

Biographical Category
Roland C. Matthies Collection

Biographical Sketch

Roland Carl Matthies (1910-2014) was born in Hammond, Indiana, and graduated from Hammond High School. He earned a B.A. in Political Science on a full tuition scholarship at DePauw University and his law degree (J.D.) from the University of Chicago.

After several years in the legal profession in northwestern Indiana, he was called to work for the Lutheran Church in higher education, joining the staff of the U.S. Army Training School at Wittenberg College in 1943. (Although he was a 2nd Lt., his asthma prevented active duty, and he was decommissioned.) After World War II ended, he continued at Wittenberg as an administrator, eventually achieving the position of Vice President and Treasurer. With president Clarence Stoughton as his mentor, he developed skills in fund-raising and legal aspects of estate planning. He brought in millions of dollars to the endowment fund from alumni and others whose interest he cultivated through seminars and personal visits. His wife, Maxine, often accompanied him on his business trips. He retired in 1975 but remained active in his field for many years as a consultant on deferred giving to institutions of higher education and church congregations.

Letters, clippings, and certificates in the donated materials attest to his regional and national reputation as an expert on financial and legal matters of professional fund-raising for churches and universities.

Contents of Pocket File "Dr. Roland Matthies/Activities and Commendations/1953-1980"

1. Newspaper clippings on the death of Clarence Stoughton, President emeritus of Wittenberg University (NOTE: Condition--brittle, yellowing)
2. 1949 newspaper clipping on RCM's speech to Crowell-Collier foremen on effective public speaking
3. 1953 photo of Springfield Kiwanis Club leaders
left to right: RCM, Eldon Conrad, Paul Weaver, Mr. West (award recipient), Dan Ackerman
4. 1959 certificate from the Independent College Alumni Associates of Ohio
5. Items related to the American College Public Relations Association (ACPRA)
 - a. 1966 Outstanding Achievement Award
 - b. 1972 award for distinguished service in educational public relations
 - c. 1973 award for serving as a member of the Board of Trustees
6. 1967 photo of Wittenberg University administrators
left to right: Fred Wentz, President of Hamma School of Theology
Ed Patmos, Dean of Management Development
Allen Pfnister, Provost
Les Crowl, Secretary of Development
W. Emerson Reck, Vice President
John Stauffer, President (1963-68)
Roland Matthies, Vice President and Treasurer
Robert Kersten, Pastor
Louis Fitch, Business Manager
L. David Miller, Dean of the School of Music
7. 1968 certificate from the Committee on Gift Annuities (Lutheran Church in America) for service 1955-67
8. 1975 items (clipped together) from his retirement dinner
 - a. Photo of speaker's table

left to right: (unidentified), Maxine Matthies, RCM, William Kinnison, Martha Hillerich, Donald Hillerich (RCM's former assistant)

- b. Photo of RCM and Clarence Stoughton (President emeritus of Wittenberg)
 - c. Photo of Maxine Matthies, RCM, W. Emerson Reck (Vice President of Wittenberg)
 - d. Photo of Maxine Matthies, RCM, and Marty Hillerich
 - e. Photo of Clarence Stoughton, RCM, Mrs. Stoughton, and Mary Ruth (Mrs. Herbert) Dankert
 - f. Photo of Maxine Matthies, RCM at podium, Lenore Kinnison, and William Kinnison
 - g. Program for the dinner
 - h. List of attendees at the retirement dinner
9. 1975 photo 8x10 of RCM at his desk at Wittenberg University
10. 1975 items from Wittenberg Founders' Day on March 8 (inside red binder)
- a. Photo 5x7 of RCM at speaker's podium
 - b. Photo 5x7 -- left to right: Martha Lutz, RCM, Lenore Kinnison, Prof. Arthur Lutz, Maxine Matthies
 - c. Program booklet for dinner honoring retirees
 - d. Article on the Founders' Day program (from the *Wittenberger*?)
 - e. Certificate to RCM from the Wittenberg Alumni Association
11. Booklet of articles on 1975 retirees from Wittenberg University
12. 1977 items from conference of the Great Lakes District of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)
- a. Article naming 18 retirees
 - b. Photo 8x10 -- 9 of the 18 retirees
 - c. Photo 8x10 -- RCM receiving handshake from CASE chairperson
13. 1978 photos from Wittenberg University commencement on June 10
- a. Photo 5x7 -- left to right: William Kinnison, Wittenberg President
Ernest Scott, former chair of WU Board, recipient of WU Medal of Honor
Roland Matthies, WU Vice President, medal presenter
 - b. Photo 8x10 of honorary degree recipients and presenters
front: William Kinnison
Carl Rowan, journalist and US government official

Ernest Scott (see above)

George Stevens

back: Roland Matthies

(others unidentified)

14. 1977-80 items from the Management Committee, Office of Administration and Finance (OAF), Lutheran Church in America
 - a. Photo, color -- Ralph Brighton presenting plaque to RCM, outgoing chairperson
 - b. Photo 5x7 -- 1977 Management Committee:
left to right: (two unidentified), Ralph Brighton, RCM, (unidentified)
 - c. 1980 certificate for member of OAF Management Committee
15. 1979 letter of appreciation from a parent for helping his children succeed in college
16. 1979 clipping from Fairborn *Daily Herald* on ceremony at Camp Birch for Boy Scouts
RCM in photos conducting ceremony and with groups
17. 1980 list of officers of the Board of American Missions of the Lutheran Church in America
RCM as president

Album of letters on RCM's retirement in May 1975

<u>SENDER</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>REGARDING</u>
Matthies, Barbara	IA	Ames	(daughter)		success
Dankert, Herbert (& Mrs.)	OH	Springfield	Wittenberg University		friendship, faith
Petersen, Darnley A.	VI	Frederiksted	US Dept. of Agriculture, retired		good for WU and humanity
Rugh, Lawrence T.	OH	Springfield	First Lutheran Church	Pastor	friendship, joint activities
Updegraff, J. Alfred	OH	Dayton	Luth. Church of Our Saviour	Pastor	WU Board members
Kuss, Richard L.	OH	Springfield	Bonded Oil Co.	President	WU, the Church, & Springfield
Marshall, Robert J.	NY	New York	LCA	President	fundraising, service to Church
Werner, Jane	OH	Dayton	(Mrs. Carl Werner)	hon. Alumna	knowledge, talents, WU
Sauer, Kenneth H.	OH	Columbus	Ohio Synod LCA	President	service to WU and Church
Kinnison, William A.	OH	Springfield	Wittenberg University	President	service to WU and Church
Kahlenberg, David P.	IN	Indianapolis	Pleasant View Luth. Church	Pastor	Christian stewardship
Marsden, Ed	BC, Can		LCA Board of Amer. Missions	Board member	dedicated Church servant
Dillahunt, David L.	OH	Columbus	Vercoe & Co.	Investments	achievements for WU
Gordon, Bob	AZ	Tucson			mentor on college work
Kuhns, John D.	OH	Springfield	Wittenberg Univ. Board of Dirs.	Board member	service to WU and Church
Robins, H. Perk	GA	Athens	University of Georgia	VP for Develop.	role in WU's strength & stature
Morris, Earl F.	OH	Columbus	Wittenberg Univ. Board of Dirs.		tax aspects of deferred giving
Reck, W. Emerson	OH	Springfield	Wittenberg University	VP emeritus	fundraising for WU's future
Alber, Donald F.	OH	Youngstown	Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church	Pastor	leadership of WU & Church
Monahan, N. R. "Rod"	OH	Springfield	Ohio Edison Company	Division Mgr.	Tecumseh Council of Boy Scouts
Kessens, Forrest (& Mrs.)	IN	Batesville			Christian leader
Woning, Nora	IN	Batesville		WU alumni	service & devotion to WU
Kinsey, Robert S.	OH	Ashland	Trinity Lutheran Church	Pastor	service to WU & Hamma board

Burson, Paul A.	OH	Carey	WU Alumni Association	Vice President	WU, national taxation expert
Brown, Clarence J.	DC	Washington	7th Ohio District US Congress	Representative	service to WU, Church, community
Randall, Lon D.	OH	Canton	Malone College	President	Committee on Gift Annuities
Watson, Virgil H.	OH	Springfield	Techumseh Council Boy Scouts	Scout Executive	Council Pres., Silver Beaver award
Leslie, John W.	DC	Washington	Institutional Advancemnt. Consultants		philanthropy and 501c3 Group
Borchers, Willard H.	OH	Dayton	St. John's Luth. Church	Pastor	national leader in deferred giving
Carpenter, Vic W.	OH	Middletown	Armco Steel Corp.	Director	Carpenter scholarship fund
Scott, Ernest P.	OH	Cleveland Hts			pioneer in deferred giving
Powell, E. Maynard	OH	Stony Ridge	St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church	Pastor	RCM gave him student job at WU
Haberman, Gene (& Mrs.)	MI	Albion	Albion College	WU alumni	WU alumni, parents, friends
Baas, Charles W.	NY	New York	Committee on Gift Annuities	Chair	devotion to Church and WU
Stoughton, Clarence C.	OH	Springfield	Wittenberg University	Pres. Emeritus	hard work, travel, & close friend
Harkins, George F.	NY	New York	Lutheran Council	Genl. Sec'y.	Commission on Organiz'l Structure
Martin, Morris B.	OH	Springfield	M.D.; Boy Scouts		as president of Scouts Council
Rush, Kenneth L.	OH	Springfield	Rush, Rush & Schmenk	Attorney	service to WU in deferred giving
Brunskill, Philip J.	MI	Albion	Albion College	Dir Public Affairs	mentor in institutional development
Porter, David R.	MA	Boston	David L. Babson & Co., Inc.	Investments	running a complex invest. Portfolio
Bishop, Donald J.	OH	Springfield	First National Bank	Chairman	WU and community activities
Neikirk, J. Pennell	OH	Up. Arlington	Holy Trinity Evang. Luth. Church	Pastor	Christian example at WU & Synod
Teitell, Conrad	NY	New York	Prerau & Teitell	Couns. at Law	good wishes for a long future
Houser, Donald L.	IL	Chicago	LCA Dept. for Church Extension	Director	stewardship for WU & LCA
Ullery, David E.	OH	Worthington	All Saints Evang. Lutheran Church	Pastor	a friend for Alma Mater
Henkle, George R.	OH	Lebanon	George Henkle Associates, Inc.	President	loyalty to WU
Bary, Edward A.	OH	Findlay	First Evang. Luth. Church	Pastor	service to WU & Hamma
Duddy, Frank E., Jr.	OH	Columbus	Assoc. of Indep. Colleges of Ohio	Member	higher education & philanthropy

Frick, James W.	IN	Notre Dame	University of Notre Dame	VP Publ. Relations	taught about life & how to lead it
Shook, Hubert H.	AZ	Mesa	M.D.		WU alumni
McAnly, Herbert T.	FL	Delray Beach	retired		service to WU and Church
Wise, Dave (& Mrs.)	OH	Toledo	Spengler, etc. law offices	Law partner	WU Committee of Fifty leadership
Homrighausen, Tom B.	OH	Canton	Zion Lutheran Church	Pastor	ministry to the Lutheran Church
Casrlson, Martin E.	NY	New York	LCA Office for Admin. & Finance	Exec. Director	service to WU and Church
Van Iderstine, John I.	NY	New York	LLM Fund-Raising & Counseling	Director	foundations & tax reform
Kramer, Harry J.	IN	Evansville	Optometrist	WU alumnus	endowment growth & stability
Williams, Ellwyn M.	OH	Westerville	Otterbein College	VP for Developmt.	a sage and mentor
Van Almen, Richard E.	GA	Athens	University of Georgia	Dir. of Developmt.	devotion to duty at WU
Endress, Henry	DC	Washington	Luth. Resources Commission	Exec. Director	Luth. Laymen's Mvt. stewardship
Schmalenberger, Jerry L.	OH	Mansfield	First Lutheran Church	Pastor	Luth. Laymen's Mvt. stewardship
Weber, Ronald G.	OH	Alliance	Mount Union College	President	gaining support for WU
Smith, George J.	OH	Youngstown	First Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc	Admin VP	WU Committee of Fifty & Century Club
Rilling, John W.	OH	Springfield	retired	Pastor	competent, effective, urbane, suave
Lacke, Leo W.	NY	New York	LCA/LLM for Stewardship	Director	WU & LLM's stewardship practices
Bonds, A. B., Jr.	OH	Berea	Baldwin-Wallace College	President	career in higher ed. & moral leadership
Thomas, Margaret	OH	Canton	(widow of Harold Thomas)	philanthropist	rewarding friendship
Harrison, Wesley T.	OH	Springfield			service to WU & Springfield
Worman, John S. (& Mrs.)	OH		farmer	philanthropist	WU's growth; moral & business ethics
Ruhe, J. William	KY	Louisville	Handmaker, Weber & Meyer	Law partner	expertise in gift giving
Bell, Robert M.	OH	Springfield	Consolidated Insurance Services		Tecumseh Council of Boy Scouts
Sheetz, Ernest A.	OH	Alliance	Mount Union College	Dir. of Developmt.	began joint venture of Ohio colleges
Zimmer, Elwood E.	OH	Dayton	University of Dayton	Dir. of	seminars & charitable giving

				Developmt.	
Lebold, Adrian G.	OH	Springfield	M&M Fed. Savings & Loan Assoc.	Public Relations	Church, WU, Kiwanis, Scouts, Spfld.
Prine, Calvin K.	OH	Granville	Denison Univeristy	Dir. Univ Relations	service to all colleges & char. causes
Myrom, Chester A.	NY	New York	LCA Foundation	Director	Luth. Laymen's Mvt. leadership
Ball, George W.	OH	Akron	U. of Akron Relations & Devel.	Exec. Director	counsel on admin. & philanthropy
Beatty, L. C.	IN	Hammond	Beatty Machine & Mfg. Co.	President	service to hometown church
Flack, E. E.	OH	Springfield	Hamma School of Theology	Dean emeritus	WU's financial needs
Buchy, Robert L.	OH	Springfield	Wittenberg University		WU endowments; mentor
Lundquist, Charles J.	OH	Youngstown	Bethel Lutheran Church	Pastor	seminar & resulting endowment fund
Seilhamer, Frank H.	OH	Springfield	Hamma School of Theology	President	roles in Hamma's life; Luth. layman
Wolbrecht, Walter F.	IL	Chicago	Lutheran School of Theology	President	stewardship & Christian higher educ.
Lambacher, William G.	OH	Springfield	The Springfield Bank	President	consultation
Edwards, W. Harlow	KY	Louisville	W. Harlow Edwards & Associates	President	devotion to cause of philanthropy
Ream, Howard M.	FL	Ft. Lauderdale	retired		friendship; recruiter for WU support
Marr, Arthur W.	OH	Cambridge		philanthropist	provided WU firm financial basis
Patton, Clark E.	OH	Springfield	Boy Scouts		interest in youth; highest Scouting award
Edwards, William M.	OH	Springfield	WU Athletics Department	Director	contri. to WU, Luth. Ch., & Springfield
Glaesner, Kay M.	OH	Springfield	St. John's Lutheran Church	Pastor	leadership as a layman
Beeman, Alice L.	DC	Washington	Counc. for Advance/Supp of Ed	President	founder of national 501c3 Group etc.
Curdes, Martin L.			Wittenberg Univ. Board of Dirs.		Committee of 50 & ACPR leader
Cooper, Sam	OH	Bowling Grn	Bowling Green State U.	Health/Phys.Ed.	model college administrator
Cline, William Z.	IL	Evanston	Northwestern U. Estate Plan'g.	Director	senior statesman of planned giving prof'n

Abbreviations:

WU	Wittenberg University
LCA	Lutheran Church in America

LLM	Lutheran Laymen's Movement
CASE	Council for Advancement & Support of Education
ACPRA	American College Public Relations Association
RCM	Roland Carl Matthies, J.D.

Matthies-related 35mm Slides

<u>No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Names</u>
1	Dec-72	l to rt	Don Hoffman, William Kinnison, Roland Matthies; "\$185,000"
2	6/1/69	l to rt	Barbara Johnson (?), Cecile Worthen, Martha Hillerich, Rev. Don Hillerich; seated: Roland C. Matthies
3	6/1/69	l to rt	Maxine Matthies, (?), Cecile Worthen, Martha Hillerich; seated: Roland C. Matthies
4	68-69	standing	Roland C. Matthies, Gene Heckathorne
4		seated	Allen Pfnister, Emerson Reck; " <i>The Triumvirate</i> " [acting WU presidents - not Heckathorne]
5	6/1/68	l to rt	Bob Buchy, Mrs. Buchy, Cecile Worthen, Maxine Matthies, Roland C. Matthies, Barbara Johnson (?),
5			Ann (?) Miller, L. David Miller (Wittenberg U. staff)
6	1966	l to rt	Cecile and Roger Worthen
7	1966	l to rt	Lou Fitch, Helen Fitch, Jane (Mrs. Carl) Werner, Margaret Thomas, Carl Werner, Don? Porter,
7		(cont.)	Herb Dankert, (dau), Mary Ruth Dankert, (?), (dau)
8	Aug-66	standing	Mary Ruth Dankert, (dau)
8		seated	Mrs. Dankert's mother, (dau), (dau)
9	Jun-66	l to rt	Ella Brix [Maxine's aunt], Maxine Matthies, Jane Rilling, Mary Catherine Rilling
10	Dec-65	l to rt	(?), L. David Miller, Georgia Otto, Rev. Fred Otto, (?), Roland C. Matthies; " <i>Chantry Press Board</i> "
11	Aug-65	l to rt	Herbert and Mary Ruth Dankert
12	Jul-62		Rev. Fred Otto in Dahlem Church, West Berlin, Germany
13	1962	l to rt	Maxine Matthies, Rev. John Rilling, Mary Catherine Rilling, Georgia Otto
14	Dec-64	l to rt	Roy Hickes, Connie Rugh, (?), Roland C. Matthies, Mrs. (?), Rev. Larry Rugh, Kay Hickes

15	8/17/63		Floral calendar at Coney Island, Cincinnati
16	Dec-62	standing	(?), (?), Rev. Larry Rugh, (?)
16		seated	Maxine Matthies, (?), (?), Connie Rugh, (?), (?) [First Lutheran Church members]
17	12/29/62		Maxine Matthies, Emerson Reck
18	Jun-62	standing	Lou Fitch, Maxine Matthies, John Slaymaker, Roland C. Matthies
18		seated	Dorothy Slaymaker, Helen Fitch

Name (slide number)

Brix, Ella (9)

Buchy, Bob (5)

Buchy, Mrs. (5)

Dankert, Herb (7, 11)

Dankert, Mary Ruth (7, 8, 11)

Fitch, Lou (7, 18)

Fitch, Helen (7, 18)

Heckathorne, Gene (4)

Hickes, Kay (14)

Hickes, Roy (14)

Hillerich, Martha (Marty) (2,3)

Hillerich, Rev. Don (2)

Hoffman, Don (1)

Johnson, Barbara (?) (2, 5)

Kinnison, William (1)

Matthies, Maxine (3, 5, 9, 13, 16, 17, 18)

Matthies, Roland C. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 18)

Miller, Ann (Mrs. L. David) (5)

Miller, L. David (5, 10)

Otto, Georgia (10, 13)

Otto, Rev. Fred (10, 12)

Pfnister, Allen (4)

Porter, Don? (7)

Porter, Mrs. Don? (7)

Reck, Emerson (4, 17)

Rilling, Jane (9)

Rilling, Mary Catherine (9, 13)

Rilling, Rev. John (13)

Rugh, Connie (14, 16)

Rugh, Rev. Larry (14, 16)

Slaymaker, John (18)

Slaymaker, Dorothy (18)

Thomas, Margaret (7)

Werner, Carl (7)

Werner, Jane (Mrs. Carl) (7)

Worthen, Cecile (2, 3, 5, 6)

Worthen, Roger (6)

