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Summary information

Repository:	Mennonite Heritage Archives
Title:	Peter J. Dyck (Sommerfeld minister) fonds
ID:	PP
Date:	1916-1948 (date of creation)
Language:	German
Language:	Gothic
Physical description:	8 cm of textual records
Note [generalNote]:	Acc. No. 2000-121; 2013-039

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Peter J. Dyck (1875-1948) grew up on a farm near Gretna, Manitoba. He married Maria Heinrichs (1878-1961) in 1897. Peter and Maria Dyck moved to Saskatchewan where he filed for a homestead at Dunelm (south of Swift Current) in 1906 and moved on to the land in 1907 with his family. There were a number of families of Sommereld Mennonite background that settled in the area which was just outside the Swift Current reserve which the Old Colony Mennonites began settling in 1904. As the Sommerfeld Mennonites organized, Peter Dyck donated a corner of his land for a church which also served as a school. He was elected as a deacon and served in this capacity for four years. He was then elected as a minister and served the church for another 32 years. He ministered to families scattered over a distance of 30 miles. Maria and Peter had 8 children together. Maria supported Peter's ministry as she raised the children, kept the farm operating, selling eggs, butter and chickens, managing the money, and being Peter's constructive critic and emotional supporter. Peter J. Dyck died on 13 May 1948

Custodial history

A number of the items in this fonds circulated among the ministers of the Sommerfeld Mennonite Church in the Swift Current area and eventually returned to Peter Dyck's daughter Helena Koethler. After Helena's death, her son Phil Koethler consulted with his cousin Peter Derksen, who had his son-in-law, Kenton Lobe deliver them to the Mennonite Heritage Centre in 2001. Other items seemed to have been in the possession of Peter Derksen, and donated to the archives in 2000.

Scope and content

This fonds contains a ledger containing family and genealogical data, including some church transfer documents, 16 sermon booklets and additional loose pages, a personal date book (Christliches Vergissmeinnicht), and several other documents created or collected by Peter J. Dyck. There is an English translation of a sermon written by P.J. Dyck on the occasion of the "sudden and self-inflicted death of a person whose passing causes the bereaved great sorrow" which is of note.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Peter Derksen, Swift Current, Saskatchewan

Arrangement

Arranged and described in Volume 5688 by Alf Redekopp, April 2013.

Finding aids

Inventory file list is available.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Collection holdings

Part: PP-Volume 5688 - Papers

Title: Papers

ID: PP-Volume 5688

Date: 1916-1948 (date of creation)

Physical description: 8 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-1 - Profile of Peter J. Dyck / [by grandson Peter Derksen, Swift Current, SK]

Creator: Derksen, Peter, 1923-2010

Title: Profile of Peter J. Dyck / [by grandson Peter Derksen, Swift Current, SK]

ID: PP-Volume 5688-1

Date: 2004 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-2 - Peter J. Dyck's ledger / register of family and genealogical information.

Title: Peter J. Dyck's ledger / register of family and genealogical information.

ID: PP-Volume 5688-2

Date: 1931 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-3 - Notebook containing record of sermons preached at regular worship, funeral, weddings and other events

Title: Notebook containing record of sermons preached at regular worship, funeral, weddings and other events

ID: PP-Volume 5688-3

Date: 1916-1937 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-4 - Eleven sermon booklets / written by Bishop Peter J. Dyck (1875-1948), Dunelm, SK of the Swift Current Sommerfeld Mennonite Church.

Title: Eleven sermon booklets / written by Bishop Peter J. Dyck (1875-1948), Dunelm, SK of the Swift Current Sommerfeld Mennonite Church.

ID: PP-Volume 5688-4

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-5 - Sermons – loose pages.

Title: Sermons – loose pages.

ID: PP-Volume 5688-5

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-6 - Sermon by P. J. Dyck (on the occasion of the sudden and self-inflicted death of a person whose passing causes the bereaved great sorrow).

Title: Sermon by P. J. Dyck (on the occasion of the sudden and self-inflicted death of a person whose passing causes the bereaved great sorrow).

ID: PP-Volume 5688-6

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-7 - Sermon by P. J. Dyck (on the occasion of the sudden and self-inflicted death of a person whose passing causes the bereaved great sorrow).

Title: Sermon by P. J. Dyck (on the occasion of the sudden and self-inflicted death of a person whose passing causes the bereaved great sorrow).

ID: PP-Volume 5688-7

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-8 - Christliches Vergissmeinnicht [/with entries created by Peter J. Dyck?]

Title: Christliches Vergissmeinnicht [/with entries created by Peter J. Dyck?]

ID: PP-Volume 5688-8

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-9 - Biographical sketch of Bishop Cornelius Hamm (1878-1947) of the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Saskatchewan / written by Rev. Jacob B. Guenther.

Creator: Guenther, Jacob B., 1892-

Title: Biographical sketch of Bishop Cornelius Hamm (1878-1947) of the Bergthaler Mennonite Church of Saskatchewan / written by Rev. Jacob B. Guenther.

ID: PP-Volume 5688-9

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Hamm, Cornelius, 1878-1947 (subject)
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File: PP-Volume 5688-10 - Two certificates

Title: Two certificates

ID: PP-Volume 5688-10

Date: 1918 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photocopy of military exemption certificate of Peter Koethler signed by David F. Doerksen, Main Centre, 15 June 1918; also, photocopy of "Canada Registration Board" certificate for Peter and Helena Koethler, Dunelm, Saskatchewan, signed 22 June 1918.

Publication status:

Published

File: PP-Volume 5688-11 - Five sermon booklets

Title: Five sermon booklets

ID: PP-Volume 5688-11

Scope and content:

Five sermon booklets / written by Bishop Peter J. Dyck (1875-1948), Dunelm, SK. (Acc. No. 2000-121)

Publication status:

Published
