

Guide to the John Samuel Stamm Collection

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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers, followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection.

To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Biographical Note

John Samuel Stamm (1878- 1956) was born in Elida, Kansas in 1878. After only five grades in public school, at the age of twenty he applied to the Evangelical College and Seminary. Not qualifying for advanced academic work, he took sub-academy courses, and twelve years later graduated from both the college and the seminary. After several parish appointments, he served the Glasgow Evangelical Mission in Missouri.

Stamm married Priscilla Wahl on March 19, 1912. He was elected to teach systematic theology at the Evangelical Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, and remained in this post until he was elected bishop in 1922. During his first eight years as bishop, Stamm served as General Secretary of Evangelism. Following his episcopal assignment he was President of the School of Theology in Reading, Pennsylvania until 1941. After this assignment , he served as President of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches 1945-1949, and then the Federal Council of Churches from 1948-1950. Stamm retired in 1950. He then moved back to Kansas City, Missouri, where he continued to preach. Bishop Stamm died on March 5, 1956.

Scope Note

The John Samuel Stamm Collection is comprised of two series. In the first series there are three typed manuscript volumes which include lectures, Bible studies, and orientation messages delivered to Evangelical Seminary students in 1955. Other bound manuscript volumes include a commentary on I Thessalonians; an autobiography; two volumes of sermons; letters of appreciation on the occasion of Stamm's retirement as well as a volume of Remembrances; and a history of the proceedings in the union of the Church of the United Brethren and the Evangelical Church. The second series is comprised of two scrapbooks containing clippings, articles, and expressions of appreciation at the time of his death.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner.

Series: Manuscripts.

Series: Scrap Books.

Related Material

Priscilla Marie Wahl Stamm Papers



Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

Restrictions on Use

Detailed use restrictions relating to our collections can be requested from the office of the archivist at the General Commission on Archives and History. Photocopying is handled by the staff and may be limited in certain instances. Before using any material for publication from this collection a formal request for permission to publish is expected and required.

Preferred Citation

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Subject Terms

Subject Names - Corporate

Evangelical Church
Evangelical United Brethren Church

Subject Topics

Bible-Commentaries
Bishops
Theology -Study and teaching
United churches.

Subject Geographic

United States.

Genre

Addresses
Autobiographies
Commentaries
Correspondence
Essays
Reports.
Scrapbooks

Occupations

Bishop.
Minister

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Manuscripts

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1350-5-4:1	Lectures	Undated
1350-5-4:2	Bible Studies	Undated
1350-5-4:3	Orientation Messages	Undated
1350-5-4:4	Sermons and Addresses Vol.I	1935-1956
1350-5-4:5	Sermons and Addresses Vol.2I	1935-1956
1350-5-4:6	Autobiography	1955
1350-5-4:7	I Thessalonians	1957
1350-5-4:8	History of Procedures	1952
1350-5-4:9	Correspondence	1926-1950
1350-5-4:10	Remembrances	1950
1350-5-4:11	Bishop Stamm Memorial	1961
1350-5-4:15	Scrap Book	1912-1963

Scrap Books

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1350-5-4:12	Scrap Book I	1933-1957
1350-5-4:13	Scrap Book 2	1946-1957
1350-5-4:14	Scrap Book 3	1946-1957