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JAMES WOOD, 1799-ca. 1866

COLLECTION, 1849-1865

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SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT

The James Wood (1799-ca. 1866) Collection contains his inaugural speech, correspondence regarding choosing a new president for Hanover College, personal correspondence, a subscription list to purchase Crowe's *History of Hanover College*, and a report to the Synod of Indiana.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

James Wood was born August 18, 1799 in Saratoga, New York. He was a graduate of Union College and Princeton Theological Seminary. He served as a pastor for seven years in the Albany, New York Presbytery and then for six years as an agent of the Presbyterian Church's Board of Education in the southern states. From 1839 to 1851 he was professor of Biblical Literature in the Theological Seminary at New Albany, IN. For several years he was the Associate Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education.

In 1859 Wood came to Hanover College and served during the Civil War years as its 7th president until 1866. He left Hanover to begin an institute for the ministry in Hightstown, New Jersey. He died soon after reaching New Jersey. (Adapted from W.M. Blackburn's article "The Presidents of Hanover College," *The Hanoverian* May 1881 Vol. 1 No. 9.)

PROVENANCE

The exact provenance of this collection isn't known. The materials were probably donated by James Wood or John Finley Crowe.

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OTHER ARCHIVAL SOURCES

A copy of James Wood's *Memoir of Sylvester Scovel* is in the Sylvester Scovel Collection (MSS 5).

**SERIES 1: JAMES WOOD SPEECHES, CORRESPONDENCE, AND
REPORT, 1849-65**

- Fd. 1 "Inauguration of Dr. Wood as President of Hanover College, IND," 1859
2 items
- Fd. 2 Correspondence and report to Board of Trustees, 1849 Aug. 11-1865 Oct.
14 items

Item

- 1-2 Wood letter to John Finley Crowe, 1849 Aug. 11
Wood declines Crowe's offer of the presidency of Hanover
College and says he needs to continue his work at the New Albany
Theological Seminary.
- 1 Original
- 2 Photocopy
- 3 Wood letter to John Finley Crowe, 1857 Jun. 29
The letter has a large hole and some brown discoloration.
- 4 Wood letter to John Finley Crowe, 1857 Aug. 1
The subject of the letter is finding a replacement for Dr. Edwards
as president of Hanover College. Crowe had asked about a
recommendation for Dr. Wines, but Wood said that Wines could
not be spared to leave Washington College where he was working.
Wood recommends Alfred Nevin and Alfred Hamilton as
candidates to be president of Hanover College.
- 5 Wood letter to John Finley Crowe, 1859 Mar. 10
Wood negotiates with Crowe about if Wood could accept the
presidency of Hanover College and what stipulations would need
to be made for his salary if the Board of Trustees chose him.
- 6 J.W. Blythe and Thomas S. Crowe letter to James Wood, 1859 Apr. 6
The Board of Trustees of Hanover College offer the position of
college president to James Wood.
- 7 Wood letter to his sons E.P. and John R. Wood, 1859 Apr. 10
He tells his sons, who are studying at Princeton, of the offer to
become president of Hanover College.
- 8 Wood letter to J.W. Blythe and Thomas S. Crowe, 1859 May 6
Wood writes an acceptance letter for the presidency of Hanover
College.
- 9 Draft of a subscription notice for selling John Finley Crowe's *History of
Hanover College*, 1859 Dec. 12

Fd. 2 Cont

Item

- 10 Wood letter to James N. Dickson, 1859 May 6
Letter of resignation from Wood as Associate Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church.
- 11 List of subscribers to purchase copies of *History of Hanover College*
1859 Dec. 12
Twenty-three individuals sign their names to purchase copies of the book.
- 12 Thomas A. Holliday letter to James Wood, 1865 Jul. 28
Holliday writes about his feelings for Hanover College to be transferred to Indianapolis and supports this same opinion held by the faculty and students at Hanover.
- 13-14 Report of Hanover College to the two Synods of Indiana, 1865 Oct.
- 13 Wood's handwritten draft
- 14 Typescript