

Guide to the David Tappan Stoddard Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 651

CREATOR: Stoddard, David Tappan, 1818-1857

TITLE: David Tappan Stoddard papers

DATES: 1775-1863

BULK DATES: 1841-1863

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet (1 box, 1 folio)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Letters of David T. Stoddard to his parents-in-law from Seir, Oroomiah, Persia where he was stationed (1843-1857). Apart from an incomplete letter describing his voyage in 1851, the rest of the letters describe daily life, with many details on the education and religious development of his two daughters. An earlier letter (1841) to Samuel C. Bartlett describe his life as a student at Yale College. There are also two notebooks relating to his teaching in Persia: an outline for lectures on astronomy, 1852, and a course of lectures on theology for Nestorian students, 1856.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Missionary among the Nestorians in Iran, 1843-1848, 1851-1857; ordained as a minister in 1843; author and translator.

Scope and Contents

These papers consist of correspondence and notebooks of David Tappan Stoddard. One early letter (1841) to Samuel C. Bartlett describes Stoddard's life at Yale College; the rest of the correspondence (1851-54) is addressed to members of his wife's family, the Briggs. These letters describe his voyage in 1851 and daily life in Seir and Oroomiah, Persia, where he was stationed as a missionary from 1843 to 1857. The education and religious development of his two daughters are much discussed.

There are also two notebooks relating to Stoddard's teaching in Persia which outline lectures on astronomy and on theology for Nestorian students. A review by Charles M. Mead of the theology lectures is also included. The final items in the papers are the Yale College diploma of James Briggs (1775), a poem about the Stoddard family by C. A. Briggs (1850), and Stoddard's passport of 1843, signed by Daniel Webster.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	ALS to Samuel C. Bartlett	1841 July 31
b. 1, f. 2	14 ALS to members of the Briggs family	1851-1854
	Notebooks	
b. 1, f. 3	Outlines for astronomy lectures	1852-1853
b. 1, f. 4	"Lectures on Theology" English	1856
b. 1, f. 5	Review of Stoddard's lectures on theology by Charles M. Mead	1863 October
b. 1, f. 6	Stoddard and Briggs family materials	1775, 1850
b. 2	Passport	1843

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Americans -- Iran
Education
Missionaries
Missions -- Iran

Geographic Names

Middle East

Names

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