The George Washington Fleming Birch Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator: Birch, George W. F. (George Washington Fleming), 1837-1902
Dates: 1860-1902
Extent: 2 Boxes (0.8 linear feet)
Language(s): English

Chronology

1837 March 26 Born, Clayville, Pennsylvania
1858 Graduated, Washington College, Pennsylvania
1858-1861 Student, Western Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
1862 January 17 Ordained, Presbytery of Sangamon
1862-1869 Pastor, Third Church, Springfield, Illinois
1969-1970 Student, Princeton Theological Seminary
1870 Stated supply, Carr Place church, St. Louis
1870-1873 Pastor, Second Church, Lexington, Kentucky
1873-1876 Pastor, Third Church, Indianapolis
1879-1902 Pastor, Bethany Church, New York City
1885 Awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity, Centre College, Kentucky
1895 Awarded honorary Doctor of Law, West Virginia University
1902 April 26 Died, New York City
Biographical Information

Rev. George Washington Fleming Birch (1837-1902) was born in Pennsylvania. He was educated at Washington College, Western Theological Seminary (1858-1861), and Princeton Theological Seminary (1869-1870). He received honorary degrees from Centre College in Kentucky (D.D., 1885) and West Virginia University (L.L.D., 1895). Rev. Birch was ordained in 1862. He pastored many churches; the Third Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Illinois from 1862 to 1869, Carr Place Church in St. Louis in 1870, Second Presbyterian Church of Lexington, Kentucky from 1870 to 1873, Third Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana from 1873 to 1876, and Bethany Presbyterian Church in New York City from 1879 until his death in 1902.

Scope and Content

The papers of Rev. Birch are contained in two archival boxes and consist primarily of his handwritten sermon manuscripts along with correspondence, photographs, and other personal documents.

Subjects

Birch, George W. F., b. 1837.


Sermons, American--Presbyterian.

Administrative Information

Processing Information

These items were organized into a manuscript collection in September of 2000. The provenance of this collection is unknown.

Access

There are no special restrictions on access to this collection. It is available for the use of library patrons under the regular rules and conditions of Special Collections.
Use of Materials

The following is the acceptable citation for publication: The George Washington Fleming Birch Manuscript Collection. Special Collections, Princeton Theological Seminary Library.

Contents

Box 1: Sermons - Old Testament

1:1 Handwritten sermon - Genesis 27:2 21 September 1873.
1:2 Handwritten sermon - Deuteronomy 8:2-3 2 February 1900.
1:3 Handwritten sermon - I Samuel 1:27-28 17 March 1865.
1:5 Handwritten sermon - I Kings 8:27 27 November 1892.
1:7 Handwritten sermon - Psalms 73:25-26 19 February 1871.
1:8 Handwritten sermon - Ecclesiastes 7:1 26 March 1865.
1:9 Handwritten sermon - Isaiah 1:1 4 July 1897.
1:10 Handwritten sermon - Isaiah 1:18 8 December 1870.
1:11 Handwritten sermon - Isaiah 43:3 12 August 1871.
1:12 Handwritten sermon - Isaiah 44:3 27 August 1893.
1:13 Handwritten sermon - Jeremiah 8:20 5 October 1872.
1:14 Handwritten sermon - Zechariah 8:5 June 1884.

Box 1 continued: Sermons - New Testament

1:15 Typed sermon - Matthew 4:4 undated.
1:16 Handwritten sermon - Matthew 6:34 14 September 1878.
1:17 Handwritten sermon - Matthew 11:11 22 February 1885.
1:18 Handwritten sermon - Matthew 13:34-35 22 August 1897.
1:25 Handwritten sermon - John 4:24 1901
1:26 Handwritten sermon - John 14:1 3 August 1890.

**Box 2: Sermons - New Testament**

2:1 Handwritten sermon - John 14:27 3 February 1871.
2:2 Handwritten sermon - John 17:4 5 June 1893.
2:3 Handwritten sermon - John 18:26 18 November 1870.
2:8 Handwritten sermon - Acts 26:26 20 August 1893.
2:9 Handwritten sermon - I Corinthians 2:3 18 December 1870.
2:10 Handwritten sermon - II Corinthians 5:6-8 27 June 1868.
2:11 Handwritten sermon - II Corinthians 5:20 22 April 1860.
2:12 Handwritten sermon - II Corinthians 7:7-9 28 August 1875.
2:13 Handwritten sermon - I Thessalonians 5:19 20 August 1893.
2:14 Handwritten sermon - II Timothy 3:15 22 March 1891.
2:15 Handwritten sermon - II Timothy 3:16 24 February 1861.
2:17 Notebook containing multiple handwritten sermons - Song of Solomon 1:1, Matthew 1:21, John 6:8-9, Acts 1:3 1878-1879
2:18 Segments of miscellaneous handwritten sermons various dates.

**Box 2 continued: Miscellaneous material**

2:19 Photographs (2) of Rev. Birch.
2:20 Poems (2) by Rev. Birch.
2:21 Letters (4) from Rev. Birch to his parents 1889-1902
2:22 Letters (2) to Rev. Birch from brother and grandmother 1857-1860
2:23 Letters and telegrams to John Birch from his children and others 1890-1902
2:24 Miscellaneous letters and items relating to Birch family, including genealogical information various dates.

2:25 Miscellaneous newspaper clippings and obituaries.

2:26 Sheets (10), perhaps from printing press, some of which contain dim photographs.