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Collection Summary

Title: James Thomas Ward Papers

Span Dates: 1838-1897

ID No.: MSS44560

Creator: Ward, James Thomas, 1820-1897

Extent: 62 items ; 12 containers ; 4.8 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Summary: Clergyman, author, and educator. Bound volumes of diaries, family and autobiographical material, notes and writings, and printed matter featuring Ward's life and work as a circuit minister of the Methodist Protestant Church in Maryland and West Virginia, as pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church in Philadelphia, as president of Western Maryland College from 1866 to 1886, and president of Westminster Seminary (later Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.).

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Ward family.

Ward, James Thomas, 1820-1897.

Organizations

First Methodist Protestant Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Methodist Protestant Church (U.S. : 1830-1939)

Western Maryland College.

Westminster Theological Seminary (Westminster, Md.)

Subjects

Circuit riders--Maryland.

Circuit riders--West Virginia.

Methodist Church--Maryland.

Methodist Church--Pennsylvania--Philadelphia.

Methodist Church--West Virginia.

Occupations

Authors.

Clergy.

Educators.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of James Thomas Ward, clergyman, author, and educator, were given to the Library of Congress by Elizabeth Lewis in 1965.

Processing History

The collection was processed in 1973. The finding aid was revised in 2012.

Other Repositories

Other papers of James Thomas Ward are held by McDaniel College, Westminster, Md.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of James Thomas Ward is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of James Thomas Ward are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1820, Aug. 21	Born, Georgetown, Washington, D/C.
1835-1836	Tutored at Columbian Academy
1838	Graduated, Brookville Classical Academy, Brookville, Md.
1840-1842	Joined Methodist Protestant Church and served as itinerant pastor on Pipe Creek Circuit and Frederick County, Md., Williamsport, Md., Washington, County, and Berkeley County, W. Va., Circuit
1845	Married Catherine Light (1823-1899)
1847-1856	Pastor, First Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
1866-1886	President, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Md.
1886-1897	President, Westminster Theological Seminary (now Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.)
1897, Mar. 4	Died

Scope and Content Note

The papers of James Thomas Ward (1820-1897) span the years 1838-1897 and consist of bound volumes of diaries, family and autobiographical material, notes and writings, and printed matter featuring Ward's life and work as a circuit minister of the Methodist Protestant Church in Maryland and West Virginia, as pastor of the First Methodist Protestant Church in Philadelphia, as president of Western Maryland college from 1866 to 1886, and president of Westminster Theological Seminary (later Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.). Interspersed with clippings and pamphlets, the volumes include personal reflections and observations as well as recording events, travels, and important occasions.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in the order it was compiled and received.

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