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COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Norcross, George (1838-1915)** **MC 2005.6**

Material: Papers (1870-1904)

Volume: 0.25 linear feet (1 document box)

Donation: Original Accession

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

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Norcross was born outside of Erie, Pennsylvania on April 8, 1838. He was the oldest child of Hiram and Elizabeth McClelland Norcross. Norcross grew up in Monmouth, Illinois and later attended Monmouth College. He graduated from college in 1861 and immediately began studying theology at the Seminary of the Northwest. In 1864, he finished his theology studies at the Theological Seminary at Princeton in New Jersey. Norcross was ordained June 6, 1865 and began working at the North Henderson Church in Illinois. In 1866, Norcross was moved and began working in Galesburg, Illinois, where he remained for three years. In 1869, Norcross moved to Carlisle, Pennsylvania to work at the Second Presbyterian Church. Once in Carlisle, Norcross began an illustrious career serving the people. He was the representative for the Carlisle Presbyterians four times on the Presbyterian General Assembly, serving in 1871, 1874, 1885, and 1895. In 1899, Norcross was elected as the moderator of the Synod of Pennsylvania. For his services to the church, Norcross received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Princeton College in 1879. Norcross also became the editor of *The Centennial Memorial of the Presbytery of Carlisle*.

Norcross married twice. He married Mary Tracy on October 1, 1863. This marriage lasted only a short while, however, as Mary died on March 25, 1866. The couple had one child, but the child died during infancy. One year after Mary's death, on April 22, 1867, George Norcross married Louise Jackson Gale. Norcross and his second wife had five children: Delia Jackson, George, Elizabeth, Mary Jackson, and Louise Jackson. Norcross died in 1915.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The George Norcross Collection is housed in one box and contains only one series: Sermons. This series contains seven sermons given by Norcross during the course of his preaching career. Norcross preached many of these sermons on more than one occasion. The front page of each document, therefore, contains a list of locations and dates for each instance when a sermon was given. The Bible passage upon which Norcross based each sermon is also indicated on its first page. These items are arranged in chronological order according to the first date on which each sermon was given.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2005.6

SERMONS

- Folder 01) Exodus XII, 26 – May 29, 1870
- Folder 02) Jude, 20-21 – Nov. 16, 1873
- Folder 03) Matthew 26:41, I Corinthians 10;12, Luke 22;33 – Dec. 6, 1874
- Folder 04) John IV. 23-24 – May 2, 1886
- Folder 05) Matthew VI. 19-21 – July, 18, 1886
- Folder 06) John V: 39 – July 24, 1892
- Folder 07) Joshua I: 4, “Home Missions. Centennial Celebration, Louisiana Purchase” – Oct. 30, 1904

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