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# The Henry Carrington Alexander Manuscript Collection

## Collection Summary

**Creator:** Alexander, Henry Carrington, 1835-1894  
**Dates:** 1858-1887  
**Extent:** 1 Box (0.3 linear feet)  
**Language(s):** English  
**Repository:** Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries. Special Collections.

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## Chronology

1835 September 27	Born, Princeton, New Jersey
1854	Graduated, College of New Jersey (now Princeton University)
1855-1858	Student, Princeton Theological Seminary
1861 September 3	Ordained, Presbytery of Roanoke
1861-1869	Pastor, Charlotte Church, Virginia
1870	Awarded honorary doctor of divinity, Hampden-Sydney College
1870-1891	Professor, Biblical Literature and New Testament Interpretation, Union Theological Seminary, Virginia
1891-1894	Stated supply, Oakland, Maryland and Terra Alta, West Virginia
1894 June 27	Died, New York City

## Biographical Information

Henry Carrington Alexander was born in Princeton, New Jersey in 1835. He was the eldest son of James Waddell Alexander and the grandson of Archibald

Alexander. He graduated from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University) in 1854; and Princeton Theological Seminary in 1858. He served as pastor to the Village Presbyterian Church of Charlotte County, Virginia, throughout the Civil War. His father and grandfather had also served at this same church. He was elected Professor of Biblical Literature and Interpretation of the New Testament at Union Theological Seminary of Virginia in 1869. He retired from teaching at Union Seminary in 1892, and served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Oakland, Maryland until his death in 1894. He was a leading member of the Southern Presbyterian Church throughout his life.

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## **Scope and Content**

These papers consist of ten sermons, all but two of which were given in Virginia during the 1860s and some of which discuss the war in sympathy with the Confederacy.

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## **Subjects**

Alexander, Henry Carrington, 1835-1894--Manuscripts.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed by Douglas F. Denné in the fall of 1992, under the direction of William O. Harris, Archivist. The finding aid was written by Matthew Reeder in February 2007, and edited by Sarah Malone in May 2008.

### **Access**

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### **Use of Materials**

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## Arrangement

Sermons have been arranged chronologically.

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## Contents

### Box 1

- 1:1 John 4:37. 1858 April 7.
  - 1:2 Isaiah 48:10, Charlotte Court House; includes a clipping of a proclamation by Jefferson Davis appointing a day for public worship. 1862 March 9.
  - 1:3 Funeral sermon of Captain Matthew Lyle. 1862 July 27.
  - 1:4 Sermon on Stonewall Jackson, Charlotte Court House. 1863 June 14.
  - 1:5 Psalm 46:10, "The Impotence of Man in view of the Sovereignty of God," first preached at Charlotte Court House. 1863 July 22.
  - 1:6 Matthew 6:20, Charlotte Court House. 1864 July 31.
  - 1:7 Nehemiah 4:14, Fast-day sermon. 1865 March 10.
  - 1:8 Isaiah 43:23, "The Sinner Exhorted and Entreated." Charlotte Court House. 1866 July 29.
  - 1:9 Jeremiah 8:20, "The Harvest is Past..." 1867 July 14.
  - 1:10 Philippians 4:8, Baccalaureate sermon. 1887 June 5.
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