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Collection Summary

Title: Samuel J. Baird Papers

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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.
Confederate States of America. Army--Religious life.

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.
Samuel John Baird papers

Occupations

Authors.
Clergy.

Provenance

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Biographical Note

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

1893, Apr. 10

Died, West Clifton Forge, Va.

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.

Correspondents in the collection include James W. Alexander, E. Thompson Baird, Thomas Dickson Baird, William Logan Baird, Henry A. Boardman, John Breckinridge, Robert J. Breckinridge, William C. Cattell, Jeremiah Chamberlain, John T. Duffield, Robert Smith Finley, P. D. Gurley, Mark Hopkins, George Howe, Edward P. Humphrey, Richard McIlwaine, John Miller, John W. Nevins, Theodore Sutton Parvin, William S. Plummer, Stacy G. Potts, Hugh Reid, Stuart Robinson, William Greenough Thayer Shedd, Henry Boynton Smith, William B. Sprague, William J. R. Taylor, T. D. Witherspoon, and James Wood.

Arrangement of the Papers

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

Container List

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BOX 5	1869, Apr. 15-1892, Oct. 5, undated