

The James Waddel Alexander Manuscript Collection

Collection Summary

Creator: Alexander, James W. (James Waddel), 1804-1859
Dates: 1823-1858
Extent: 3 boxes (1.1 linear feet)
Language(s): English
Repository: Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries. Special Collections.

Chronology

1804 March 13	Born, Louisa County, Virginia. Eldest son of Archibald Alexander and wife Janetta Waddel.
1820	Graduated, College of New Jersey (Princeton University)
1824	Tutor, Princeton Theological Seminary
1827	Ordained
1829-1832	Pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, New Jersey
1833	Professor of Rhetoric, College of New Jersey (Princeton University)
1844	Pastor, Duane Street Presbyterian Church, New York
1849	Professor of Church History, Princeton Theological Seminary
1851	Pastor, 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York
1859 July 31	Died, Alleghany County, Virginia. Interred in the Alexander Family plot, Princeton Cemetery

Scope and Content

This collection consists of classroom notes and lectures, sermons, lectures on rhetoric and sacred rhetoric, and correspondence.

Subjects

Alexander, James W. (James Waddel), 1804-1859--Manuscripts.

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Administrative Information

Processing Information

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

Access

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[Alexander Autograph Collection](#). Princeton University Library, Manuscripts Division.

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- 1:4 Deuteronomy 1:25, "It is a Good Land Which the Lord God Doth Give Us" (Thanksgiving Day). 1851
- 1:5 Psalm 2:11, "Rejoice with Trembling" (Thanksgiving). 1852
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3:6 Engraving of James Waddell Alexander

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