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EAGLETON (GEORGE EWING) PAPERS, 1822-1925

Descriptive Summary

Title: George Ewing Eagleton papers

Dates: 1822-1925

Accession Number(s): 2007-009

Extent: 2.5 inches

Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:

George Ewing Eagleton (1831-1899), a Presbyterian minister and evangelist, was born December 31, 1831 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Eagleton was licensed in the Presbytery of Shiloh, and attended Union Seminary in New York. A supporter of the South, Eagleton was a Chaplain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War for the Tennessee Volunteers, 44th Regiment. After his honorable discharge in 1862, Eagleton and his wife, Mary Ethlinda Foute, traveled to Arkansas and Texas where Eagleton played a part in organizing several churches. Eagleton died on April 12, 1899.

Scope and Contents:

Two and a half inches of sermons, correspondence, historical sketches, and documents relating to the Confederate States of America (1822-1925) document the pastoral career of William Ewing Eagleton (1831-1899), particularly in the Civil War era American South. The material is organized in two series: Ministerial, 1848-1897, and General, 1822-1925.

The bulk of the material resides in the first series, Ministerial, 1848-1897. The series is comprised primarily of sermons, the subjects of which include temperance, "National Crisis," and the coming of the Civil War. Also in this series are historical sketches of several churches in the Presbytery of Paris at which Eagleton preached, and some which he helped found. The second series, General, 1822-1925, contains items that were likely given to Samuel Mills Tenney, a former curator of the Presbyterian Historical Society, by J.M.S. Ramsey, who acquired the items from the wife of one of Eagleton's sons. A letter from Ramsey to Tenney dated 1925 refers to enclosed documents acquired from Mrs. Exile Eagleton, including a Confederate Bond and a resolution from Grassy Valley Congregation (which pre-dates Eagleton's birth), both of which are in this collection. Additional items, including an invitation dated after Eagleton's death, also likely belonged to one of Eagleton's children.

Materials in accession #2007-009 were originally held at the Montreat office of the Presbyterian Historical Society. They were transferred to the Austin Seminary Archives in 2007.

Restrictions:

Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:

Eagleton, George Ewing, 1831-1899.
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. -- Presbytery of Paris.
Sermons, American.
Temperance--Sermons.
Texas--Church history--19th century.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Sermons.

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Inventory:

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