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Jacob White Papers

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Scope and content: The collection comprises materials relating to Rev. Jacob White's ministry in the Congregational Church of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire from 1836-1840. Contents consist of correspondence to and from White, his sermons and notes, verses of hymns probably written by him, and papers of the church, including a Bill of Mortality which lists the names and date of deaths of members of the church, as well as a church covenant, probably written by White.

Biographical Background: Jacob White was born in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts on November 20, 1806. He graduated from Brown University in 1832 and from Andover Academy in 1835. He married Eliza Ann Rider of West Bridgewater on January 6, 1839.

From 1835 until 1840 he supplied the church in Lyndeborough, being dismissed on June 30, 1840 with favorable letters of recommendation from the church council (see Folders 1 and 4).

Rev. White retired to Massachusetts and died on April 3, 1865, during a visit back to Lyndeborough.

Provenance: The collection probably came to the New Hampshire State Library from the Houghton Library at Harvard. The collection includes a piece of cardboard addressed "To New Hampshire State Library" upon which is noted "W.A. Jackson, Harvard Library". It is accompanied by a handwritten note which offers the collection to NHSL. Since Jackson was the librarian at Houghton Library from 1942-1964, it may be assumed that the papers were donated to NHSL at some point during his tenure.

Span Dates: ca. 1836-1840.

Collection Size: The collection is contained in one legal-sized archival box (27 x 39 x 7 cm.), or about .25 linear feet.

Copyright status: The collection is owned by New Hampshire State Library and may be viewed by request.

Subjects and Names:

White, Jacob
Lyndeborough, New Hampshire - Churches - Archival sources
Congregational Church
Ministers
Sermons
Hymns
New Hampshire - History - Archival sources

Arrangement and Description: The collection is arranged into four series: Correspondence, Sermons and notes, Hymns, Lyndeborough Church papers. There is one folder for each series.

Container List:

- Series I:** Correspondence (3 items)
Series II: Sermons and notes (12 items)
Series III: Hymns (5 items)
Series IV: Lyndeborough Church papers (3 items)

Other resources:

Vital records of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts to the year 1850. Concord, N.H.:
Republican Press, 1891.
NHSL call number: G 929.3744 E13

"Lyndeborough, New Hampshire. United Church of Lyndeborough, 1782-1937". Finding Aid at
Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Harvard Divinity School. This collection includes "A
brief historical sketch of the Congregational Church in Lyndeborough", 1757-1839", by
Jacob White, Pastor, 1839.

<http://www.hds.harvard.edu/library/bms/bms00450.html> (last accessed 2/2/2009).