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Missionary Research Library Archives: Section 3

Finding Aid for

William Wilberforce Chapin Papers, 1860 – 1865

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Summary Information

Creator: Chapin, William Wilberforce, 1836 -1865
Title: William Wilberforce Chapin Papers
Inclusive dates: 1860 – 1865
Bulk dates: 1863 – 1865
Abstract: Andover Theological Seminary alumnus and American Board missionary in India. Correspondence between Chapin and betrothed Katie-Belle Hayes; letters to Chapin from missionary friends; journal from a trip to Labrador and Greenland; extracts from journals by Belle and W. W. Chapin on voyage to India .
Size: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
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Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, under the direction of Charles H. Fahs, who was research assistant to John R. Mott and curator of the Missionary Research Library from its foundation in 1914 until 1948, these records were moved with the MRL to the Brown Memorial Tower of Union Theological Seminary in 1929. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.
- Access:** Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by phone, fax or email archives@uts.columbia.edu, as far in advance as possible.
- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials however are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, MRL 3: William Wilberforce Chapin Papers, box 1, folder #, The Burke Library Archives (Columbia University Libraries) at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

Biography

Chapin was born in Somers, Connecticut on Dec. 2, 1836 and died March 22, 1865 in India. He was an American born missionary to India for the Congregational Church. Chapin graduated from Williams College in 1860, attended Andover Theological Seminary and was ordained in Somers in 1863. Shortly after ordination he sailed to India to a post at Pimplus, fifty miles from Ahmednugger.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection is organized chronologically. Correspondence is numbered in brackets following the description and date. Journal entries cover Chapin's account of a scientific trip to Labrador and Greenland in 1860 and the trip to India in 1863.

Processing

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes.

Contents list

Box Folder Contents

1	1	The Labrador Journal, 1v, ms, 56p, 1860
1	2	Letters from W.W. Chapin to Katie-Belle Hayes, his betrothed, ms, Aug 12 – Sept 19, 1862 (1-16)
1	3	Letters from W.W. Chapin to Katie-Belle Hayes, his betrothed, ms, Oct 7 – Dec 29, 1862 (17-51)
1	4	Letters between W.W. Chapin to Katie-Belle Hayes, his betrothed, ms, Jan 5 – Apr, 1863 (52-116)
1	5	Letters between W.W. Chapin to Katie-Belle Hayes, his betrothed, ms, Apr 30- Sept 26, 1863 (117-168)
1	6	The Voyage to India 1864, typed copies from the journals of Belle and William Chapin's five months sail round the Cape
1	7	Missionary Life in India 1864: typed copies of letters from Chapin to his wife Belle, June 6, 1864 - Mar 1865
1	8	Notes by W. W. Chapin and Letters from missionary and ministerial friends, ms, 1863-1865
1	9	"Making of a Missionary: Account of Rev. William Wilberforce Chapin" obituary from the <i>Dnyanodaya</i> [Rise of Knowledge], Bombay, India, April 15, 1865; Typed copies of obituary and condolence letters.