OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Author: Thomas H. Herdman

Title: Thomas H. Herdman Collection

Date: 1850 -- 1903

Abstract: Diaries, autobiography, essays, and manuscript, printed matter, and clippings.

Quantity: .6 cu.ft.

BIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS H. HERDMAN

Thomas H. Herdman, born July 8, 1829 at Noblestown, PA and died April 8, 1916 Lebanon, IL, was a Methodist minister, presiding elder, and president of McKendree College. He attended Muskingum College from 1848 to 1851, but graduated from Madison College in Antrim, OH in 1856. He had organized a high school in Chandlerville, OH in 1852 where he taught for one and a half years. That same year he married Celia C. Joseph at Zanesville. She died in 1869. He married Eliza H. Peek at Du Quoin, IL in 1870. She died in 1915. During those years he served as pastor at Greenfield, OH, Mount Vernon, Du Quoin, Litchfield, Lebanon, Vandalia, Mount Carmel, Brighton, Collinsville, and Effingham, IL. He also served as presiding elder for the Lebanon District. He served three years as president of McKendree College beginning in 1890, then accepting the financial agency of the college. He was the dean of the theological department and took over the postgraduate department in 1895. He also served on the Board of Trustees and was president of the board for six years. As a reward the college presented him with honorary master’s and doctorate degrees.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

There are eight volumes of diaries, three volumes of autobiography and essays, a
commonplace book, an account book, and one folder of about twenty-two miscellaneous manuscript, printed matter and clippings.

The diaries cover April 1850 – May 1862, July 1865 – July 1869, and January 1900 – October 1903.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

These records are organized into the following series:

Series I: Diaries
Series II: Manuscripts, Correspondence, and Notebooks
Series III: Account Book
Series IV: Commonplace Book
Series V: Miscellaneous Printed Matter

Abbreviations with in content list:

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Restrictions: The collection is open under the rules and regulations of the Ohio University Libraries.

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

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**CONTAINER LIST**

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**Series II: Manuscripts, Correspondence, and Notebooks, 1847 – 1903**

| 2 | “A Brief Account of the Life of the Author, Together with Some of His Writings,” vol. 1, Springfield Township, Richland County, OH, 1847. Holo., 141 pgs. |

“A Morning in July,” poem by Herdman, September 1859
Letter from John U. Walden to Herdman, September 19, 1903

Series III: Account Book

6 Account book, cash and chattels library, vol. 2, Chandlersville, OH, January 1, 1853

Series IV: Commonplace Book

7 Commonplace book no. 1, designed to contain speeches, essays, reflections, and observations, Greenfield, OH, January 1, 1858, 190 pgs.

Series V: Miscellaneous Printed Matter, 1854 – 1887

8 Licenses of Herdman as a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1854, 1856, 1860 – 1863
“In Memoriam,” for Jane Herdman of Paxton, IL, aged 84 years and five months, February 28, 1887
“Notice of Death,” for Mrs. M.A. Andrews, Herdman officiating
Funeral notice of Mrs. Celia C. Herdman
Circular of the Mt. Vernon Seminary, July 23, 1868 (two copies)
Obituary of Miss Jennie Herdman
Marriage announcement clipping of George I. Ray and Ina B. Herdman
Obituary of James H. Herdman