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Kincaid Family papers, 1865-1976.

MS5058

Summary

Creator: Kincaid, William, 1841-1897.

Kincaid, Martha Chapman, 1843-1913.

Title: Kincaid Family papers, 1865-1976.

Dates: 1865-1976, bulk 1867-1896

Extent: 1 document case (0.25 cubic feet)

Collection ID Number: MS5058

Language: English

Abstract: William Kincaid was a Congregational minister and Secretary for the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the American Home Missionary Society. This collection includes papers and historical items pertaining to his career and the memorial of his wife Martha Chapman.

Collection History and Status

Acquisition Information: Collection donated to the Congregational Library & Archives November 2012.

Repository:

Congregational Library & Archives

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Boston, MA 02108

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Accessing and Using the Collection

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Description

Historical Note: William Kincaid (1841-1897) was born in London, England on March 8, 1841. When he was a small boy, his family moved to Glenwood, New York and became members of the local Congregational Church. Kincaid attended Oberlin College, where he met and married Martha J. Chapman in 1865. In 1868 he graduated from Oberlin Theological Seminary. He was ordained at the Congregational Church in Rushville, New York, and served as minister there from 1867-1870. From Rushville, he accepted a position at the First Congregational Church and Society of Leavenworth,

Kansas, where he served as minister from 1870-1876. He was then appointed the first pastor of the new Second Congregational Church at Oberlin from 1876-1882. The family then moved to New York State where he accepted a brief pastorate at the Congregational Church in Oswego, N.Y., after which he became the Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. He held that post from 1885-1888, moving on to become the Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society from 1888 until his death in 1897. He died of anemia in Brooklyn, N.Y. on February 12, 1897.

Upon his death, Martha Kincaid (1843-1913) continued his charitable work, becoming President of the Women's Home Missionary Union of New York until her death on October 5, 1913.

Scope of Collection: These personal papers include correspondence between Kincaid and various church institutions seeking his pastorate. Correspondence includes admission and dismissal letters from his various posts at Rushville, Leavenworth, Oberlin, Oswego, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and the American Home Missionary Society. Of note is correspondence from David J. Brewer, who later became a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. Additional records include annual papers authored by Kincaid from 1889-1895 as Secretary of the American Home Missionary Society. Historical items include a program commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Congregational Church at Rushville, pamphlets of the Congregational-Christian Club of Philadelphia, and the charter of the Congregational Home Missionary Society (formerly the American Home Missionary Society). Papers concerning the Memorial Service and passing of Martha Kincaid are also included in this collection.

Folders 4 and 8 contain photocopy surrogates that should be used in place of the original document.

Further Searches

Subject Headings:

Kincaid family

Kincaid, William, 1841-1897.

Kincaid, Martha Chapman, 1843-1913.

Clergy--Correspondence

First Congregational Church (Rushville, N.Y.)

Second Congregationalist Church (Oberlin, Ohio)

Congregational Church (Oswego, N.Y.)

American Home Missionary Society

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions

Related Materials held at the Congregational Library & Archives:

Congregationalist, Records, 1872-1906 (gaps) (Rare Book Room)

By William Kincaid:

Sunday, a holiday or a holy-day? : read before the General Association of Congregational Churches of New York (9.3 2030)

Temperance and the republican party (28.9.5 2502)

By Katherine Kincaid Newman and James Barnard Newman:

The History of a Kincaid family (K57.8)

Related Materials held at Another Repository:

- 1) The New York State Library, Albany, NY has additional archival materials regarding the Kincaid family. The collection number is SC23274.
- 2) The Kansas Memory online collection at the Kansas Historical Society holds correspondence between David J. Brewer and Kincaid from 1870. The item number is 220817.
- 3) The Oberlin College Library has additional items written by Kincaid during his time as secretary of the American Home Missionary Society (Congregational Home Missionary Society).

Arrangement: The contents of this collection are arranged chronologically within folders.

Contents

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Kincaid letter of appointment to the American Home Missionary Society	1888	F4
Martha Kincaid Memorial papers	1913, undated	F5
Historical Items	1896-1902	F6
Correspondence, Executive Committee papers, Historical Items	1865-1896	F7
Letter to American Home Missionary Society from Kincaid	1888	F8