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**SYLVESTER SCOVEL, 1796-1846**

**COLLECTION, 1847-1851**

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The Sylvester Scovel (1796-1846) Collection contains the inaugural address of Scovel as president of Hanover College, correspondence with A. L. Rhodes, letters, a newspaper article, and James Woods' book, *Memoir of Sylvester Scovel*.

## BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

Sylvester Scovel was born in Peru, Massachusetts on March 3, 1796. In the fall of 1818 he entered Williams College in Massachusetts, and he graduated in the fall of 1822. Upon graduation Scovel became a student at the Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Albany in 1824. Six months after becoming a preacher, Scovel was appointed by the Board of Domestic Missions to serve a mission for six weeks in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, which extended to three years of service to the congregations in these areas.

In the fall of 1828 Scovel accepted an assignment as a missionary in the West from the Board of Domestic Missions. He married Sarah Matlack on June 23, 1829, and they moved to the Ohio River Valley and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio. Scovel was appointed as an agent for the Board of Domestic Missions in 1836 and he had responsibility for five states.

Ten years later, in 1846 Scovel accepted the presidency of Hanover College. Scovel's tenure as the school's fourth president was cut short on July 4, 1849 when he died of cholera, which swept through Hanover, Indiana and killed several people during the same time period.

## PROVENANCE

There is no formal documentation of the donations within this collection. The Scovel materials are part of the early collections of archival materials in the library.

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**SERIES 1: SYLVESTER SCOVEL CORRESPONDENCE, FAMILY LETTERS, AND A MEMOIR OF HIS LIFE, 1847-1851**

Fd. 1            Inaugural address, correspondence, and family material  
                  1847 Mar. 26-1851  
                  10 items

Item

1-2            “The Inaugural Address of S. Scovel, D. D., President of Hanover College with the Introductory of J. F. Crowe,” 1847 Mar. 26

3-4            A.L. Rhodes letter to Sylvester Scovel, 1848 Apr. 29

3            Original

4            Photocopy

5-6            Sylvester Scovel letter to A.L. Rhodes, 1848 May 9

5            Original

6            Photocopy

7-8            A.L. Rhodes letter to Sylvester Scovel, 1848 May 16

7            Original

8            Photocopy

9            Sarah Scovel and J. M. Scovel letter to Myrtilia John  
                  1851 Feb. 10 and 13

10            “Sylvester He Talks Too Much,” [n.d.]  
                  A newspaper article about Sylvester F. Scovel, president of  
                  Wooster University from 1883-89 in which his mother made a  
                  comment about Sylvester speaking too much.

Fd. 2            *Memoir of Sylvester Scovel*, by James Woods, 1851  
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