

COONS, ALFRED H., 1840-1925. Alfred H. Coons papers, 1876-1920

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Coons, Alfred H., 1840-1925.
Title: Alfred H. Coons papers, 1876-1920
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 279
Extent: 1.00 cubic ft. (2 boxes)
Abstract: Consists of sermons preached by Alfred H. Coons along with Coons's personal diary from 1883, the New York Conference Book of Minutes from 1889, and a biography written by his son Paul W. Coons.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

The Reverend Alfred H. Coons was born on March 3, 1840 in Elizaville, New York. He began his college courses at Troy University until it closed during the Civil War, so Coons relocated to continue his studies at Union College in Schenectady. He attended seminary in Ashland, New York, and when the school was burned down he resumed his course work at Claverick College.

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Coons joined the New York Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1869 and continued to serve churches throughout New York until his retirement in 1912. In 1892 Coons was elected by the New York Conference as a delegate to General Conference, and in 1893 he was a member of the Advisory Council of the World Parliament of Religions which met in Chicago.

Coons married Hannah J. Buckley in 1860 and together they had seven children. After Hannah's death in 1892, he married Julia Wakeman and they had one child together. Alfred H. Coons died in Kingston, New York on November 25, 1925.

Scope and Content Note

This collection consists primarily of sermons preached by Alfred H. Coons. The sermons are predominately based on scriptures from both the Old and New Testaments. There are also sermons on specific topics such as the Civil War, Ignatius Loyola and Jesuitism, religious instruction in public schools, the death of Abraham Lincoln, Decoration Day, Temperance Reform, Martin Luther, and self improvement. Also included in the collection are Coons's personal diary from 1883, the New York Conference Book of Minutes from 1889, and a biography of Coons written by his son Paul W. Coons.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Biography written by Paul W. Coons (son), undated
1	2	New York Conference minutes, 1889
1	3	Personal Diary, 1883

Sermons

1	4	Scriptural: Acts, 1894-1917
1	5	Scriptural: Chronicles, 1882-1914
1	6	Scriptural: Corinthians, 1894-1916
1	7	Scriptural: Daniel, 1881-1916
1	8	Scriptural: Ecclesiastes, Ezekial, and Exodus, 1887-1913
1	9	Scriptural: Habakkuk, undated
1	10	Scriptural: Isaiah, undated
1	11	Scriptural: James, Joel, Joshua, Jude, and Judges, 1896-1915
1	12	Scriptural: John, 1882-1916
1	13	Scriptural: I John, 1878-1913
1	14	Scriptural: Luke, 1886-1914
1	15	Scriptural: Mark, 1886-1903
2	1	Scriptural: Matthew, 1886-1920
2	2	Scriptural: Micah, 1914-1916
2	3	Scriptural: Proverbs, 1887-1913
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2	5	Scriptural: Revelation, 1885-1915
2	6	Scriptural: Romans, 1880-1897
2	7	Scriptural: Samuel, 1898-1915
2	8	Scriptural: Thessalonians, 1887-1894
2	9	Special Occasions: Address on Washington, 1901
2	10	Special Occasions: Children's Day, 1894
2	11	Special Occasions: Cornerstone laying at Phoenicia, 1883
2	12	Special Occasions: Decoration Day, 1876-1916
2	13	Special Occasions: Dedication of new pipe organ, 1915
2	14	Special Occasions: Missionary address, undated
2	15	Special Occasions: Preached before Ward Post [Civil War troops], 1906
2	16	Special Occasions: Ulster Co. Bible Society, 1883
