

Guide to the Daniel Asbury Family Papers

1815 - 1945



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The purpose of this finding aid is to help you understand the nature of this collection and to assist you in the retrieval of material from this collection. The following pages contain a brief biographical history of the person, or persons, who created or collected these papers; followed by a general description of the collection in the scope and content note. If more detailed information is warranted then series descriptions also appear. The container listing appears last and is the listing of material in each box, or container, of this collection. To request material you need to turn to the container listing section. It is essentially a listing of file folders, or artifact items, in the collection. Each folder, or item, has a call number associated with it. Each folder also lists the inclusive dates of the material in the folder. On the material request form list both the call number and the folder, or item, title. Use a different line for each folder, or item, requested. When your request sheet is complete, or full, bring it to the archivist and the material will be retrieved.

Biographical Note

Daniel Asbury was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, on February 18, 1762. Though not directly related to Bishop Francis Asbury, he served with Bishop Asbury for many years, and was a close friend

Daniel Asbury went to Kentucky when he was about sixteen years old (1778). He was captured by the Indians and then handed over to the British who jailed him in Detroit. Escaping, he made his way back to Virginia around 1783. He was converted and received into the Methodist Conference in Virginia. His first circuit was Amelia in Virginia. In the year following his admission, he was sent to North Carolina, where he spent most of his later life. In 1794 Daniel Asbury held the first camp meeting in the North Carolina area. In 1824, he retired and settled near the present Terrell in Catawba County, North Carolina. There he married Nancy Morris. Asbury died in 1825, and was buried in the Rehoboth Methodist Episcopal Church.

Scope Note

The Daniel Asbury Family collection spans the years 1799-1943 and is a diverse body of material. Much of it does not pertain to Asbury directly, but represents several generations' accumulation of clippings, receipts, and general miscellany. The early material, however, is very important for it illuminates Asbury's ministry. Especially do the numerous notes and bills for books he sold as agent for the Methodist Book Concern reflect his place as an agent and also offers a view of the literature the Methodists were printing as well as reading. Autobiographical notes are also of significance.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. Since this collection is so diverse, it is arranged chiefly by family with the exception of concluding material which is general in nature. All undated material will be found at the beginning of the folder.

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding this collection.

Preferred Citation

When citing material from this collection please use the following format: Direct reference to the item or its file folder, Daniel Asbury Family Collection, United Methodist Church Archives - GCAH, Madison, New Jersey. Do not make use of the item's call number as that is not a stable descriptor.

Index Terms

Subject Topics

Church history
Church work
Clergy-Office

Subject Geographic

North Carolina

Genre

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Occupations

Minister

Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1587-2-1:1	Book lists, bills and receipts	1808-1822
1587-2-1:2	Correspondence	1815-1822
1587-2-1:3	District Minutes	undated
1587-2-1:4	Daniel Asbury's Biography and Family material	undated
1587-2-1:5	Documents	undated
1587-2-1:6	Nancy Asbury's Papers	1832-1874
1587-2-1:7	Henry Asbury's Papers	1846-1874
1587-2-1:8	Papers of Franklin W. Howard and Francis W. Howard	undated
1587-2-1:9	Howard Family Records	1816-1939
1587-2-1:10	Papers of Ollie F. Howard	1932-1943
1587-2-1:11	General File	undated
1587-2-1:12	Asbury Genealogy Francis and Daniel	undated