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DAVID ALLEN STEELE deposit

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Series level descriptions:

David Allen Steele accession. – [18-?] – 1930. – 50 cm of textual records**Biographical information¹**

David Allen Steele was born in Eardisland, Herfordshire, England on September 17, 1838. He moved with his family to Sackville, New Brunswick in 1845. Later, his father took a position teaching school at Wallace, N.S. When David was still a young man the family relocated to Halifax, N.S. where he worked for a time as a printer.

Steele attended Acadia University and graduated with a B.A. on June 5, 1865. He returned to Acadia University to earn two further degrees: an M.A. in 1868 and a D.D. (Doctor of Divinity) in 1894. Steele was ordained shortly after his first graduation, on June 20, 1865, and was married to Sarah Hart Whitman in July. Later the same year he took up a pastorate in Canso, N.S. In 1867 he became the pastor of the Amherst Baptist Church, retiring in 1896, but remaining as Pastor Emeritus until his death.

David Allen Steele was known as a literary critic and writer. Among his contributions to the literary field are "A Short History of Amherst", "A Longer History of Amherst (1809-1910)", "A history of the Amherst Baptist Church", "One hundred years with the Baptists of Amherst, N.S., 1810 to 1910", and "Our Pioneer: Impressions regarding Mrs. W.F. Armstrong", as well as several articles which appeared in Baptist Church publications.

Highly involved in education in Nova Scotia, Steele was a member of the Board of School Commissioners for many years and was also a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia University.

David Allen Steele died in January 19, 1931 in Amherst, N.S.

Custodial History

The donor and the date on which the records were acquired by the Archives have not been determined; it is assumed however that the material came in at various periods through a number of different donors. In the few instances where donor information can be found, it has been included in the file list. Much of the material was given library catalogue numbers and placed in the Baptist collection. This old system has been dismantled with the compilation of this finding aid.

¹ Most biographical information was taken from MacSwain, J.M. *History of the Amherst Baptist Church*. Amherst : Acadian Printing, 1979, pp. 26-34

Scope and Content

The accession contains pastoral records and personal records, consisting of records of marriages and births, sermons, notes, diaries, manuscripts and publications, as well as miscellaneous personal material.

Supplied title based on contents of deposit

Series level finding aid with file list available

See also deposit D1952.001 for records from Steele's time as a student at Acadia University

Pastoral Records

File No.

1. Records of marriage, baptisms and burials, Amherst, N.S. - 1865 – 1930.
– 1 v. of textual records. – (Former library catalogue number Y772.T43 A17)
2. Hart Family genealogical information. – [18-] – [1826]

Sermons, sermon notes, etc. (Former library catalogue number Y772.T43 A1)

3. Genesis
4. Exodus
5. Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth
6. Samuel, Kings (I, II), Chronicles (I, II)
7. Nehemiah, Job, Psalms 1 to 25 – [1887 – 1899]
8. Psalms 27 – 85. – [1887 – 1899]
9. Psalms 87 – 144. – [1885 – 1901]
10. Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Isaiah 1 – 27. - [1885 – 1901]
11. Isaiah 28 – 63. - [1881 – 1899]
12. Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Amos, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk,
Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Lamentations, Daniel - [1890 – 1902]
13. Matthew 1 – 11 - [1885 – 1903]
14. Matthew 12 – 28 - [1884 – 1903]
15. Mark - [1897 – 1900]
16. The Gospel of Luke
17. The Gospel of John
18. Acts, Romans
19. Corinthians (I, II), Galatians, Ephesians
20. Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians (I, II), Timothy (I, II)
21. Hebrews, James, Peter (I, II)
22. John (I, II), Jude, Revelation
23. Miscellany of notes, incomplete sermons, and essays
24. Miscellany of sermons and essays, almost complete
25. Book of notes on sermons - 1867
26. "The Prophet Habakkuk: A Study". – 1906. – published in Amherst, N.S. –
16 leaves of textual records. – (Former library catalogue number
Y772.T43 P7)

Personal Records

27. Miscellaneous correspondence. – 1877 – 1886. – (Former library catalogue number Y772.T43 Z53)
28. Autobiographical information. – (Former library catalogue number Y772.T43 Z74)
29. Family history. – 1888. – 7 leaves of textual records. – (written by John Steele – possibly D.A.S' uncle or father)
30. Miscellaneous personal material. – 1863 – 1920. - (Former library catalogue number Y772.T43 Z65)
 - a. Notebook. – 1863
 - b. Notebook. – [1871?]
 - c. Estate Book. – 1886
 - d. Miscellaneous notes
31. Diaries. – 1861 – 1893. – (Former library catalogue number Y772.T43 Z5)
 - a. An account of a trip to Scotland [n.d.]
 - b. 1861 – 1889 ('61, '62, '65, '76, '81-'89)
 - c. 1869
 - d. 1870
 - e. 1871
 - f. 1881, 1887 (trips to England)
 - g. 1884
 - h. 1885
 - i. 1888
 - j. 1889
 - k. 1890
 - l. 1891
 - m. 1892
 - n. 1893

Publications and Potential Publications

32. "The Late Rev. S.T. Rand by David Allen Steele. - [18-?]. – Newspaper clipping (Donated by Miss Elmira Borden, Hantsport. Former library catalogue number A286M.P R15St)
33. "A Summer Trip". – Sept 2, 1890. – Photocopy of a newspaper clipping
34. "The Charm of the Past". – 11 leaves of ms. textual records

35. Historical sketch: Eastern Association. - [ca 1890]. - ca. 40 leaves of textual records. - (Former library catalogue number Y429.A9S8)
36. Baptist missions, Lower Provinces. - [1892]. – 25 leaves of textual records. - (Former library catalogue number Y119.F6 A9 1892)
37. Missions to Africa: the proposal to the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces. – 1924. – 6 leaves of textual records. – (Former library catalogue number Y315.3.A65 S8)
38. Biography of John Mockett Cramp. – 1926. – (Former library catalogue number Y705.R73 Z88)
39. “A plain tale about Acadia”. – 1928. – 46 leaves of textual records. – (Former library catalogue number Y846.S84)