

Lambeth, Samuel S.

Samuel S. Lambeth collection
1850-1915

Title Statement

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

RMC-00005

Unit Date

1850-1915

Mixed Materials

1-3 (box)

Language

English .

Abstract

Sermons, sketches, and correspondence written by Reverend Samuel Summerfield Lambeth from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, circa 1850-1915; contains some miscellaneous printed materials and books from his personal library.

Extent

2.9 Linear Feet

Repository

Flavia Reed Owen Special Collections & Archives, McGraw-Page Library, Randolph-Macon College

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Donated by family.

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This collection contains some incomplete manuscripts.

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Biographical

Dr. Samuel Summerfield Lambeth (1838-1928) was born in Richmond, Virginia. He attended Randolph-Macon College from 1856-1857, back when the campus was originally located in Boydton, Virginia. In 1857, Lambeth entered the Virginia Conference on trial in a class of sixteen preachers. He was known throughout his life and career for his exceptional wit and talent with language. His classmate, J.J. Lafferty, affectionately remarked in his book, *Twentieth Century Sketches of the Virginia Conference*, how Lambeth "[was] welcomed to the lecture platform with applause" and was a greatly beloved figure in and out of the pulpit. Lambeth served as a Trustee of Randolph-Macon College for many years and was frequently invited to address graduate ceremonies at his alma mater. Lambeth was also one of the first commissioned chaplains in the Confederate Army in Virginia.

For forty-one years he was Assistant Secretary of the Virginia Conference alongside Dr. Paul Whitehead. Upon Whitehead's death in 1907, Lambeth was elected Secretary and served an additional seven years before resigning due to his health. In 1888, Washington and Lee University conferred the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity to Lambeth.

Scope and Contents

Sermons, sketches, and correspondence written by Reverend Samuel Summerfield Lambeth from the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, circa 1850-1915; contains some miscellaneous printed materials and books from his personal library.

Keywords

Lambeth, Samuel., 1838-1928
Methodist Episcopal Church, South--Sermons
Randolph-Macon College--Alumnus

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically when possible into three series: 1. Manuscripts; 2. Journals; 3. Printed Materials.

Arrangement

Series 1: Manuscripts Handwritten sermons, letters, and some ancillary printed materials.

Series 2: Journals Bound journals with handwritten sermons and sermon sketches.

Series 3: Printed Materials Books from the personal library of Samuel S. Lambeth.

Description of Subordinate Components

Manuscripts

Unit ID 1

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1-13 (folder)

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 14-24 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Handwritten sermons, letters, and some ancillary printed materials.

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1860

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1860-1864

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1866

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1867

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1868

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1869

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1870-1874

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1874

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1875

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1876

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1877

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1878

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1879

Mixed Materials 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1880

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1883-1884

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1890

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1885-1890

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons

Unit Date 1899

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Handwritten Sermons**Unit Date** 1900-1907**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Handwritten Sermons****Unit Date** 1900**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Handwritten Sermons, Letters, Newspaper Clippings****Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Handwritten Sermons, Letters, Newspaper Clippings****Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Journals****Unit ID** 2**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 23-24 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Bound journals with handwritten sermons and sermon sketches.

"Acquaintance with God"**Unit Date** 1858**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**"Sketches of Sermons"****Unit Date** 1858-1865**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**"Redeeming the Time"****Unit Date** 1863**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**"Prodigal Son"****Unit Date** 1865**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)**Sermons by S. S. Lambeth****Unit Date** 1866**Mixed Materials** 2 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)

"Nature of Faith; Charity; Hope; The Throne of Grace'; Christ Manifest to Believer; The Faith Servant; Beekeepers of Christ"

Unit Date 1867

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Marriage Record and Common Place Book

Unit Date 1867

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

"Sermons and Sketches"

Unit Date 1867

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

"Revival and Other Sermons"

Unit Date 1901

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Sermons, S. S. Lambeth

Unit Date 1880-1915

Mixed Materials 2 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Printed Materials

Unit ID 3

Books 3 (box)

Scope and Contents

Books from the personal library of Samuel S. Lambeth.

The Preacher and Homiletic Monthly, Vol. 4, edited by I. K. Funk

Unit Date 1880

Books 3 (box)

The Parables of our Lord by Reverend William Arnot

Unit Date 1886

Books 3 (box)

Sermons by the Reverend William Cooper Mead by Jane Maria Mead

Unit Date 1883

Books 3 (box)

Elements of Rhetoric by Richard Whately

Unit Date 1859

Books 3 (box)