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ERASMUS MACMASTER, 1806-1866

PAMPHLET COLLECTION, 1838-1859

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SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The Erasmus Macmaster (1806-1866) Pamphlet Collection contains speeches given by Macmaster as president of Hanover College and Miami University. Other speeches are from his ministerial duties including a speech to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Erasmus Darwin Macmaster was born on February 4, 1806 in Mercer, Pennsylvania. In 1827 he earned an A. B. degree at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He received his minister's license from the Reformed Presbytery of New York on June 16, 1829. He served from 1831-38 as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ballston, New York. From 1838-45 he served as the 3rd president of Hanover College in Indiana. In 1844 he was involved in moving Hanover College to Madison, Indiana and renaming the school Madison University. This enterprise failed and the institution returned to Hanover, and Macmaster soon left the institution.

Macmaster became president of Miami University in Miami, Ohio in 1845. He served in this position until 1849. In 1850 he became a professor of theology at the Theological Seminary at New Albany, Indiana and worked there for sixteen years. On June 2, 1866, he accepted a post as a theology professor at Northwestern Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. Macmaster only held this position for a few months until he died in Chicago on December 10, 1866. (Adapted from a list of biographical dates listed on the web site of the Miami University archives.)

PROVENANCE

There is no formal documentation of the donations within this collection. The pamphlets during Macmaster's administration at Hanover College are part of the early collections of archival materials in the library.

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OTHER ARCHIVAL SOURCES

References are made to Macmaster in several letters in the John Finley Crowe Family Collection (MSS 1) during the Madison University controversy. For further research about Macmaster's presidency at Miami University, the university archives at Miami U. has some folders containing some of his addresses, speeches, and correspondence.

SERIES 1: ERASMUS MACMASTER SPEECHES, 1838-1859

Fd. 1 Speeches during Macmaster's era at Hanover College
 1838 Apr. 29-1844 Oct. 4
 18 items

Item

- 1 “A Discourse Preached in the Presbyterian Church at Ballston, N.Y. April 29th, 1838, on the Occasion of the Author's Resigning His Pastoral Charge”
 1838 Apr. 29
- 2-5 “A Discourse Delivered November 7th, 1838 on the Occasion of the Author's Inauguration as President of Hanover College, Indiana”
 1838 Nov. 7
- 6-8 “An Address Deliver to the Candidates for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, in Hanover College, Indiana, at the Anniversary Commencement”
 1839 Sep. 25
- 9-14 “Integrity, Personal and Political: An Address Deliver to the Candidates for the Degrees of Bachelor of Arts, in Hanover College, Indiana, at the Anniversary Commencement”
 1842 Jul. 27

- 15-17 “Speech of Mr. Mac Master in the Synod of Indiana in Relation to Madison University”
 1844 Oct. 4
- 18 Reprint of articles in the *Protestant and Herald* that contain resolutions and statements regarding the controversy of moving Hanover College to Madison, Indiana.
 [ca.1838]

Fd. 2 Speeches made as president of Miami University and as a minister
 1845 Aug. 13-1859 May 30
 7 items

Item

- 1 “The Relations between Religion and Academic Education: An Address at the Author's Inauguration as President of Miami University, Ohio”
 1845 Aug. 13
- 2 “Impending Judgments Averted by Repentance: A Sermon, at Oxford, Ohio”
 1849 Aug. 3
- 3 “An Address on the Occasion of the Author's Resigning the Office of President of Miami University”
 1849 Aug. 9

Fd. 2 Cont.

Item

- 4 "Address at Laying the Corner Stone of the Third Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis"
1853 Sep. 7
- 5 "Review of an Address, Entitled 'The True Life of a Nation,' Delivered to the Societies of Miami University," by Sayrs Gazlay
1856 Jul. 2
- 6-7 "Speech in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church"
1859 May 30