

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Bond, Thomas Emerson (1782-1856)** **MC 1999.2**

Material: Family Papers (1778-1865)

Volume: .75 linear feet (2 Document Boxes)

Donation: Gift of Lydia Bond Powell, 1966

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Wesley Bond, born December 11, 1784, was a Methodist Episcopal minister and missionary. Early in his career he was appointed to the Calvert, Fairfax, and Great Falls circuits.

In 1814 he began to travel the United States with Bishop Francis Asbury and kept a journal of his trip. John Wesley Bond died on January 22, 1819 of fever. His relationship to Thomas Emerson Bond is unknown.

Thomas Emerson Bond, Sr. was born in Baltimore, Maryland in February 1782. He attended the University of Pennsylvania, studying medicine, and later earned his M.D. at the University of Maryland. He subsequently declined a teaching position at that institution and began a private medical practice. He obtained his preacher's license shortly thereafter. He is best known for his work as a Methodist Episcopal minister and writer and was actively involved in the establishment of that church.

He had a flair for writing and published many religious works including *An Appeal to the Methodists*, in 1827, and *Narrative and Defense of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, in 1828. In support of the church, he edited *The Itinerant*, a Baltimore newspaper. From 1840 to 1848, and again from 1852 until his death in 1856, he held the position of editor of the *Christian Advocate and Journal* in New York City. In addition, he was occasionally published in the *Methodist Quarterly*.

From 1833 to 1835, Thomas E. Bond was a member of the Board of Trustees for Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Much of the material of the collection reflects his relationship with other trustees and members of the Dickinson community. Thomas Emerson Bond, Sr. died on March 14, 1856 in New York City.

Thomas Emerson Bond, Jr., was born in Baltimore in 1813 and assisted his father in the publication of the *Christian Advocate and Journal* for a number of years. He published

his dissertation in 1843 entitled the *Varieties of Mankind*. He died in Maryland on August 18, 1872.

A very small component of the collection includes the correspondence of William Watters, born in 1751. Watters was a Native American who converted to Methodism as a teenager. In 1773 he became a missionary and the first Native American minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in Falls Church, Virginia in 1833.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Bond Family Collection contains the personal and business correspondence and associated materials of Reverend Thomas Emerson Bond, Sr., (1782-1856) a Methodist Episcopal minister. These materials are housed in two document boxes and are arranged into the following four categories: Correspondence, Journals, Manuscripts, and Miscellaneous Materials.

The Correspondence section primarily contains letters to and from Thomas Bond, Sr. One major topic of interest includes the bitter controversy over slavery that fueled the secession of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1845 from the Methodist Episcopal Church, a division that resulted in the loss of over two-fifths of the original Church's membership. Other topics include less controversial matters involving political and theological issues of the Church.

The remainder of the correspondence includes that of Thomas Bond, Jr., William Watters, various editors of the *Christian Advocate Magazine*, and miscellaneous letters to and from parties associated with the Methodist Church and Dickinson College. The number in parentheses following each folder of correspondence represents the number of letters in that folder. The folders are arranged alphabetically by correspondent, with letters sent preceding those received. The letters of each correspondent are then arranged chronologically. The miscellaneous grouping of letters is found to the back of this section.

The category entitled Journals contains four journals of John Wesley Bond from 1814 to 1818. These include his journal concerning a trip through the United States with Bishop Francis Asbury, a journal describing his expenses on that trip, a list of members of the Frederick circuit, and his record of sermons and marriages performed.

The Manuscripts section contains miscellaneous writings, presumably by both Thomas E. Bond, Sr. & Jr. (the two had nearly identical handwriting and signatures). This section also includes a short biographical piece by William Glendening.

The category entitled Miscellaneous Materials contains primarily reports and statements pertaining to the Methodist Church, both the Baltimore and New Jersey conferences, as well as missionary trips. In addition, this category contains the printed medical school dissertation of Thomas E. Bond, Jr. entitled the *Varieties of Mankind*, an early religious perspective on the origin of races. A folder of materials regarding Rev. George Peck is also included in this category. The folders in this section are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 1999.2

CORRESPONDENCE

Bond, Thomas Emerson, Sr.

Folder 01)	Letter to Rev. C. Adams - Sept. 25, 1845	
Folder 02)	Letters to his son, T.E. Bond, Jr. - Oct. 1840-Apr. 1850	(5)
Folder 03)	Drafts of letters by T.E. Bond - Jan.-Feb. 1844	(2)
Folder 04)	Letters received - July 1834-Dec. 1839	(7)
Folder 05)	Letters received - Jan.-Aug. 1840	(4)
Folder 06)	Letters received - Sept.-Dec. 1840	(7)
Folder 07)	Letters received - Jan.-May 1841	(8)
Folder 08)	Letters received - June-Oct. 1841	(4)
Folder 09)	Letters received - Feb.-Nov. 1842	(6)
Folder 10)	Letters received - Jan.-May 1843	(6)
Folder 11)	Letters received - June-Aug. 1843	(5)
Folder 12)	Letters received - Sept.-Dec. 1843	(5)
Folder 13)	Letters received - Jan.-Mar. 1844	(6)
Folder 14)	Letters received - Apr.-May 1844	(7)
Folder 15)	Letters received - June-Aug. 1844	(6)
Folder 16)	Letters received - Sept.-Oct. 1844	(6)
Folder 17)	Letters received - Nov. 1844	(4)
Folder 18)	Letters received - Dec. 1844	(5)
Folder 19)	Letters received - Jan.-June 1845	(5)
Folder 20)	Letters received - July-Aug. 1845	(6)
Folder 21)	Letters received - Sept.-Dec. 1845	(5)
Folder 22)	Letters received - Jan.-Apr. 1846	(5)
Folder 23)	Letters received - May-Oct. 1846	(4)
Folder 24)	Letters received - Jan.-Feb. 1847	(5)
Folder 25)	Letters received - June-Dec. 1847	(5)
Folder 26)	Letters received - No date	(2)

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Bond, Thomas Emerson, Jr.

Folder 01)	Letter to John A. Collins - July 20, 1839	
Folder 02)	Letters received - Apr. 1858-Dec. 1865	(5)

Christian Advocate, The

Folder 03)	Letter received from Charles Wesley - April 28, 1785	
	Letter received from James Lowell - Dec. 4, 1844	
	Letter received from William Smith - Aug. 17, 1846	
	Letter received from Valentine Buck - Feb. 8, 184?	

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CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

Watters, William "Henry"

- Folder 04) Letter to John West - Sept. 21, 1803
- Folder 05) Letter received from Joseph Pilmore - June 14, 1784
Letter received from William McKendree - May 10, 1793
Letter received from Thomas Rankin - July 28, 1796
Letter received from Thomas Coke - Feb. 25, 1802

Miscellaneous

- Folder 06) Letters to Baltimore Young Men's Society - 1834-1835 (3)
William M. Willet to Samuel D. Ferguson - Nov. 7, 1840
William W. Kane to G. P. Disoway - April 8, 1841
Gov. Thomas Buchanan to Benjamin Coates - June 24, 1841
- Folder 07) Charles Miner to George Lane - May 16, 1842
S. Benedict to Dr. D. M. Reese - Jan. 24, 1844
Jonathan H. Green to A. Hyam - Feb. 19 1844
J. M. Crismore to Unknown - July 3, 1845
John West to Henry Smith - Sept. 30, 1846

JOURNALS

Bond, John Wesley

- Folder 08) Expenses while traveling with Bishop Asbury - 1814-1818
- Folder 09) Journal kept during a journey through the United States -1814
- Folder 10) Members of the Frederick Circuit - 1816
- Folder 11) Record of Sermons and Marriages - 1816-1818

MANUSCRIPTS

Bond, Thomas Emerson, Sr. & Jr.

- Folder 12) Miscellaneous writings

Glendening, William

- Folder 13) "A Backslider in Despair or Some Account of the dolefull Case of
William Glendening once a Preacher of the Gospel"

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

Evangelical Alliance, British Organisation

- Folder 14) Lithographed letter to members - Dec. 21, 1846
Address to Christians "Inviting them to pray for the divine blessing
on the objects of the evangelical alliance," - Dec. 31, 1846

Bangs, Nathan

- Folder 15) Recommendation of Rev. W. Armstrong - Nov. 3, 1845

Bond, Thomas Emerson, Sr.

- Folder 16) Report of the Standing Committee on the African Mission in
Liberia - no date

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MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS (cont.)

Bond, Thomas Emerson, Jr.

Folder 17) *A Dissertation on the Varieties of Mankind* - Aug. 3, 1843

Genesee Wesleyan Seminary

Folder 18) Description of the school - no date

Methodist Church

Folder 19) "To Methodist Conservatives" - manuscript with proposals for a compromise on the slavery issue - c.1844

Methodist Church, Baltimore Conference

Folder 20) Petition of the Hicoe Settlement, NC - April 28, 1778

Question and answer proceedings - 1781

"Plan of Hartford Circuit" - 1817

Statement from "A.F." on circuit management and the slavery controversy - March 27, 1846

Members of conferences protest the majority report - May 16, 1860

Methodist Church, New Jersey Conference

Folder 21) List of post offices - Apr. 29, 1848

Methodist Episcopal Church

Folder 22) "To Our Brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church," a call to meeting - March 15, 1852

Peck, Rev. George

Folder 23) Engraved portrait by W. Wellstood

Tracts for the People, No. 4, *Sketches of Sectarianism*, No. 2.

"Methodism as held by Wesley" - 1841

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