

Guide to the Reiley Family papers

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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.

Documents are in fragile condition.

Biographical Note

The Reverend James Reiley was born in Somerset, Pennsylvania, on July 29, 1784, the son of Cornelius and Abigail Reiley. His parents and his wife's parents were among the early Episcopalians in Pennsylvania. He was converted in 1804, admitted in 1807, and was effective (with the exception of two years) until 1841. He was a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-four years. Reverend Reiley was in charge of the Saint Mary's Circuit when he died on September 28, 1841.

The Reverend James McKendree Reiley, son of the Reverend James Reiley, was born on March 8, 1817 at Broad Top Mountain, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. Reiley was given a license to preach by the church in September of 1840. After his father's death in 1841, James McKendree was appointed to take over his father's work on the Saint Mary's Circuit, thus beginning his experience in the itinerancy. He travelled to Virginia in the spring of 1842 and resumed his school work until 1844. Reiley was admitted on trial in 1844 with the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The same conference placed him in full connection in 1846 and ordained him an elder in 1848. Reiley is known in Methodist history as the person who secured the necessary legislation to organize the colored conferences into separate organizations. He was twice transferred from the Baltimore Annual Conference, but returned to finish out his ministerial career. Reiley died on June 2, 1897 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Scope Note

The collection is primarily composed of records from the nineteenth century. The bulk of the material belongs to James McKendree Reiley (1880-1891). Two manuscripts, one handwritten and the other published, chronicles the life and ministry of James Reiley. The researcher should be aware that the handwritten manuscript does not match the printed one in content. The difference can be subtle at times. Other record types document the broader family history.

Arrangement

Material has been arranged in the following manner. The folders are arranged by father, family history and son.

Access Restrictions

Cannot be sold to any individual or institution.

Restrictions on Use

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Preferred Citation

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Subject Terms

Additonal Creators - Personal

Reiley, Henry Baker.
Reiley, James

Subject Names - Personal

Slicer, Henry.

Subject Topics

Genealogy.
Sermons

Subject Geographic

Pennsylvania.

Genre

Biographies
Cartes-de-visite.
Genealogical tables

Occupations

Minister.

Container List

Call Number	Folder Title	Date(s)
1305-2-2:1	Reiley, James: Photographs and Biography	Undated
1305-2-2:4	Reiley, James McKendree: Financial Receipt - Funeral Items	1842
1305-2-2:5	Reiley, James McKendree: Sermons: Volume IV	Undated
1305-2-2:6	Reiley, James McKendree: Sermons	1881
1305-2-3:1	Reiley, James Mckendree: Sermons	1881
1305-2-3:2	Reiley, James Mckendree: Sermons	1881-1882
1305-2-3:3	Reiley, James Mckendree: Sermons	1891