

Register of the

GENERAL CONFERENCE

PRESIDENTIAL LETTERBOOKS

Heritage Microfilm 6

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General Conference Presidential Letterbooks Microfilm 6

Scope and Content:

This collection is a microfilm copy of the outgoing correspondence of three General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist presidents from 1887 to 1914--Ole A. Olsen, George A. Irwin, and the first 14 years of Arthur G. Daniells. It is in the form of 52 letterbooks on 35 rolls of 16mm negative microfilm. This represents the vast bulk of outgoing correspondence of the GC president for these years. Correspondence prior to 1887 is not extent, and that after 1914 is not in letterbook format. In-coming correspondence is located in the files of the General Conference Archives.

The letterbook process is an early form of "photocopying" a letter. The original letter was typed and then placed in contact with the next available blank sheet in an onion-skin-page book. A chemical was applied, a blotter page inserted, and the book pressed for a period of time. The chemical and pressure would cause an image to transfer to the blank sheet. This was an alternate method to using carbon paper to prepare a copy.

Arrangement:

The letters are in chronological order. In some instances, the order may be slightly off due to "copying" several days of letters at one time and getting them out of order. There is an index. The index appears at the front of most rolls of microfilm. If it is not there, it may be at the end. The index will list individuals receiving letters and which page the copy is on.

Provenance:

The original letterbooks are in the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Archives. They were microfilmed in the mid-1980s. The Adventist Heritage Center purchased a set in 1991.

Use:

All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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Inventory:

<u>President</u>	<u>Reel</u>	<u>Description</u>
Olsen, Ole A	1	Book ½ Feb. 22, 1887-Feb 17, 1888 (Missing pages 7 & 130)
		Book 1 Feb. 1888-Feb. 24, 1890 (Missing pg. 329)
		Book 2 Feb. 24, 1880-June 22, 1890
	2	Book 3 June 22, 1890-April 21, 1891 (Missing pgs. 149 & 985)
		Book 4 April 21, 1891-Oct. 29, 1891 (Missing Pgs. 76, 80, 89, 161 203 & 349)
	3	Book 5 Oct. 29, 1891-Mar. 28, 1892
		Book 6 Jan. 24, 1892-June 26, 1892 (Missing pgs. 418, 455 & 457)
	4	Book 7 May 11, 1892-Aug 15, 1892
		Book 8 Aug. 16, 1892-Feb. 2, 1893 (Missing pgs. 360, 395 & 423)
	5	Book 9 Jan. 31, 1893-Apr. 23, 1894
		Book 10 Aug. 21, 1892-Aug. 18, 1893 (Travel Book)
	6	Book 11 Aug. 24, 1893-Apr. 8, 1894 (Travel Book)
		Book 12 Aug. 3, 1893-Oct. 24, 1894
	7	Book 13 Oct. 26, 1894-Jan. 16, 1895
8	Book 14 Apr. 24, 1894-Oct. 15, 1895	

	9	Book 14A	Apr. 18, 1895-May 10, 1896
		Book 15	Oct. 14, 1895-May 25, 1896
		Book 16	May 26, 1896-Sept. 23, 1896
	10	Book 17	Sept. 22, 1896-Apr. 16, 1897
Irwin, George A.	10	Book 18	Mar. 10, 1897-Apr. 3, 1898
	11	Book 19	Apr. 6, 1898-Apr. 16, 1899
		Book 20	Apr. 16, 1899-July 26, 1900 (The pg. following 351 is the 2nd pg. of the letter & should be 351B, not 359. Pg. 352 is 3rd pg. Numbering goes 351, 359, 352. No pg. 359 at normal location.)
	12	Book 21	July 26, 1900-Jan. 3, 1901
		Book 22	Jan. 3, 1901-May 19, 1901
Daniells, Arthur	12	Book 23	Apr. 30, 1901-July 4, 1901
	13	Book 24	July 1, 1901-Aug. 19, 1901
		Book 25	Oct. 2, 1901-Feb. 2, 1902
		Book 26	Feb. 3, 1902-Apr. 10, 1902
	14	Book 27	Apr. 10, 1902-Nov. 3, 1902
		Book 28	May 5, 1902-July 30, 1902
		Book 29	Nov. 3, 1902-Dec. 30, 1902
	15	Book 30	Dec. 31, 1902-July 23, 1903 (Some pgs. have been retyped)
		Book 31	July 27, 1903-Oct. 28, 1903
	16	Book 32	1903-1904
	17	Book 33	1904
	18	Book 34	1904

19	Book 35	1904-05
20	Book 36	1905
	<i>There is no Book 37 in the original collection.</i>	
21	Book 38	1906
22	Book 39	1906
23	Book 40	1906-07
24	Book 41	1907
25	Book 42	1907-08
26	Book 43	1908
27	Book 44	1908-09
28	Book 45	1909
29	Book 46	1910
30	Book 47	1910
31	Book 48	1911
32	Book 49	1911
33	Book 50	1911-12
34	Book 51	1912-13
35	Book 52	1913-14

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