



## Austin Seminary Archives, Stitt Library

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### JANSEN (JOHN FREDERICK) PAPERS, 1936-1986

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#### Descriptive Summary

**Title:** John Frederick Jansen papers

**Dates:** 1936-1986

**Accession Number(s):** 2004-001

**Extent:** 2 feet, 11 inches

**Language:** Materials are written in English.

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#### Biographical Note:

John Jansen (1918-1987) was a Presbyterian pastor, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary professor, and author. Jansen was born in the Netherlands, but immigrated with his family to New England in 1923. He received his A.B. in English at Princeton University and his Doctor of Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1945. He also studied at Yale Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, the University of Utrecht, the University of Leiden, and the University of Cambridge. Jansen was ordained to serve as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1943, and he served as the minister of Flemington Presbyterian Church in New Jersey from 1946-1949.

In 1949, Jansen started his professorial career as the Associate Professor of Bible and the Dean of Men at Carroll College in Wisconsin. From 1952-1958, Jansen acted as a Professor of Religion at Hanover College in Indiana. In 1958, he moved to the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary to teach New Testament Interpretation. He was declared a professor emeritus at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1983.

Jansen also had a strong career as an author, writing eight books: *Calvin's Doctrine of the Work of Christ* (1956), *Guests of God, Meditations on the Lord's Supper* (1956), *The Meaning of Baptism, Meditations* (1958), *O Povo de Deus, Studies in I Peter Given in Portugal* (1964), *Let Us Worship God* (1966), *Exercises in Interpreting Scripture* (1973), *Biblical Images, Windows to God's Way in our World* (1976) and *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ in New Testament Theology* (1980). He also published many articles about theological topics.

Jansen was married to Mary L. Cabiness Jansen and had five sons.

**Scope and Contents:**

John Frederick Jansen's papers document his teaching career at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, his biblical research and his writing career. The collection is split into three series: Teaching, Writing and Research, and General.

While a professor at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Jansen taught a wide variety of courses, including many courses on the exegesis of various books of the Bible. The Teaching series includes papers related to his teaching career. The Teaching series has two sub-series: Class Notes and Teaching Activities. Class Notes is organized by course topic, and includes papers such as course syllabi, course assignments, and course topic research. Class Notes material makes up the large majority of the series. The Teaching Activities subseries includes printed materials related to special lectures he gave that were not related to any course he was teaching. This series comprises 19 inches of the collection.

The Writings and Research series includes printed material related to both Jansen's far-reaching biblical research and his writing career. This series is divided into four subseries: Research Files, Notes, Unpublished Writing and Published Writing. Seven inches of research files include handwritten notes and reading notes related to theological topics. The Unpublished Writing and Published Writing series is comprised of three inches of Jansen's book chapters and articles. Some of the materials in Unpublished Writing are annotated by Jansen. The Notes subseries is five inches of handwritten and typed notes related to Jansen's biblical research and readings.

The last inch of the collection is the General series. This series includes a small amount of correspondence related to Jansen's career, Jansen's Curriculum Vitae, and printed material related to the Mission Emphasis Team. Jansen served on the Mission Emphasis Team in 1974, which was a committee concerned with evangelism efforts within the Presbyterian Church.

**Processing Information:**

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**Restrictions:**

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

**Index Terms:**

Jansen, John Frederick.  
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.  
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary--Faculty.  
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.--Education.  
Christian education.  
Lecture notes.

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**Inventory:**

**Box**                      **Contents**

**H010b**                      **Series I: Teaching**

**Class Notes:**

301 Life and Teaching of Jesus, 1970-1977

Acts (3 folders), 1955-1979 and undated

**F004**                                      Assorted class notes, 1958-1980 and undated

**H010b**                                      Baptism in the New Testament, 1947-1966  
B.E. 315 I Corinthians (2 folders), 1973-1981 and undated  
Bi 331 Philippians Exegesis, 1967-1980 and undated  
B.E. 335 Luke, 1972-1973 and undated  
BI 116 and 216 NT (2 folders), 1982-1983 and undated  
B.I. 203 Exposition of Hebrews, 1980  
Bi 205 Romans (2 folders), 1975 and undated  
B.I. 367 Exposition: The Book of Revelation, 1978-1982 and undated  
B.I. 400 Interpreting the Bible Today, 1968-1970 and undated  
Biblical Poetry, 1953-1956  
B. Th. 361 New Testament Theology I, 1965-1978 and undated  
Biblical Theology 325, N.T. Biblical Theology, 1969 and undated  
C6s/Bi335 The Gospel According to John, 1986  
Exegetical Skills, 1967-1982 and undated  
Galatians, 1977 and undated  
Hebrews (2 folders), 1958-1974 and undated

**H011a**                                      Interpreting the N.T. Today III, General Epistles Revelation  
Canon, 1940, 1980-1983 and undated  
Memory and Hope in the New Testament, 1986  
New Quest of the Historical Jews, 1964-1965  
N.T. Exegesis and Sermon Design, 1980  
N.T. Theology, 1969-1973 and undated  
Old Testament (2 folders), 1952-1976 and undated  
TH 212 Theological Task in the Reformed Tradition, 1986 and undated

**Teaching Activities:**

Special lecture materials, 1954-1980 and undated

**Box**                      **Contents**

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Uniform Series: John the Gospel of Life, 1985

**Series 2: Research and Writings**

**Research Files:**

19<sup>th</sup> century, undated  
Ascension, undated

**F004**                      Biblical quotes and commentaries, undated

**H011a**                      Biblical theory, 1946-1947 and undated  
Bultmann - Barth, undated  
Christianity and Judaism articles, 1965-1973  
Christological texts, 1974

**F004**                      Concordance, undated

**H011a**                      I, II Corinthians, undated  
I Corinthians XV, undated  
Ephesians (2 folders), 1982 and undated  
Evangelism, 1974 and undated  
Goguel, undated  
Jewish dialogue (2 folders), 1973-1982  
John, undated  
Knox, 1952 and undated  
Mark, 1962-1966 and undated  
N.T. Introduction, undated  
Other contemp., 1957-1964 and undated  
Pannenberg - Moltmann, 1965 and undated  
I Peter, undated  
Revelations, 1975 and undated  
Salvation N.T., 1969 and undated  
Theology of Resurrection, 1954-1969 and undated  
"Who is Jesus?," "Jesus and the Law," 1976 and undated  
Word Studies, 1936 and undated

**Notes:**

Handwritten notes (5 folders), undated  
Reading notes, undated

**F004**                      Assorted printed notes, undated

**Unpublished Writing:**

Assorted papers, undated

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Death and the Old Testament, 1963  
Eusebius, undated  
Marcellus, 1978  
Study Guide to the Work of the Holy Spirit, undated

**Published Writing:**

Assorted papers, 1968-1980  
"Commitment: A Perspective from the New Testament," and "The  
Blood of Christ," 1972-1974  
Harper's Bible Dictionary, 1983

**Series 3: General**

Correspondence, 1974-1986  
Curriculum Vitae, undated  
Mission Emphasis Team, 1974