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Collection Summary
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Abstract: Correspondence; church records; diaries, mainly of European trips; accounts; clippings re the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance of 1856; manuscripts of articles and sermons. Mainly concerning the Presbyterian church in California, Louisiana and New York.
Languages Represented: English
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San Francisco Committee of Vigilance of 1856
Presbyterian Church--California--History
Presbyterian Church--Louisiana--History
Presbyterian Church--New York--History
Diaries
Biography
William Anderson Scott was born on January 31, 1813 and received a license to preach when he was seventeen. He later attended Cumberland College, took his degree at Princeton Theological Seminary and was ordained by the Presbytery of Louisiana and Arkansas; he was elected president of the Seminary at Nashville and served as pastor at the Hermitage Church on the estate of Andrew Jackson.
Dr. Scott was called to San Francisco in 1854 to organize the Calvary Presbyterian Church, which grew into one of the largest congregations in the city. When the Civil War came, his southern sympathies brought him into conflict with members of his congregation, and he left California to travel abroad. On his return to the United States, he accepted a temporary post in New York City. In 1870 he answered another call to San Francisco where he organized and edited the Pacific Expositor, helped found San Francisco City College and the San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo, and wrote several religious books.

Scope and Content
The papers were acquired through Mrs. S. L. Abbott and other members of the Scott family, 1944-1963. A few items were given by Rev. Drury and by UCLA at various times.
The collection includes correspondence with leading clergymen and politicians during the nineteenth century; account books and diaries, many pertaining to Scott's trips abroad and to the Holy Land; church records with official documents relating to his various pastorates; printed items, including some of Scott's published works and clippings about W. A. Scott, some concerning his relations with the San Francisco Committee of Vigilance of 1856.
The correspondence and diaries are also available on microfilm.

Box 1
Scott, William Anderson, 1813-1885
Outgoing correspondence, 1835-1883

Box 2
Incoming correspondence, A-L

Box 3
Incoming correspondence, M-Z

Box 4
Scott, Anne (Nicholson)
Outgoing, 1846-1885
Incoming, A-Z
Letters from children to parents and to each other, arranged alphabetically by author

Box 5
Scott, William Anderson
Accounts, 1868-1884
Miscellaneous legal papers, 1825-1869
Diplomas and certificates, 1833-1884
Passports, 1846-1868
Miscellaneous - calling cards, etc.

Box 6
Material re churches in which Scott served, grouped by church.

Box 7
Notes and Ms. texts for the study of Hebrew, Arabic, Egyptian, etc.

Box 8, Oversize
drawer A, Folders 1-4
Clippings re San Francisco Committee of Vigilance, 1856 (unsorted)
Key to Arrangement

Box 9, Vol. 1  Diary, 1832
Vol. 2  Diary, 1832
Vol. 3  Diary, 1834
Vol. 4  Diary, 1835
Vol. 5  Diary, 1842
Vol. 6  Journal and notebook, 1842
Vol. 7  Diary, 1843
Vol. 8  Diary, 1844. Contains accounts, roster of letters written, etc.
Vol. 9  Literary journal, 1839-1845 (Record of reading, letter writing and sermons)
Vol. 10  Travel diary, 1846
Vol. 11  Travel diary, 1850
Vol. 12  Travel diary, 1850-1851
Vol. 13  Travel diary, 1851
Vol. 14  Travel diary, 1850-1851. With copies of letters written.
Vol. 15  Notes on trip, 1851, with drafts of letters and travel tips.
Vol. 16  Travel diary, 1851
Vol. 17  Travel diary, 1851
Vol. 18  Journal and notebook, 1836-1852
Vol. 19  Items of my circuit riding, life and some others down to 1870. 1830-1870 (Mainly 1830)
Vol. 20  Visiting book, letters sent, accounts, 1852, with at end some accounts, 1857-1858, kept by Mrs. Scott.
Vol. 21  Letters, expenditures, 1854-1860
Box 10, Vol. 22  Account book, 1860-1868. Contains a few notes on his travels, addresses and list of letters written.
Vol. 23  Accounts 1870-1878. At end, list of marriages, 1870
Vol. 24  Account book, 1879-1884
Vol. 25  Account with Brown and Clark, 1884-1885
Vol. 26  Inventory of wedding gifts, ca. 1870?
Vol. 27  Theological commonplace book, ca. 1840
Vol. 28  Record of marriages, 1837-1854 (Baptisms also recorded)
Vol. 29  Marriage record, Calif., 1854-1859
Vol. 30  Marriage records & items of St. John's Church, 1870-1882. Includes some records of services performed in New York, 1863-1866.
Vol. 31  Address book, register of visitors, 1856-1871
Box 11  Printed items, mainly articles and books by W. A. Scott.
A - Miscellany
  Alexander, Samuel Davies, 1819-1894
    Letter, Feb. 11, 1870
Alexander, Archibald 1772-1851
  5 letters, 1833-1845
Alexander, James Waddel, 1804-1859
  7 letters, 1845-1872
Alexander, Joseph Addison, 1809-1860
  2 letters, 1837-1851
B - Miscellany
  Bagby, Arthur Pendleton, 1794-1858
    Letter, Apr. 26, 1844
Baird, Henry Martyn, 1832-1906
  See letter of James Baird in B - Miscellany
Bancroft, Albert Little, 1841-1914
  Letter, Feb. 15, 1864
Bancroft, Hubert Howe, 1832-1918
  Letter, Nov. 25, 1882
Barnes, Albert, 1798-1870
  Letter, Nov. 3, 1845
Beals, Henry Channing
  Letter, Oct. 19, 1869
Partial List of Correspondents

Breckinridge, Robert Jefferson, 1800-1871
   Letter, Mar. 6, 1857
Burrowes, George, 1811-
   Letter, Sept. 30, 1861
Bacon, Leonard, 1802-1881
   2 letters, 1849-1852
Baird, Robert, 1798-1863
   3 letters, 1845-1850
Beard, Richard, 1799-1880
   2 letters, 1848-1879. 1848 letter includes autobiographical sketch.
Bowman, Samuel M., d. 1885
   2 letters, 1856-1865
Brumby, Richard Trapier, 1804-1875
   3 letters, 1841-1843
C - Miscellany
   Cairns, John, 1819-1885
      Letter, Nov. 19, 1881
   Casserly, Eugene, 1820-1883
      Letter, Jan. 3, 1865
   Cullum, George Washington, 1809-1892
      Letter, Mar. 25, 1851
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866
   4 letters, 1853-1858
Coon, Henry Perrin, 1822-1884
   2 letters, 1869
Crosby, Howard, 1826-1891
   4 letters, 1872-1880
D - Miscellany
   Deems, Charles Force, 1820-
      Letter, Oct. 18, 1881
   Drum, Richard Coulter, 1825-
      Letter, Dec. 31, 1880
   Dwight, Harrison Gray Otis, 1803-1862
      Letter, May 17, 1851
G - Miscellany
   Garrison, William Re Tallack, 1834-1882
      Letter, June 4, 1877
   Gibbons, Henry, 1840-1911
      Letter, Nov. 2, 1878
Green, William Henry, 1825-1900
   3 letters, 1870-1875
H - Miscellany
   Hall, John, 1829-1898
      Letter, Apr. 15, 1880
   Hall, William Whitney, 1810-1876
      Letter, Mar. 31, 1875
   Harper & Bros.
      Letter, May 10, 1853
   Hearst, Phoebe (Apperson), 1842-1919
      Letter of condolence to Mrs. Scott, Feb. 25, 1885. Box 4
   Hennen, Alfred, 1786-1870
      Letter, June 15, 1844. See also letter appended to his wife's letter of May 16, 1857
   Hennen Ann M. (Mrs. Alfred Hennen)
      Letter, May 16, 1857
   Hobhouse, Edmund, 1817-1904
      Letter, May 5, 1851
   Haight, Henry Huntley, 1825-1878
4 letters, 1861-1872. 1869 letter written as Governor of California, concerning the University of California.

Hamilton, James, 1814-1867
10 letters, 1861-1863

Hodge, Charles, 1797-1878
2 letters, 1858-1865

Hoge, Moses Drury, 1819-1899
5 letters, 1850-1867

J - Miscellany
Jacobs, Melancthon William, 1816-1876
Letter, Jan. 1, 1857

Jackson, Andrew, Pres. U.S., 1767-1845
3 letters, 1840-1841

Jackson, Sarah (York), 1806-1877
2 letters, 1869.
See also Letter of Aug. 3, ca. 1840, to Mrs. Scott, Box 4

K - Miscellany
Kalisch, Isidor, 1816-1886
Letter, Jan. 23, 1878

Krebs, John Michael 1804-1867
2 letters, 1849-1850

L - Miscellany
Lenox, James, 1800-1880
Letter, ca. 1850

Lindsley, Philip, 1786-1855
Letter, Aug. 9, 1842

Leyburn, John, 1814-
2 letters, 1857-1867

Loomis, Gustavus, 1789-1872
8 letters, 1832-1845

Lowrie, Walter, 1784-1868
2 letters, 1849-1853

M - Miscellany
McGill, Alexander Taggart, 1807-
Letter, Mar. 8, 1859

Montgomery, Zachariah, 1825-1900
Letter, Feb. 9, 1882

Manly, Basil, 1798-1868
2 letters, 1844-1847

Murray, Nicholas, 1802-1861
5 letters, 1845-1858

Mugrove, George Washington, 1804-1882
6 letters, 1856-1857

N - Miscellany
Nevin, Alfred, 1816-1890
Letter, Sept. 4, 1883

P - Miscellany
Perkins, Elisha Henry, 1850-1931
Letter, May 24, 1878

Prime, Edward Dorr Griffin, 1814-1891
Letter, Apr. 27, 1872

Palmer, Benjamin Morgan, 1818-1902
4 letters, 1872-1881.
See also 2 letters, 1885, to Mrs. Scott in Box 4.

Patton, Francis Landey, 1843-1932
2 letters, 1869-1870

Plumer, William Swan, 1802-1880
Partial List of Correspondents

5 letters, 1850-1867
Prime, Samuel Irenaeus, 1812-1885
   2 letters, 1872-1874
Prime, William Cowper, 1825-1905
   2 letters, 1869-1876
R - Miscellany
   Ralston, William Chapman, 1826-1875
      Letter, Sept. 14, 1873
Randolph (Anson D. F.) & Co.
   4 letters, 1879-1884
Robinson, Stuart, 1814-1881
   3 letters, 1862-1879
S - Miscellany
   San Francisco, Mercantile Library Association
      Letter, Dec. 20, 1855
Shedd, William Greenough Thayer, 1820-1894
   Letter, May 4, 1869
Silliman, Benjamin, 1816-1885
   Letter, Mar. 13, 1845
Skinner, Thomas Harvey, 1820-1892
   Letter, June 20, 1867
Smith, Andrew D.
   Letter, Feb. 5, 1881
Speer, William, 1822-1904
   Letter, July 29, 1885. See also letter, May 4, 1885 to Mrs. Scott, Box 4
Stanton, Edwin McMaster, 1814-1869
   Letter, Dec. 27, 1858
Stone, Charles Pomeroy, 1824-1887
   Letter, Jan. 25, 1885, enclosed in letter of Robert N. Scott, Feb. 10, 1885, Box 4
Sumner, Charles Allen, 1835-1903
   Letter, July 16, 1873
Schenck, William Edward, 1819-1904
   4 letters, 1869-1878
Scott, Ann (Nicholson), 1811-1888 (Mrs. William Anderson Scott)
   24 letters, 1846-1885, Box 4
Selby, Thomas Henry, 1820-1875
   2 letters, 1869-1870
Sherman, William Tecumseh, 1820-1891
   2 letters, 1856-1865. 1856 letter restricted until publication of Clifford M. Drury's
   book (12/19/63 GPH letter)
Smyth, Thomas, 1808-1873
   10 letters, 1844-1865
Sprague, William Buel, 1795-1876
   7 letters, 1853-1856
Stuart, Robert Leighton, 1806-1882
   3 letters, 1880
T - Miscellany
   Thomson, William McClure, 1806-1894
      Letter, Dec. 26, 1850
   Torre, Pablo della
      Letter, Dec. 29, 1856
Van Dyke, Henry Jackson, 1822-
   3 letters, 1869-1885.
   See also letter of Jan. 19, 1885 to Mrs. Scott, Box 4
Van Rensselaer, Cortlandt, 1808-1860
   9 letters, 1855-1860
W - Miscellany
Weller, John B., 1812-1875
    Letter, Mar. 15, 1857
Wells, S. T.
    Letter, Mar. 26, 1863
Whitton, Abel
    Letter, Sept. 15, 1856
Woodbridge, Sylvester
    Letter, Mar. 10, 1879
Woodrow, James, 1828-1907
    Letter, Aug. 15, 1867
Wilson, John Leighton, 1809-1886
    2 letters, 1872?-1877