy.
“A Vision for Mission” booklet. Original.
- 8 12 Trinity Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI)
Historic Trinity Lutheran Church : architecture and symbolisms pamphlet.
Original.

G. Methodist Churches

- 8 13 “Methodist Church in Grand Rapids” typescript notes. 2 copies.
- 8 14 First United Methodist Church (GR)
Church history, 1835-1976. 2 vols. Original booklets.
- 8 13 German Methodist Church.
History of German Methodist Church from Baxter. History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.
- 8 15 Second Street Methodist Church (Second United Methodist Church)
Church histories from History of the City of Grand Rapids and other sources. Photocopied. [loose sheets].
100th Anniversary program, 1855-1955. Photocopy.
- 8 13 History for Second Street (Joy Memorial) from Baxter. History of the City of Grand Rapids. Photocopy.

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

H. Netherlands Reformed Congregations

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| 8 | x | The Banner of Truth Netherlands Reformed Congregations [serial]
16 Vol. LVI, no. 6-9 (June-Sept., 1990).
17 Vol. LVI, no. 10-12 (Oct-Dec., 1990).
? vol. LVII, no. 1 (Jan. 1991).
18 Vol. LVII, no. 2-7 (Feb.-July, 1991).
19 Vol. LVII, no. 8-12 (Aug.-Dec., 1991).
? vol. LVIII, no. 1 (Jan. 1992).
Needs inventory & volume check. |
| 8 | 20 | First Netherlands Reformed Congregation
100 th Anniversary booklet, 1870-1970. Original. |
| 8 | 21 | Netherlands Reformed Congregation of Grand Rapids
Histories of the Netherlands Reformed Church in America from various
sources. Photocopied.
2 photographs of the Turner Street location, outside and inside view of
church. Originals. |
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| I. Presbyterian Parishes | | |
| 8 | 22 | First Presbyterian Church
Church histories from History of the City of Grand Rapids and other
sources. Photocopied. |
| 8 | 23 | Second Presbyterian Church (presently Westminster Presbyterian Church)
100 th Anniversary booklet, 1861-1961. Photocopy.
125 th Anniversary booklet, 1861-1986. Original. |
| 8 | 24 | Third Presbyterian Church (Mission Wood Presbyterian Church)
Church history from History of the City of Grand Rapids and other
sources. Photocopied. |

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

J. Reformed Churches in America (RCA)

- 9 1 Reformed Church (RCA)
100th Anniversary souvenir program, Nov. 14, 1940. Photocopy.
- 9 2 Third Reformed Church
Church histories from various sources. Photocopied.
50th
75th
100th Anniversary booklet. Photocopy.
"History of Third Reformed Church, Centennial Year." Photocopy.
- 9 3 Fourth Reformed Church
Church notes, street layout map, and histories from various sources. Loose
leaf originals and photocopies.
A Centennial of Mission" 100th Anniversary booklet, 1875-1975. Original.
- 9 4 Fifth Reformed Church
Church notes and history. Loose leaf, apparently taken out of original
booklet.
- 9 5 Seventh Reformed Church
75th Anniversary booklet, 1890-1965. Original.
- 9 6 Seventh Reformed Church
100th Anniversary book, 1890-1990. Original, with annotations.
Essay. "The Reformed Church in America." typescript.
- 9 7 Eighth Reformed Church
A Century in Worship and Service : 100th Anniversary, 1891-1991.
Original.
Chronology from 75th Anniversary booklet. Photocopied.
- 9 8 Belmont Reformed Church
"Cornerstone Documents" enclosed in the building's cornerstone.
Photocopied.
"Maternal Ancestral History of the Robert Hikade Children, the Gryka
Side of the Family." typescript.

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

J. Reformed Churches in America (RCA)

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| 9 | 9 | Bethany Reformed Church
90 th Anniversary booklet, 1898-1989. Original, unbound.
"The History of Bethany Reformed Church." yellow booklet by Dr.
Willard Ver Meullen. Original.
Brief church history. Photocopy. |
| 9 | 10 | Calvary Reformed Church
Building dedication program, Oct. 2-3, 1924. Photocopy. |
| 9 | 11 | Central Reformed Church
A History of Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
Original, annotated. |
| 9 | 12 | Grace Reformed Church
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1896-1971. Original.
90 th Anniversary program, 1896-1986. Original.
Building "Services of Dedication" program, May 10, 1964. Original. |
| 9 | 13 | Hope Reformed Church (RCA)
Dedication program with brief church history, Jan. 11-13, 1950.
Photocopy. |
| 9 | 14 | Hope Reformed Church
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1942-1992. Original. |
| 9 | 15 | Immanuel Reformed Church
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1907-1957. Photocopy.
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1907-1982. Photocopy. |
| 9 | 16 | Knapp Street Reformed Church
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1914-1989. Original, unbound. |
| 9 | 17 | Oakdale Park Reformed Church
75 th Anniversary booklet, 1889-1965. Original. |
| 9 | 18 | Richmond Reformed Church
50 th Anniversary booklet, 1927-1977. Photocopy. |

Series II. Documents by Name of Church.

J. Reformed Churches in America (RCA)

- 9 19 Servant's Community Reformed Church (formerly Ninth Reformed Church)
Interview with Rev. Dick TerMaat, Oct. 10, 1990, with various congregational brochures.
"The Reformed Church in a Changing Neighborhood : A Study of the Ninth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan" Statistical study. Photocopy.

- 9 20 Trinity Reformed Church
50th Anniversary booklet, 1908-1958. Photocopy.
History taken from 75th Anniversary booklet. Photocopy.

K. Other Denominational Churches

- 10 1 Calvary (Nondenominational) Church (GR)
"Something for All" **Grand Rapids Press** article, Dec. 21, 1996.
- 10 2 Calvary (Nondenominational) Church (GR)
60th Anniversary booklet, 1929-1989. Original.
- 10 3 First Emmanuel Wesleyan Church
"History of Emmanuel Wesleyan Church" church history by Ione Driscal. Photocopy.
- 10 4 Evangelical Covenant Church (GR)
"Christ Our Heritage...Christ Our Future" centennial book, 1880-1980. Original.
- 10 5 First (Park) Congregational United Church of Christ
"Our Heritage" church history booklet. Original.
- 10 6 Smith Memorial Congregational United Church of Christ
100th Anniversary booklet, 1887-1987. Original.
- 11 (10-7) Fountain Street Church (Nondenominational)
"Liberal Legacy: A History of Fountain Street Church," 2 vols. Original, rebound. Poor quality copy currently housed in Box 11.

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K. Other Denominational Churches

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“The Art and Architecture of Fountain Street Church” centennial, 1969
booklet. Photocopy bound in book form. Poor quality copy currently
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10 9 Fountain Street Church (Nondenominational)
“Rebel with a Cause” **Grand Rapids Press** article, Oct. 1, 1994.
“Fountain Street Church Completes Renovations” **Northfield Advance**
article, March 7, 1996.

L. Jewish Temples

10 10 Congregation Ahavas Israel
Building dedication booklet, Jan. 23-25, 1953. Original.

10 11 Congregation Ahavas Israel
Building dedication booklet, June 18-20, 1971. Original.

10 12 Congregation Ahavas Israel
Picture of the Lafayette Street synagogue. Original.

10 13 Temple Beth El (Detroit, MI)
The Beth El Story, with a History of the Jews in Michigan Before 1850
book. Original.

10 14 Temple Emmanuel
Clippings from various sources. Originals and photocopies.

10 15 Temple Emmanuel
“History of Temple Emmanuel” building dedication book. Section one,
1857-1921. Photocopied.

10 16 Temple Emmanuel
“History of Temple Emmanuel” building dedication book. Section two,
1921-1954. Photocopied.

10 17 Temple Emmanuel
“Our Jewish Roots” **West Michigan Magazine** article, Oct. 1985.
original.

Separation Materials

See the Skendzel Polonian Finding aid.

Note: Eduard Skendzel donated materials used to create to different archival collections, and also to provide select book reference sources for a few other collections. Coll. 299, Eduard Adam Skendzel Polonian Historical Collection is the primary collection under the Skendzel gift, with the separations of materials from the original gift inventory documented eventually through that collection.

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