OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION:

Creator:
Title: Peck, John Mason - Papers
Date: 1789-1858; Letters – 1827-1832
Quantity:
Location:

BIOGRAPHY:

1789, Oct. 31  Born: Litchfield, CT.
1811  Licensed to preach, Baptist Church
1817-1820  Founded and operated mission, St. Louis, MO.
1822-1858  Missionary: Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society; travelled in Illinois, Indiana, Missouri
1827  Founder: Rock Spring Seminary (now Shurtleff College), IL.
1829-1839  Editor: Pioneer
1849  Pastor: St. Louis, MO.
1854  Pastor: Covington, KY.
1859, March 14  Died: Rock Spring, IL.
1. Letter dated November 22 from Peck to Rev. Daniel Sharp of Boston on a printed flyer announcing the establishment of the Rock Spring Theological and High School.
2. Letter dated November 22, 1827 from Peck to Sharp. Letter included Certificate # 11 of 2 shares purchased by Sharp in the Rock Spring Theological and High School; thanks to Sharp for his donation of books to the school and other matters pertaining to the school.
3. Letter dated November 22, 1827 from Peck to Sharp – a continuation of Item #2.
4. Letter dated July 15, 1828 from Peck to Sharp – in response to a letter from Sharp dated June 24. This July letter is Peck’s acceptance of a 3 months appointment as missionary for the Baptist Missionary Society of which Sharp was the Corresponding Secretary. Peck also informed Sharp of his resignation from the school. (Item #1).
5. Letter dated August 20, 1828 from Peck to Sharp. This is Peck’s report to the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts. Tells of his work in Missouri.
6. Report of Peck to Sharp of a meeting between the Executive Committee of the Missouri Baptist Convention (Association) and a committee appointed by the trustees of the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts. Dated December 7, 1827.
8. See Item #7
9. Letter dated April 28, 1831 from Peck to the trustees of the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts. A report of the work in Missouri. Sent to an Ensign Lincoln, treasurer of the Society. Sharp was not secretary at this time. On the first page someone has written in red in “No. I”.
10. Letter dated April 29, 1831 from Peck to the trustees of the Baptist missionary Society of Massachusetts. A report of the work in Illinois. Sent to E. Lincoln, treasurer. On the first page someone has written in red in “No. II”.
11. Letter dated April 29, 1831 from Peck to the trustees of the Baptist missionary Society of Massachusetts. Contains a series of proposals by peck for future operation of work in the West. Sent to E. Lincoln. On the first page someone has written in red in “No. III”.
12. Letter dated July 25, 1831 from Peck to the Society. Written from Edwardsville, Illinois. Also a second letter dated August 29, 1831 from peck to the Society, written from Woodford County, Kentucky.
14. Letter dated November 4, 1831 from George Haskell to Secretary Leverrett written in Edwardsville, Illinois. A report of work in Illinois and action taken by the Baptist Convention of Illinois and a Committee of Correspondence. This letter by Haskell was to stir Jonathan Going into coming to Illinois to help him.
15. Three items, 15, 16, & 17, constitute a journal of activities sent by Peck to Leverrett Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society of Massachusetts.
16. See Item #15
17. See Item #15
18. Letter dated January 10, 1832 written from Rock Spring, Illinois from Peck to Going. One item requests the appointment of a Rev. Moses Lemen for 8 months.