



# The Joseph Addison Alexander Manuscript Collection

## Collection Summary

**Creator:** Alexander, Joseph A. (Joseph Addison), 1809-1860  
**Dates:** 1822-1861  
**Extent:** 10 boxes (4.3 linear feet)  
**Language(s):** English, French, Arabic, Hebrew, Greek  
**Repository:** Princeton Theological Seminary Libraries. Special Collections.

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## Chronology

1809 April 24	Born, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Son of Archibald Alexander. Brother to James Waddel and William Cowper Alexander
1826	Graduated, College of New Jersey (Princeton University)
1830-1833	Adjunct Professor of Ancient Languages And Literature, College of New Jersey (Princeton University)
1834	Assistant to Charles Hodge, Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature, Princeton Theological Seminary
1838	Associate Professor of Oriental and Biblical Literature, Princeton Theological Seminary
1840	Succeeded Charles Hodge as chair
1851	Chair of Biblical and Ecclesiastical History, Princeton Theological Seminary
1859	Chair of Hellenistic and New Testament Literature, Princeton Theological Seminary
1860 January 28	Died, Princeton, New Jersey

## **Biographical Information**

Joseph Addison Alexander, the third son of Archibald Alexander, was a well-known biblical scholar and linguist. He was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1839. This collection consists primarily of lecture notes and correspondence, spanning much of Alexander's career.

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## **Scope and Content**

This collection includes classnotes and lectures, chiefly on Biblical history and church history, and personal correspondence.

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## **Subjects**

Alexander, Joseph Addison, 1809-1860--Manuscripts.

Princeton Theological Seminary. Library. Manuscript collections.

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Processing Information**

This collection was processed and inventoried 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 March 2007, and edited by Sarah Seraphin in February 2009.

### **Access**

There are no special restrictions to the 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:

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## Related Material

See also the following materials in Special Collections:

[The Archibald Alexander Manuscript Collection](#)

[The Henry Carrington Alexander Manuscript Collection](#)

[The James Waddel Alexander Manuscript Collection](#)

See also:

[The Alexander Family Collection, 1857-1910](#). Princeton University Library, Manuscripts Division.

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

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