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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Congregational Library & Archives
<b>Title:</b>	J. T. Tucker papers, 1847-1894.
<b>ID:</b>	MS5519
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1847-1894
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Volumes (1 box)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Joshua Thomas Tucker (commonly referred to as "J.T. Tucker") was an American minister from Massachusetts. This collection contains a volume of twenty-five manuscript sermons from J.T. Tucker during the Civil War while he was a minister in Holliston, Massachusetts. Also included is an autobiographical memoranda and a theological common-place book.

### Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], in the J. T. Tucker papers, 1847-1894, MS5519. The Congregational Library & Archives, Boston, MA.

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## Biographical Note

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Joshua Thomas Tucker (commonly referred to as "J.T. Tucker") was an American minister from Massachusetts. He was born on September 20, 1812, to Wealthy Thomas and Joshua Tucker. In adulthood, Tucker was ordained by the Presbytery of Alton, Illinois in 1837 and, in that same year, married his first wife, Mary Oland Stibbs. Together they had four children. Mary died in 1844, and Tucker remarried to Annie Deborah Shackford in 1845, with whom he had one son.

Between 1840 and 1848, Tucker worked and lived in Missouri until being installed as pastor at Holliston, Massachusetts in 1849. There, Tucker preached throughout the entirety of the American Civil War (1861-1865). His sermons from this time remarked on current events surrounding the war, which had begun due to rising tensions between Northern and Southern

states over slavery and its role as westward expansion of the country increased. Tucker also spoke of both the inauguration and assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

Having grown up and preached in Massachusetts, J.T. Tucker eventually died there in 1897, at the age of 84.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Administrative Information

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## Acquisition Information

No acquisition information is available for this collection. Civil War sermons held by the library; transferred to the archives in August 2024. Original accession number: 2024-25. Autobiographical memoranda and Theological common-place book were in a separate archival collection and merged into MS5519 on 4/30/25.

## Custodial History

The volume of Civil War sermons was an internal transfer from the Library side in 2024.

## Processing Information

This collection was processed in April 2025 by Rebecca Arabian. Additional updates made by Billy McCarthy in April 2025.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Sermons, American.
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Religious aspects--Congregational churches
- Autobiography.
- Commonplace books.
- Holliston (Mass.)
- Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Theological common-place book, 1847-1888	box 1	volume 1
Civil War sermons, 1861-1865	box 1	volume 2
Autobiographical memoranda, 1894	box 1	volume 3