

The Robert Hamill Nassau Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator: Nassau, Robert Hamill, 1835-1921
Dates: 1849-1921
Extent: 14 boxes (5.9 linear feet)
Language(s): English
Repository: Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries. Special Collections.

Chronology

1835 October 11	Born, Montgomery Square, Pennsylvania. Son of Rev. Charles William and Hannah Hamill Nassau
1854	Graduated, College of New Jersey (now Princeton University)
1854-1856	Teacher, Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey
1856-1859	Student, Princeton Theological Seminary
1857	M.A., College of New Jersey
1861	M.D., University of Pennsylvania Medical School
1861 April 17	Ordained, Presbytery of New Brunswick
1861-1864	Missionary, Corisco, Africa
1862 September 17	Married Mary Cloyd Latta, teacher at the Evangasimba girl's school in Corisco
1865-1871	Missionary, Benita, Africa
1870 September 10	Mary Nassau dies
1874-1891	Missionary, Ogowe River, Africa
1881 October 10	Married Mary Brunette Foster, Lakewood, New Jersey

1884 August 8	Mary Nassau dies in childbirth in Kângwe, Africa
1891	D.D., University of Pennsylvania
1893-1908	Missionary, Gabon, Africa
1900-1902	Missionary, Batanga
1903	Missionary, Gabon, Africa
1904-1906	Missionary, Batanga
1907-1908	Stated Supply, Starke, Waldo and Hawthorne, Florida
1910-1921	Resident, Ambler, Pennsylvania
1921 May 6	Died, Ambler, Pennsylvania

Scope and Content

This collection consists of diaries (1880-1919), essays, poems, correspondence, legal documents, clippings, sermons, mementos, photographs, and other miscellaneous material.

Subjects

Nassau, Robert Hamill, 1835-1921--Archives.

Princeton Theological Seminary--Alumni and alumnae--Archives.

Missionaries--Africa--Archives.

Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Manuscript collections.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection was organized and the original finding aid was written in the fall of 1992, by Douglas F. Denné, under the direction of William O. Harris, Archivist. The finding aid was edited in March of 2009 by Sarah Seraphin.

Access

There are no special restrictions to access of this collection. It may be examined by library patrons under the normal rules and conditions of Special Collections.

Use of Materials

The following is the acceptable citation for publication: The Robert Hamill Nassau Manuscript Collection. Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

Related Material

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The Henry H. Bucher, Jr. Collection (of Africana)

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