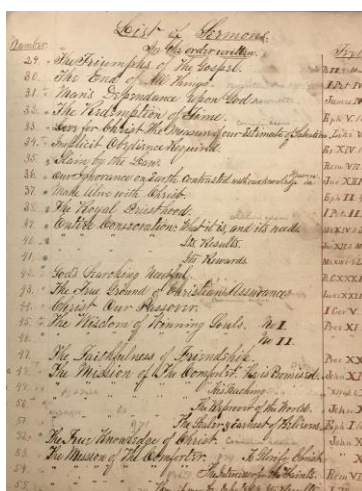


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Finding Aid for

James Avery Skinner Commonplace Book, [1890]



Commonplace Book, [1890]. UTS1: James Avery Skinner Commonplace Book, [1890], Series 1 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 Avery Skinner, 1835-1917
Title: James Avery Skinner Commonplace Book, [1890]
Inclusive dates: [1890]
Bulk dates: [1890]
Abstract: UTS Class of 1860; ordained minister in the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches, minister in California, Ohio, and New York City area ministries.
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
3041 Broadway
New York, NY 10027
Email: burkespecial@library.columbia.edu

Administrative Information

- Provenance:** The James Avery Skinner Commonplace Book was among a large group of unprocessed materials that were organized in 2017-2018 with the support of the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkespecial@library.columbia.edu, or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. Burke Library staff is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Note that the commonplace book's bindings are separated which will require special care (and gloves) in handling.
- Preferred Citation:** UTS1: James Avery Skinner Commonplace Book [189?-190?], series 1, box 1, folder 1, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

Biography

James Avery Skinner was born in New York City's Union Square neighborhood on November 15, 1835. On February 28, 1860, Skinner married Cornelia North Bristol, and later Olivia Lane (1869), with whom he had three children.

He was a graduate of Hamilton College (class of 1857, with membership in Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa) and 1860 graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Following his studies at Union, Skinner was ordained as an evangelist minister in the Third Presbytery of New York (1861). Much of his early service work was as a home missionary in California, where he settled in 1863 prior to organizing the Presbyterian Church in Santa Clara, California, serving as pastor there. He served in a number of settings in the Presbyterian Church, including Stockton, California and Cleveland, Ohio. He also served as District Superintendent of the Presbyterian Board of Publication (New York State) from 1875 to 1880.

In 1888, Reverend Skinner was ordained in the Protestant Episcopal Church, serving as rector in New York State until 1895. Following his second ordination, Skinner served as Librarian of the State Teachers' Library, Department of Public Instruction (Albany, New York) for six years. Following his work as a librarian, Skinner participated actively in ministries throughout New York City, serving as an urban missionary in chapels of the Atonement, the Good Shepherd, and Emmanuel (Bronx).

James Avery Skinner died of pneumonia at St. Luke's Hospital, New York City, on November 25, 1917.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The James Avery Skinner Papers consists of a single commonplace book, approximately dated in the late 1890s-early 1900s, containing pasted-in newspaper clippings, certification materials (related chiefly to Skinner's studies at Hamilton College), manuscript and printed sermon materials.

- **Series 1: Commonplace Book, [189?]**

One single commonplace book with loose bindings, including manuscript, printed, and published clippings regarding Skinner's studies, ordination, and current events during his life.

Processing

Materials were rehoused in acid-free folders and archival document boxes. Rusty paperclips were removed and replaced with plastic clips.

Further Sources

Include links to relevant articles, books, or records consulted relating to the record creator

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