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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Ward, Ferdinand De Wilton (1812-1891)** **MC 2000.6**

Material: Family Papers (1837-1890)

Volume: 0.5 linear feet (Document Boxes 1-2)

Donation: Gift of Samuel and Anna D. Moyerman, 1966

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ferdinand De Wilton Ward was born in Bergen, New York in 1812. He attended Union College and Princeton Theological Seminary. After graduation, he married Jane Shaw. In 1836, the Wards sailed to India to serve at a mission in the Madura and Madras provinces. The climate and the difficulty of living in India was physically draining for the Wards, who lost two infant children during these years. The couple returned to America in 1847.

Upon his return to the United States, Ward became involved with the American Bible Society. In 1848, he took the position of pastor for the Central Presbyterian Church in Geneseo, New York, where he ministered for 20 years, and during the Civil War, Ward served as the Chaplain for the 104th New York Infantry. Ward published tracts, books and sermons including, *India and the Hindoos*, *Christian Gift*, *Pastoral Letters Upon Character*, *Summer Vacation Abroad*, and *History of the Churches of Rochester, N.Y.*

The Wards had three children: Sarah, who married the surgeon Dr. John H. Brinton, William Shaw, and Ferdinand W. Ward. Ferdinand De Wilton Ward died in 1891.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Ferdinand De Wilton Ward collection is housed in two document boxes and has been arranged into six series: Correspondence, Financial Records, Writings, Miscellaneous, Missionary Papers, and Central Presbyterian Church Papers. This collection was donated by Samuel and Anna Moyerman in 1966.

The Correspondence series consists of letters sent by or received by Jane Shaw (Mrs. Ferdinand Ward), Dr. Ferdinand Ward, and Sarah Ward (Mrs. John H. Brinton). The Financial Records series contains notebooks and loose records of Ferdinand Ward, and an 1837 mortgage. The Writings series contains various writings by Ward including a journal kept between 1837

and 1839, Ward's notes on his readings, sermons in both English and Tamil, and miscellaneous undated notes for sermons. The Miscellaneous series contains biographical information, genealogical material on the Ward family, and newspaper clippings on Ward.

The last two series, Missionary Papers and Central Presbyterian Church Papers, contain papers from groups to which Ferdinand De Wilton Ward belonged. The Missionary Papers series includes maps of India, loose copies of reports from the missionaries, and a bound volume containing copies of reports. The Central Presbyterian Church Papers series includes a membership list, lists for subscription drives, and papers relating to Ward's reassignment to the American Bible Society.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2000.6

CORRESPONDENCE

- Shaw, Jane (Mrs. Ferdinand Ward)
 - Folder 01) Letters Received
 - Letter from Ella - Apr. 18, 1887
- Ward, Ferdinand De Wilton
 - Folder 02) Letters Sent
 - To unknown - undated
 - Folder 03) Letters Received
 - From E. C. Hutchings - undated
 - From H. L. Johnson (incomplete) - undated
 - From Lottie S. Van De Mark - undated
 - From J. J. Lawrence - Feb. 18
 - From J. J. Lawrence - Nov. 14, 1845
 - From Edward Porter - Dec. 15, 1845
 - From C. F. M. - Dec. 15, 1845
 - From Augusta w/ envelope - Mar. 1, 1850
 - Folder 04) Letters Received
 - From Edward W. Gilman, American Bible Society - Oct. 3, 1873
 - From Edward W. Gilman, American Bible Society - Oct. 11, 1873
 - From Edward W. Gilman, American Bible Society - Oct. 18, 1873
 - From Andrew L. Taylor, American Bible Society - Aug. 1, 1874
 - From Andrew L. Taylor, American Bible Society - Aug. 4, 1874
 - From Andrew L. Taylor, American Bible Society - Aug. 13, 1874
 - From Alexander McLean, American Bible Society - Dec. 5, 1874
 - From Alexander McLean, American Bible Society - Jan. 7, 1875
 - From unknown - Jan. 23, 1877
 - From Mrs. E. H. Parish - Dec. 18, 1882
 - From Kate - c1890
- Ward, Sarah (Mrs. John H. Brinton)
 - Folder 05) Letters Sent
 - To Susan W. Clarren - undated

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Ward, Sarah (Mrs. John H. Brinton) (cont.)

Folder 06) Letters Received

From Jane Shaw Ward - undated

From Ferdinand Ward - Dec. 15

From Jane Shaw Ward - Mar. 7, 1855

From Jane Shaw Ward - June 8, 1857

From Ferdinand Ward - May 5, 1858

From Jane Shaw Ward - June 24, 1886

From Jane Shaw Ward - June 28, 1886

From Jane Shaw Ward - July 1, 1886

FINANCIAL RECORDS

Folder 07) Notebooks - 1866-1873, 1885 and 1887-1889

Folder 08) Loose Records - 1836-1890

Folder 09) Mortgage - 1837

WRITINGS

Folder 10) Journal - Mar. 21, 1837 to Jan. 1839

Folder 11) Notes, Francis Wayland's *The Elements on Moral Science*

Folder 12) Notes, Ben Isra's *Coming of Messiah in Glory and Majesty*

Folder 13) Notes, *Remarks on the Duties of the Wives of Missionaries*

Folder 14) Sermon, Genesis 15:8

Folder 15) Sermon, Genesis 47:3 (three copies)

Folder 16) Sermon, Genesis 47:8 (two copies)

Folder 17) Sermon, Jeremiah 6:16 - 1877

Folder 18) Sermons, pages from a notebook in English and Tamil

Folder 19) Sermons, notebook in Tamil

Folder 20) Sermons, leather-bound book of sermons

Folder 21) Sermons, miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 22) Biographical information

Folder 23) Genealogical material on the Ward family

Folder 24) Newspaper clippings

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MISSIONARY PAPERS

Folder 01) Map of India, Madras section and Map of Jaffna

Folder 02) Copies of reports on the Moonshee and Madura Missions

Folder 03) Bound book containing reports on the Madura Mission - 1837-1845

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PAPERS

Folder 04) List of members and subscribers in Geneseo, New York

Folder 05) Subscription notebook for the East Avon Presbyterian Church

Folder 06) Two lists of subscribers to the Memorial Fund

Folder 07) Petition - Oct. 1873

Folder 08) Farewell Address of Dr. Ferdinand Ward (incomplete)

This collection register was prepared by Amy McKinzie, August 2000.