

ANDREW, JAMES O. (JAMES OSGOOD), 1794-1871.
James O. Andrew papers, 1813-1848

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Andrew, James O. (James Osgood), 1794-1871.
Title: James O. Andrew papers, 1813-1848
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Abstract: Papers of Methodist Bishop James Osgood Andrew, including eleven letters and misc. biographical information.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Biographical Note

James Osgood Andrew, Methodist bishop, was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, May 3, 1794. He was the eldest son of John Andrew (d. 1830) and Mary Cosby Andrew (d. 1855). The family son moved to Elbert County where John Andrew worked as teacher, Methodist preacher, and farmer. James had very little formal education; he was taught by his mother and father. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1809 and 1812 was admitted to the Conference on trail. He was assigned to the Salt Catcher Circuit in S.C. circuit; from there he was assigned to Charleston, S.C. On May 1, 1816, James married Ann Amelia MacFarlane, but determined not to locate. Ordained an elder in the same year he was assigned to Wilmington, N.C. Up until that time he served in Columbia, S.C., Augusta and Savannah, Ga.

He entered his Episcopal duties, and when Emory College opened in 1839, he was President of the Board of Trustees. One of the original land plats in Oxford belonged to Andrew; he lived there until the late 1850's. Amelia died in 1842. They had nine children, Elizabeth (1817-1856), Mary (1820-1822), Sarah (1821-1857), Henrietta (1823-1862), Ann Amelia (d. 1828), Katherine (1830-1833), Mary (b. 1833), Octavia, and James, Jr. (b. 1841). In 1844, he married Leonora Greenwood (1799-1854).

In the General Conference of 1844, Andrew ended up in the middle of a protest against a bishop holding slaves. Andrew, through inheritance and marriage, had slaves. This conflict eventually led to the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South in May 1845, with Andrew and Soule as bishops.

Leonora died in 1854. In a short time he married Mrs. Emily W. (Sims) Woolsey Childers, and they traveled to California to oversee the Missions there. On their return they settled near Summerville, Alabama on a plantation called Tranquilla. He continued to exercise his increased duties in the Southern Church until the General Conference of 1866 in which he asked to be retired due to illness and old age. He died in Mobile, Alabama on March 1, 1871.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of eleven letters written from 1813 to 1848. The early letters (1818-1828) are between James Osgood Andrew and his parents John and Mary Andrew. These letters contain information on the family as well as some insight into church matters. The rest of the letters were written by Andrew to Bishop William May Wightman from 1844-1848. At the time Wightman was director of the Southern Methodist printing concern. These letters tell of the publishing Andrew did as well as give information on his activities immediately following the split of the Methodist Church. Also included in the collection is misc. biographical information including an article about the 1844 General Conference and a program of the dedication of a marker in memory of Andrew at Oxford, Ga., 1966.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Container List

Use copies

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| 1 | 1 | John Andrew, Elbert, Ga. to James Osgood Andrew, Barnwell Court House, S.C., July 3, 1813 |
| 1 | 2 | James Osgood Andrew, Wilmington [N.C.], to John Andrew, Lexington, Ga., March 11, 1818 |
| 1 | 3 | Ann Amelia Andrew, Charleston, S.C., to Mary O. Andrew, Watkinsville, Ga., October 25, 1828 |
| 1 | 4 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to William M. Wrightman, Charleston, S.C., July 6, 1844 w/ transcription |
| 1 | 5 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to William M. Wrightman, Charleston, S.C., August 19, 1844 w/ transcription |
| 1 | 6 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to William M. Wrightman, Charleston, S.C., August 20, 1845 |
| 1 | 7 | James Osgood Andrew, Nashville, Tenn., to William M. Wrightman, Charleston, S.C., October 28, 1846 w/ transcription |
| 1 | 8 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to William M. Wrightman, January 27, 1847 |
| 1 | 9 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to Wrightman [William M.] & Summers, Charleston, S.C., April 3, 1847 |
| 1 | 10 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to William M. Wrightman, Charleston, S.C., June 15, 1847 |
| 1 | 11 | James Osgood Andrew, Oxford, Ga., to William M. Wrightman, Charleston, S.C., March 24, 1848 |
| 1 | 12 | Biographical information |
