



The centenary of the Methodist Church in 1866 finally relieved the college of its financial burdens through the significant endowment of new funds, although Johnson never saw their effects. Exhausted by his years of effort and virtual poverty, he contracted a cold and died two weeks later at his home in Carlisle on April 5, 1868.

## SERIES ARRANGEMENT AND DESCRIPTION

The records contained in the President Herman Merrills Johnson record group pertain only to his time and affairs as president of Dickinson College. As such, no personal papers or papers pertaining to Johnson's tenure as a faculty member are included in this record group. For records concerning Johnson's interactions with students, please refer to RG 5/1. The Johnson records are housed in one document box with RG 2/2 through RG 2/10 and are arranged into two series: General Business, and Personnel.

The General Business series is comprised of records concerning miscellaneous affairs of college business. The records within this series are arranged chronologically, with undated material housed first. All records concerning college financial affairs and interactions with the church are housed within the Board of Trustees record group.

The Personnel series is divided into two sub-series: Faculty, and Applications. Only confirmed employees of the college are included within the Faculty sub-series. The Applications sub-series contains the letters and recommendations of persons seeking employment with the College. In cases where it is unclear whether or not the request for a position was granted, the records remain in the Applications sub-series until their employment status can be confirmed. Records within their sub-series are arranged in alphabetical order by the individuals last name.

## RECORD GROUP INVENTORY

### **RG 2/6 - HERMAN MERRILLS JOHNSON (PRESIDENT, 1860-1868)**

#### **Series 1 General Business**

##### 1.1 Miscellaneous Affairs

- 1.1.1 undated – Address to the Belles Lettres and Union Philosophical Societies
- 1.1.2 undated – Draft of address, "The Effect of Learning & Art on the moral & religious condition of society"
- 1.1.3 undated – Drafts of *Christian Advocate* and *Journal* articles, "What constitutes a College?" and "The Library therefore is the essential foundation of the college."
- 1.1.4 undated – Draft of circular letter on temperance reformation
- 1.1.5 1858-1868 – Cash accounts notebook
- 1.1.6 1 Mar. 1860 – Letter of Alfred Cookman, re: arrangements for a public meeting  
c1861 – Draft of letter to Abraham Lincoln, re: colonization  
1861 – Petition to the faculty, re: observations of Feb. 22nd  
24 Apr. 1861 – Circular letter to students and parents, re: return to college

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### **Series 1 General Business (cont.)**

#### 1.1 Miscellaneous Affairs (cont.)

- 1.1.7 15 Sep. 1862 – Letter to A. G. Curtin, re: discharge of students in Union Army  
5 May 1863 – Letter of Charles I. Thompson, re: record of buyers of scholarships  
27 Aug. 1863 – Printed leaflet, "Collegiate Education"
- 1.1.8 20 Oct. 1863 – Circular letter and proof sheets for college's alumni catalogue  
17 Nov. 1863 – Letter of Robert McClelland, re: alumni catalogue proof sheets
- 1.1.9 1 Oct. 1864 – Letter of Hugh A. Curran, re: plans for a business college
- 1.1.10 c1866 – Notes for a speech at the Philadelphia Annual Conference
- 1.1.11 22 Apr. 1867 – Letter from Institute of Reward for Orphans of Patriots, re:  
scholarships  
10 July 1867 – Letter of Benjamin F. Butler, re: meeting to discuss a project
- 1.1.12 23 Jan. 1868 – Invitation to attend a conference of educational institutions  
27 Feb. 1868 – Invitation to attend services at the College Chapel

### **Series 2 Personnel**

#### 2.1 Faculty

- 2.1.1 Bowman, Shadrach L.
- 2.1.2 McCauley, James A.
- 2.1.3 Mullin, Alfred F.
- 2.1.4 Nadal, Bernard H.
- 2.1.5 Schem, Alexander J.

#### 2.2 Applicants

- 2.2.1 Muller, F. Hubert  
Robinson, Francis A.  
Simpson