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CALL NUMBER: RG 50

CREATOR: Macintosh, Douglas Clyde, 1877-1948

TITLE: Douglas Clyde Macintosh papers

DATES: 1906-1978

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5.5 linear feet (10 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Letters, writings, and memorabilia document Macintosh's life and work. Douglas Clyde Macintosh was Professor of Theology at Yale from 1909 to 1942.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.050>

Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.050>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the Macintosh family. Material from Mark Heim added 2021.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

Douglas Clyde Macintosh Papers (RG 50), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1877	○ Born in Canada
1903	○ B.A., McMaster University, Toronto
1907	○ Ordained into Baptist ministry ○ Professor of Bible and Systematic Theology at Brandon College, Manitoba
1909	○ Ph.D., University of Chicago
1909-1916	○ Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Yale Divinity School
World War I	○ Chaplain to Canadian forces in France; YMCA worker with American troops
1916-1933	○ Dwight Professor of Theology, Yale Divinity School
1920-1938	○ Chairman of the Religion Department, Yale University
1924-1925	○ Nathaniel W. Taylor Lecturer
1926	○ D.D., Colgate University
1931	○ Denied U.S. citizenship by Supreme Court, for refusal in advance to bear arms in defense of U.S.
1932	○ LL.D., McMaster University
1933-1942	○ Dwight Professor of Theology and Philosophy of Religion
1942	○ Suffered paralytic stroke
1942-1948	○ Professor Emeritus
1948	○ Died in Hamden, Connecticut

Scope and Contents

This collection provides a good overview of Macintosh's professional life, which was spent primarily at Yale Divinity School. The correspondence in Series I is not extensive, but includes letters from colleagues such as John Baillie, Josiah Royce, and Henry Nelson Wieman. Macintosh's thoughts on theological subjects are expressed in a few letters, but most are more routine exchanges related to his writings, students, and engagements.

The Writings of Series II include offprints and published pamphlets as well as typescript manuscripts. One of these manuscripts, "The Plain Man's Soliloquy," has not been published.

The Notes of Series III include extensive handwritten notes taken by Macintosh and notes taken by a student in Macintosh's Systematic Theology course in 1940.

Most significant among the biographical materials of Series IV is a large scrapbook that includes correspondence, clippings, and documents related to Macintosh's citizenship case. A native of Canada, Macintosh was denied United States citizenship by the Supreme Court because of his stance against bearing arms.

Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1907-1946, undated
- II. Writings, 1911-1945
- III. Notes, 1906-1910, undated
- IV. Biographical Documentation, 1911-1978

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1	1907-1910 Including from Josiah Royce	1907-1910
b. 1, f. 2	1912-1919 Including from George A. Coe, Josiah Royce, George B. Foster	1912-1919
b. 1, f. 3	1920-1929 Including from John Baillie, William Ernest Hocking	1920-1929
b. 1, f. 4	1930-1934 Including from Albert Schweitzer	1930-1934
b. 1, f. 5	1935-1939 Including from J. Gresham Machen	1935-1939
b. 1, f. 6	1940-1946 Including from James B. Pratt, to Wilbur Smith	1940-1946
b. 1, f. 7	Undated Including from John Dewey	Undated
b. 8, f. 1	Correspondence of DCM with John Brush, Pastor of First Baptist Church, New Haven The letters provide information about Macintosh's involvement with the Baptist church of which he was a member. John Brush later was a professor of church history at Andover Newton Theological School.	1927-1938
b. 8, f. 2	Correspondence of Hope Macintosh with John and Hilda Brush John Brush was pastor of the First Baptist Church in New Haven where the Macintoshes attended. Hope Macintosh writes about the circumstances of Douglas's paralytic stroke and her extensive correspondence replying to well-wishers.	1942-1943

Series II: Writings, 1911–1945

In published format		
b. 8, f. 3	"The Baptists and Church Union" <i>The Crozer Quarterly</i>	1926 July
b. 8, f. 3	"Can Pragmatism Furnish a Philosophical Basis for Theology?" <i>Harvard Theological Review</i>	1910
b. 8, f. 3	"Christianity as Religion Made Moral" <i>The Biblical World</i> , Vol. XLV, No. 4	1915 April
b. 1, f. 8	"Empirical Theology and Some of Its Misunderstanders" <i>The Review of Religion</i>	1939
b. 8, b. 3	"God and History" in <i>Religion and the War</i> , Yale University Press	1918
b. 1, f. 8	<i>God in a World at War</i>	1918
b. 1, f. 8	"The Hope of Immortality" <i>Religion in Life</i>	1938
b. 1, f. 8	"Is Belief in the Historicity of Jesus Indispensable to Christian Faith?" <i>The American Journal of Theology</i>	1911
b. 8, f. 3	"Is Christianity Essentially Irrational?" <i>The Crozer Quarterly</i>	no date
b. 8, f. 3	"Is Realistic Epistemological Monism Inadmissible?" <i>The Journal of Philosophy, Psychology and Scientific Methods</i> , Vol. X, No. 26	1913 December
b. 1, f. 8	"Is Theology Reducible to Mythology?" <i>The Review of Religion</i>	1940
b. 8, f. 4	"The Logic of Constructive Theology" in <i>Science, Philosophy and Religion</i>	no date
b. 1, f. 8	"The Meaning of God in Modern Religion" <i>The Journal of Religion</i>	1926
b. 1, f. 8	"The Method of Religious Inquiry" <i>Religion in Life</i>	1945
b. 8, f. 4	"Natural Revelation" - Dupleian Lecture for the year 1940-1941, Harvard University <i>Harvard Divinity School Bulletin</i>	1941 April
b. 1, f. 8	"The New Christianity and World-Conversion" <i>The American Journal of Theology</i>	1914
b. 8, f. 4	"The Next Step in the Epistemological Dialectic" <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> , Vol. XXVI, No. 9	1929 April
b. 1, f. 8	"The Pragmatic Element in the Teaching of Paul" <i>The American Journal of Theology</i>	1910
b. 1, f. 9	"The Reaction Against Metaphysics in Theology" (DCM dissertation)	1911
b. 8, f. 4	"A Rejoinder to Professor Niebuhr's Reply" <i>The Review of Religion</i>	1940 May
b. 8, f. 4	"Representational Pragmatism" <i>Mind: a Quarterly Review of Psychology and Philosophy</i> , Vol. XXI, No. 82	1912
b. 8, f. 4	"Responsibility, Freedom, and Causality; or, The Dilemma of Determinism or Indeterminism" <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> , Vol XXXVII, No. 2	1940 January
b. 8, f. 5	"A Sketch of the Philosophy of Religion, with Illustrations of Critical Monism" <i>Mind: a Quarterly Review of Psychology and Philosophy</i> , Vol. XXVII, No. 110	1919

In published format (continued)

b. 1, f. 9	"Theology and Metaphysics" <i>Twentieth Century Philosophy</i>	1943
b. 1, f. 9	"Theology, Valuational or Existential?" <i>The Review of Religion</i>	1939
b. 1, f. 9	"Troeltsch's Theory of Religious Knowledge" <i>The American Journal of Theology</i>	1919
b. 1, f. 9	"What is the Christian Religion?" <i>The Harvard Theological Review</i>	1914
b. 8, f. 5	"What is Vital in Religion?" <i>The Adult Student</i> , Vol. XXVIII, No. 9	1935 September
b. 1, f. 10	Book review	1922
b. 8, f. 5	Book review: "Drake's Mind and its Place in Nature" <i>The Journal of Philosophy</i> , Vol. XXIV, No. 5	1927 March
b. OV2	"A Conversation About God" <i>Christian Century</i> (scrapbook of clippings)	
Typescript manuscripts		
b. 2, f. 11-16	"The Plain Man's Soliloquy"	undated
b. 2, f. 17	"Charles Allen Dinsmore as Minister and Theologian"	undated
b. 2, f. 17	Ordination prayer	1942
b. 6	"The Reasonableness of Christianity"	1926
b. 6	"The Problem of Religious Knowledge"	1915

Series III: Notes, 1906–1940

Notes by Macintosh		
b. 2, f. 18-19	Small notebooks	1906-1910, undated
b. 3, f. 20-22	Small notebooks	undated
b. 3, f. 23	Large notebook - bibliography of works on theology	undated
b. 3, f. 24	Loose leaf notes, including taken from books in Macintosh's library	undated
Notes on Macintosh's Systematic Theology course		
b. 3, f. 25	Taken by H. E. Finger, Jr.	1940

Series IV: Biographical documentation, 1911–1978

b. 4, f. 26	"Out of the Wilderness: A Philosophical Biography of Douglas Clyde Macintosh" by W. Preston Warren	undated
b. 5, f. 27	Biographical material: obituary, photographs, article about Macintosh	1927-1948
b. 5, f. 28	Centennial Tribute compiled by Paul Douglas Macintosh Keane: tributes from former colleagues of Macintosh	1978
b. 5, f. 29	Bibliography of Macintosh's works compiled by Raymond Morris	undated
b. 5, f. 30	Miscellaneous collected material	1911-1942
b. 5, f. 31	Biographical tribute to Emily Powell Macintosh, first wife of Douglas Clyde Macintosh	1923
b. 5, f. 32	Pamphlet about Douglas Clyde Macintosh Fellowship in Theology and the Philosophy of Religion established by Hope Conklin Macintosh	1959
b. 6	Annotated Bible	
b. 7	Presentation copy of <i>The Nature of Religious Experience: Essays in Honor of Douglas Clyde Macintosh</i> , signed by the authors of the essays This volume was received from Alexander Mack Memorial Library, Special Collections, Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia in 2013, a gift in honor of Dr. William W. Thomas and Douglas Clyde Macintosh. The book was received by Bridgewater as an estate gift from Dr. Thomas, professor of Religion and Philosophy, James Madison University, 1971-2003.	1937
b. OV1	Scrapbook related to Macintosh's citizenship case	
b. 8, f. 7-9	Clippings and articles related to Macintosh's citizenship case, collected by John Brush John Brush was pastor of First Baptist Church in New Haven where Macintosh was a member and later became a professor of church history at Andover Newton Theological School. These folders contain clippings and notes by Brush	1931–1935
b. OV2	Scrapbook related to Macintosh's time at Yale Divinity School (includes news clippings and photographs of faculty and buildings)	
b. 8, f. 6	Articles about Macintosh, including by Peter Bertocci, Julius Seelye Bixler, Herbert R. Reinelt	1927–1984

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Educators

Theology -- Methodology -- History

Names

Macintosh, Douglas Clyde, 1877-1948

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