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Finding Aid for

Wilhelm Pauck Notes, 1922-1923



Wilhelm Pauck Union faculty portrait. UTS2: Union Theological Seminary Records, Series 18C: Faculty Portraits, "P". The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: Wilhelm Pauck, 1901-1981
Title: Wilhelm Pauck Notes, 1922-1923
Inclusive dates: 1922-1923
Bulk dates: 1922-1923
Abstract: German-American church historian; professor, Union Theological Seminary. Collection consists of notes relating to biblical exegesis and New Testament theology. In German.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
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New York, NY 10027
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The Wilhelm Pauck Papers were donated by Mrs. Marion Hauser Pauck in 1997, and form part of the larger Wilhelm Pauck Papers. The majority of Wilhelm and Marion H. Pauck's manuscripts were released from the Burke's custodianship in 2001, and were thereafter transferred to the archives at Princeton Theological Seminary. These notes were among a large group of unprocessed materials that were organized in 2018 with the support of the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkespecial@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. The materials are presented entirely in German.
- Preferred Citation:** UTS1: Wilhelm Pauck Papers, 1922-1923, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

Wilhelm Pauck was a German-American church historian and theologian. He was born on December 31, 1901 in Laasphe, Westphalia, Germany. He then studied theology at University of Berlin, graduating in 1925. He studied as an exchange student at the Chicago Theological Seminary from 1925 to 1926 and was ordained in the Hyde Park Congregational Church in 1928. He then taught as an instructor of Church History at Chicago Theological Seminary from 1926 to 1931, professor of Historical Theology at the same institution from 1931 to 1939, and held professorships at both Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago (1939-1953) and in the history department at Chicago during the same period. His cumulative career at the University of Chicago spanned from 1926 to 1953.

Following Pauck's tenure at Chicago he moved onto Union Theological Seminary in 1953, where he taught as Professor of Church History. In addition to his tenure at Union, the Chicago Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago, Pauck held positions at Vanderbilt University (1967-1972), Garrett Biblical Institute (1946), Maywood Lutheran Seminary (1946), University of Geneva (1938), University of Frankfurt, 1948-49, University of Marburg (1949), the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies in Bossey, Switzerland (1952), and as an emeritus teacher at Stanford (1972-1976). Pauck's publication record included exemplary biographical writings on Paul Tillich and European Reformation history.

Pauck earned his doctorate in Theology at the University of Giessen in 1933, and served as president of the American Society of Church History in 1936, and also as editor of the *Church History* journal from 1951-1953. Pauck died in 1981 in Palo Alto, California, at the age of 80.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The Wilhelm Pauck Notes consist of 0.25 linear feet of seven folders' worth of manuscript notes, including one acid-free copy of those notes that are safe for photocopying (95 pages).

Processing

Materials were rehoused in an archival document box.

Further Sources

"Wilhelm Pauck, 80; Theologian and Author" [obituary]. *The New York Times*, September 6, 1981. Retrieved from <https://www.nytimes.com/1981/09/06/obituaries/wilhelm-pauck-80-theologian-and-author.html>

"Wilhelm Pauck" (biographical entry). *The Union Theological Seminary Alumni Directory, 1836-1958*, pp. xix. New York: Alumni Office of Union Theological Seminary, 1958.

Wilhelm and Marion H. Pauck's papers exist in full at the Princeton Theological Seminary: <http://manuscripts.ptsem.edu/collection/226>

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