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Collection Summary
Title: Samuel J. Baird Papers
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Creator: Baird, Samuel J. (Samuel John), 1817-1893
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LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm78011551
Summary: Presbyterian clergyman and author of Newark, Ohio. Correspondence and other material relating to
Presbyterian Church affairs and doctrinal questions, the work of the American Bible Society in Virginia, and the Baird
family.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by
name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People
Alexander, James W. (James Waddel), 1804-1859--Correspondence.
Baird family.
Baird, E. Thompson (Ebenezer Thompson), 1821-1887--Correspondence.
Baird, Samuel J. (Samuel John), 1817-1893.
Baird, Thomas Dickson, 1819-1873--Correspondence.
Baird, William Logan, 1827-1881--Correspondence.
Boardman, Henry A. (Henry Augustus), 1808-1880--Correspondence.
Breckinridge, John, 1797-1841--Correspondence.
Breckinridge, Robert J. (Robert Jefferson), 1800-1871--Correspondence.
Cattell, William C. (William Cassiday), 1827-1898--Correspondence.
Chamberlain, Jeremiah, 1794-1851--Correspondence.
Duffield, John T. (John Thomas), 1823-1901--Correspondence.
Finley, Robert Smith, 1804-1860--Correspondence.
Gurley, P. D. (Phineas Densmore), 1816-1868--Correspondence.
Hopkins, Mark, 1802-1887--Correspondence.
Howe, George, 1802-1883--Correspondence.
Humphrey, Edward P. (Edward Porter), 1809-1887--Correspondence.
McIlwaine, Richard, 1834--Correspondence.
Miller, John, 1819-1895--Correspondence.
Nevins, John W.--Correspondence.
Parvin, T. S. (Theodore Sutton), 1817-1901--Correspondence.
Plummer, William S.--Correspondence.
Potts, Stacy G. (Stacy Gardner), 1799-1865--Correspondence.
Reid, Hugh--Correspondence.
Robinson, Stuart, 1814-1881--Correspondence.
Shedd, William G. T. (William Greenough Thayer), 1820-1894--Correspondence.
Smith, Henry Boynton, 1815-1877--Correspondence.
Sprague, William B. (William Buell), 1795-1876--Correspondence.
Taylor, William J. R. (William James Romeyn), 1823-1891--Correspondence.
Witherspoon, T. D. (Thomas Dwight), 1836-1898--Correspondence.
Wood, James, 1799-1867--Correspondence.

Organizations
American Bible Society.

Subjects
Presbyterian Church--Doctrines.
Presbyterian Church.

Places
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Medical care.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Religious aspects.

Titles
Bible--Societies, etc.--Virginia.
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Occupations
Authors.
Clergy.

Provenance
The papers of Samuel J. Baird, clergyman and author, were purchased by the Library of Congress from C. S. Hook in 1910.

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Biographical Note

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<td>1817, Sept. 17</td>
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<tr>
<td>1840</td>
<td>Married Jane Jemima Wilson</td>
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<tr>
<td>1843</td>
<td>Graduated from Indiana Theological Seminary, New Albany, Ind.</td>
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<td>1854</td>
<td>Ordained by the Presbytery of Cedar (later Cedar Rapids), Iowa</td>
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<td>1854-1857</td>
<td>Pastor, Presbyterian church, Muscatine, Iowa</td>
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<td>1857-1865</td>
<td>Pastor, Woodbury, N.J.</td>
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<td>1865-1875</td>
<td>Promoted the work of the American Bible Society</td>
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<td>1875-1884</td>
<td>Pastor, Third Presbyterian Church, Woodbury, N.J.</td>
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<tr>
<td>1884-1888</td>
<td>Pastor, Ronceverte, W. Va.</td>
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<td>1888-1891</td>
<td>Retired to Blacksburg, Va.</td>
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Scope and Content Note

The papers of Samuel John Baird (1817-1893) span the years 1834-1892 and consist of correspondence and miscellaneous material. Correspondence between Baird, fellow clergymen, and others relative to church affairs includes letters concerning Baird's efforts to minister to soldiers and to assist wounded soldiers and prisoners during the Civil War.


Arrangement of the Papers

This collection of correspondence is bound in volumes and arranged chronologically.
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