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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Dr. George Arthur Frantz was born on October 23, 1888, in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. Frantz graduated from Grove City College in 1910 and from the Western Theological Seminary in 1913. He went abroad for his graduate work, first studying in Germany, then transferring to Scotland after the outbreak of World War I. Upon his return, Frantz served several short pastorates in Pennsylvania and Ohio before transitioning to Indianapolis, where he served as the Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church from 1926 to 1953. During his tenure in Indianapolis, Frantz was a member of the Judicial Commission of the General Assembly, served on the Board of Christian Education, and received a Doctorate of Divinity from both Grove City and Wabash College, as well as an LL. D. from Tusculum College. Frantz was married to Amy Kellogg, the daughter of prominent missionary Samuel Kellogg, and had four children: Elinor, Sara, Barbara, and John. After retiring from the First Presbyterian Church, Frantz was a guest professor, lecturer, and pastor at many institutions around the country. These speaking tours continued until 1977, when Frantz determined that his health was too poor to continue. Frantz died on November 30, 1980.

### **Sources:**

All information taken from materials in the collection.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection was donated to the Indiana Historical Society in 2011 by Barbara Frantz Storer. The collection focuses on Dr. George Arthur Frantz, a respected theologian who, among other engagements, served for twenty-seven years as the Pastor for the First Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. The majority of the collection consists of typed and handwritten sermons produced by Dr. Frantz, but also included are articles, books, notebooks, correspondence, lecture and classroom materials, newspaper clippings, church programs, official documents, personal papers, hymnals, photographs, and recorded interviews. This collection has been broken into seven series:

**Series 1: Sermons, 1913–1974:** This series consists of sermons that Dr. Frantz wrote. Materials in this series are divided up into printed booklets, typed out copies of several sermons, and Dr. Frantz's original handwritten versions, which include notes, references, and speech and inflection indications. These handwritten texts have been maintained in original order, primarily according to the book of the Bible from which they derive, or based on a specific topic.

**Series 2: Pedagogical Materials, 1916–[1973]:** This series consists of educational materials that Dr. Frantz utilized throughout his career. These include lectures and Bible study items on various subjects.

**Series 3: Writings, 1917–[1964]:** This series consists of Dr. Frantz's personal notebooks. These writings cover a majority of his professional career and are maintained with original notes laid-in.

**Series 4: Published Materials, 1887–1982:** This series contains articles, booklets, books, and church publications featuring Dr. Frantz's writings, as well as those of his father-in-law, Samuel Kellogg, who was a missionary in India. Also included are several books containing Dr. Frantz's annotations.

**Series 5: Personal Materials, 1921–[1990]:** This series contains personal documents from Dr. Frantz's life. Included are passports, Masonic records, newspaper clippings, correspondence, poems, and official documents.

**Series 6: Photographs, 1887–1963:** This series contains photographs of Dr. Frantz, his family, his hobbies, and other parts of his life.

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