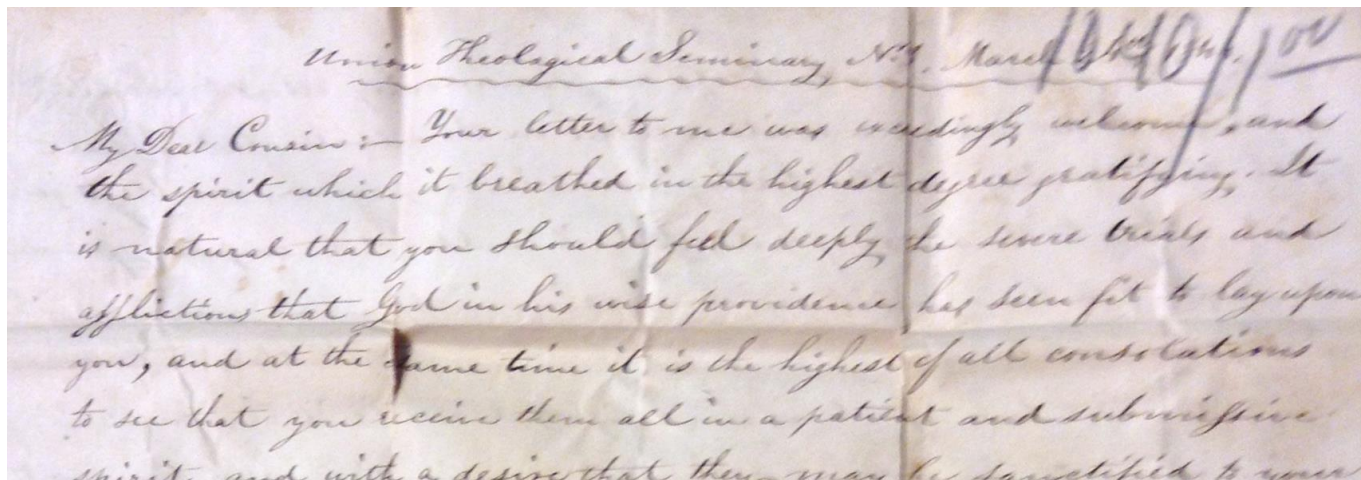


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Finding Aid for

**James Hoyt Papers, 1844**



Letter, UTS: James Hoyt Papers, 1844, box 1, folder 1,  
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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**Summary Information**

Creator: James Hoyt, 1817-1866  
Title: James Hoyt Papers  
Inclusive dates: 1844  
Abstract: Union Theological Seminary student from 1841-1844. Collection contains a letter from James Hoyt to Mary Louisa Starr, March 24, 1844  
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
Union Theological Seminary  
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New York, NY 10027  
Email: [burkearchives@library.columbia.edu](mailto:burkearchives@library.columbia.edu)

**Administrative Information**

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Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
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- Preferred Citation: Item description, UTS: James Hoyt Papers, 1844, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

**Biography**

James Hoyt was born in Greenfield, NY, in 1817. After attending Union College, he completed his studies at Union Theological Seminary from 1841 to 1844. He was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in April, 1846, and served as acting pastor in Harlem (1844) and in Stanwich, CT (1845).

From 1846-1849 he was a pastor in Tuskegee, Alabama, and he later lived in Talladega, AL; Stamford, CT; and New London, CT. For the last ten years of his life, he was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Orange, NJ; he died in December of 1866.

**Collection Scope and Content Note**

The Hoyt Collection consists of a single item: a letter written to his cousin, Mary Louisa Starr, on March 24, 1844. Hoyt wrote the letter to his cousin in Newtown, CT, from his room at Union, on a Sunday evening when he was recovering from food poisoning and was unable to attend services.

The letter offers sympathy to his cousin, who has "been certainly made to drink pretty deeply of the cup of affliction; more deeply than most others of your age, yet less so than many." The letter also expresses the desire to see her:

"...my thoughts suddenly turned to yourself, and I almost wished I had the mysterious tapestry mentioned in one of the Arabian Tales... But I will check this train of thought, since no power of magic or imagination can remove or shorten the distance that separates us."

**Processing**

Material was placed in a new acid-free folder and box.

**Further Sources**

Other works by James Hoyt available through the Burke Library include the Thanksgiving sermon entitled *God With the Nation* and a history of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, New Jersey called *The Mountain Society*.

**Contents list**

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Letter to Mary Louisa Starr, 1844