

FRANK TISHKINS (1893-1954) PAPERS

1913-1966

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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frank Tishkins, born in Lithuania in 1893, migrated to the United States in 1913 and found work in a Connecticut foundry. He enlisted in the army during World War I and served in France. After the war he attended Brown University where he received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1927 and a Master of Arts degree the following year. He then earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Yale, where he graduated and was ordained in 1931. That same year he was called as the minister of Bethel, Connecticut's Congregational Church.

Tishkins was active in the community through the Red Cross, the V.F.W., and Rotary. He served as Chaplain for the Connecticut legislature, for the Connecticut State Guard, his V.F.W. post in Bethel, and as national Chaplain for the V.F.W.

In 1946 he moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, to serve as minister at the First Plymouth Church. He moved again in 1947-48 to Sheridan, Wyoming, where he also ministered to the church in neighboring Dayton. His final call was from the First Congregational Church in Chadron, Nebraska, where he worked from 1951 until his death in 1954.

In 1931, Tishkins married Eleanor Lewis of Endicott, New York. After his death, she traveled extensively and spoke to numerous church groups about her trips.

The materials in this collection were initially donated to the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 1975. They were transferred to the Congregational Library in December 1992 as this repository was deemed more appropriate.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Tishkins' papers are arranged into three series, reflecting three different aspects or stages of his life. The first Series consists of documents in Lithuanian, either naturalization or safe conduct papers, dating 1913, and 1920. Series B reflects Tishkins' life as a Congregational minister. These materials include documents and letters relating to his licensure and ordination, 1929, 1931; an anniversary program, 1941, and letter missive, 1946; a volume of pastoral records, including new members, baptisms, marriages, membership transefers, deaths, and burials for churches in Bethel, Connecticut, 1931-1946, Lincoln Nebraska, 1946, Sheridan and Dayton, Wyoming, 1947-1951, and Chadron, Nebraska, 1951-1954; and typed, annotated, and manuscript notes and full sermons, drafted by Tishkins between 1931 and 1949. A loose-leaf binder was removed from the later set of sermons. A final folder in this Series contains printed works by Tishkins, namely "A 15-Year Report" (Bethel, Conn.: 1946); "What Shall I Teach My Child?" (Sheridan, Wyoming: 1948); and "This We Believe," (Chadron, Nebraska: 1952).

The final Series in this collection encompasses material relating to Tishkins' and his wife's public activities. These include army, V.F.W., and other public service material, 1941-1949; photographs, ca. 1920, ca. 1940-ca. 1954; and newsclippings, 1929-1966, which include stories on Mrs. Tishkins' travels abroad and subsequent programs for various church groups. The clippings were copied on acid-free paper and the originals discarded.

Series A. Personal Papers, 1913, 1920. 3 items.

Series B. Pastoral Records, 1929-1954. 8 folders, 1 volume.

Series C. Public Activity Records, ca. 1920-1966. 3 folders.

DESCRIPTION

Series A. Personal Papers, 1913, 1920

Folder 1. Lithuanian documents, 1913, 1920.

Series B. Pastoral Records, 1929-1954

- Folder 1. License, 1929, 1931; ordination, 1931
- " 2. Anniversary program 1941; letter missive, 1946
- " 3-6. Sermons and sermon notes, 1931-1949
- " 7. Sermon notes, 1946-1949 (removed from binder)
- " 8. Printed works, 1946-1952

Series C. Public Activity Records, ca. 1920-1966

- Folder 1. Army, V.F.W., and public service material, 1941-1949
- " 2. Photographs, ca. 1920, ca. 1940-ca. 1954
- " 3. Newsclippings, 1929-1966