Levi Pennington Papers, 1894-1977

Overview of the Collection

Creator       Pennington, Levi Talbot, 1875-1975
Title         Levi Pennington Papers
Dates         1894-1977 (inclusive)
              1894 1977
Quantity       33.5 cubic feet, (33 record boxes, 1 document box)
Collection Number MS 6 (collection)
Summary       The collection includes the correspondence and writings of Levi T. Pennington, president of Pacific College, Newberg, Oregon, from 1911 to 1941. Consisting primarily of correspondence, the collection also includes addresses, notebooks, diaries, writings and manuscripts (both published and unpublished), scrapbooks, minutes, reports, and some photographs.
Repository     George Fox University Archives
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Access Restrictions Collection is available for research
Languages      English
Sponsor        Sponsored by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission

Biographical Note

Levi T. Pennington was a prominent Quaker leader in the early 20th century and a long-time Lyceum and Chataqua lecturer, spreading his message of peace. Pennington was president of Pacific College, Newberg, Oregon, (now George Fox University) from 1911 to 1941. His enthusiasm for the Quaker peace stance influenced many college students to volunteer time in Europe for war relief work after the First World War. Many of his lectures and and pamphlets address the topics of temperance during the prohibition era.

As a national Quaker leader much of the material reflects Pennington’s communications with various yearly meetings. Emphasis on Northwest Indian fishing rights and the Vietnam War draft issues comprise much of Pennington’s interaction with the American Friends Service Committee in the mid-1960s and early 1970s. A close friendship with former President Herbert Hoover is also reflected in the correspondence. In his later years Dr. Pennington compiled and published a number of writings including short stories, poems and longer fiction.
Content Description

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Administrative Information

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms:
American Friends Service Committee
Conscientious objection
Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964
Lyceums--United States
Pacific College (Newberg, Or.)
Peace
Quaker
Temperance

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