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Summary Information

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| Repository: | Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary |
| Creator: | Greene, Joseph Kingsbury, 1834-1917 |
| Title: | Joseph Kingsbury Greene papers |
| ID: | 4492539 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1857 -- 1917 |
| Physical Description: | 5 linear feet 5 linear feet; 10 boxes |
| Language of the Material: | English , Armenian . |
| Abstract: | Joseph Kingsbury Greene was an American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Congregational missionary in Turkey for fifty-one years, stationed in Nicodemia, Bursa, and Manisa. He was fluent in Armenian and Turkish languages. The collection contains Greene's diaries from 1859 through 1917, Greene's correspondence with members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and others, and Greene's handwritten English and Armenian dictionaries. |

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Reverend Joseph Kingsbury Greene was born to David and Lyntha (Miller) Green on April 10, 1834 in Auburn, Maine. He attended and graduated from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine in 1855. Greene became engaged to Elizabeth Augusta Davis, whom he wed in 1857 once she graduated from Mount Holyoke Seminary. Greene attended Union Theological Seminary and after graduation in 1858, was accepted by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and ordained in November. He was stationed for three years in Nicomedia, Turkey, arriving in March 1859. Greene quickly learned the Armenian

alphabet and created a dictionary of English, Armenian, Turkish and Greek words. Greene was also stationed in Bursa in 1862 for six years, and after a furlough in 1868 in Minnesota, went to Manisa in June 1871. Greene was invited to Constantinople in 1862 to edit the ABCFM-published weekly religious paper, *Avedaper*, written in Armenian, Armeno-Turkish, and Greco-Turkish, and three illustrated monthly papers for children. The newspapers were strictly controlled by the Turkish government. Greene edited the papers for twelve years. He took a second furlough to Illinois in 1884, and received the Doctor of Divinity from Bowdoin at this time. Greene began his third missionary trip to Constantinople in 1886, and was stationed there for seven years. Elizabeth died in 1894, after which he took a third furlough the same year. Joseph married his second wife, missionary Mathilde Hermine Meyer, in September 1895, and they returned to Constantinople in November. Greene served until 1910, when he retired and returned to America. Joseph Kingsbury Greene died in Oberlin, Ohio on February 10, 1917.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains Greene's diaries from 1859 through 1917, which include day-to-day entries as well as sermons; Greene's correspondence with members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and others, as well as newspaper articles which Greene copied into the book in Armenian; and Greene's handwritten English and Armenian dictionaries.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized in three chronological series: Diaries, Correspondence, and Dictionary and sermons.

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Administrative Information

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Diaries, letters, sermons, and dictionary were cataloged Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-18. Metal staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Books were wrapped in acid-free unbuffered tissue and tied with cotton tying tape. The finding aid was created by Brigette Kamsler in 2011 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Related Materials

Related Materials

MRL 12: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions records, 1878-1958, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Congregational churches -- Missions
- Missions -- Turkey -- Izmit
- Armenian language -- Dictionaries -- English
- Izmit (Turkey) -- Religious life and customs
- Diaries
- Sermons
- Missionaries

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL2, Near/Middle East

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Collection Inventory

Diaries, 1859 -- 1917

Physical Description: 4 linear feet 4 linear feet; 8 boxes

Scope and Contents

This series contains Greene's original handwritten diaries, including day-to-day entries as well as sermons. While in Turkey, Greene commuted hundreds of miles from his home base to meet with teachers and other Christians in the area; these visits are recorded. Greene and his first wife experienced frequent sicknesses of malaria, and were granted leaves of absence in order to recover in Europe. Greene also traveled for conferences and to address other missionary aid societies. Each entry includes the

location and date, and often the weather. Greene also comments on events happening throughout the world, including Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in chronological order.

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This series is open for research.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Volume 2, October 1859 -- August 1861 | box 1 | folder 1 |
| Volume 3, August 1861 -- September 1862 | box 1 | folder 2 |
| Volume 4, September 1862 -- July 1864 | box 1 | folder 3 |
| Volume 5, July 1864 -- June 1866 | box 1 | folder 4 |
| Volume 6, June 1866 -- December 1867 | box 2 | folder 1 |
| Volume 7, December 1867 -- January 1869 | box 2 | folder 2 |
| Volume 8, January 1869 -- April 1870 | box 2 | folder 3 |
| Volume 9, April 1870 -- February 1873 | box 2 | folder 4 |
| Volume 10, March 1873 -- September 1877 | box 3 | folder 1 |
| Volume 11, September 1879 -- November 1882 | box 3 | folder 2 |
| Volume 13, July 1883 -- April 1884 | box 3 | folder 3 |
| Volume 19, December 1886 -- September 1888 | box 3 | folder 3 |
| Volume 15, July 1884 -- March 1885 | box 3 | folder 4 |
| Volume 16, March 1885 -- December 1885 | box 3 | folder 5 |
| Volume 17, December 1885 -- July 1886 | box 3 | folder 6 |
| Volume 18, July 1886 -- December 1886 | box 4 | folder 1 |
| Volume 20, September 1888 -- June 1889 | box 4 | folder 2 |
| Volume 21, June 1889 -- November 1889 | box 4 | folder 3 |
| Volume 22, November 1889 -- April 1890 | box 4 | folder 4 |
| Volume 23, April 1890 -- July 1890 | box 4 | folder 5 |
| Volume 24, August 1890 -- January 1891 | box 4 | folder 6 |
| Volume 25, January 1891 -- July 1891 | box 4 | folder 7 |
| Volume 26, July 1891 -- April 1892 | box 4 | folder 8 |
| Volume 28, September 1892 -- April 1893 | box 5 | folder 1 |
| Volume 29, April 1893 -- December 1893 | box 5 | folder 2 |

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| Volume 30, December 1893 -- May 1894 | box 5 | folder 3 |
| Volume 31, May 1894 -- November 1894 | box 5 | folder 4 |
| Volume 32, November 1894 -- May 1895 | box 5 | folder 5 |
| Volume 33, May 1895 -- September 1895 | box 5 | folder 6 |
| Volume 34, September 1895 -- May 1896 | box 5 | folder 7 |
| Volume 35, May 1896 -- May 1897 | box 5 | folder 8 |
| Volume 36, May 1897 -- February 1899 | box 5 | folder 9 |
| Volume 37, February 1899 -- November 1899 | box 6 | folder 1 |
| Volume 38, November 1899 -- December 1900 | box 6 | folder 2 |
| Volume 39, January 1901 -- May 1902 | box 6 | folder 3 |
| Volume 40, May 1902 -- July 1903 | box 6 | folder 4 |
| Volume 41, July 1903 -- June 1904 | box 6 | folder 5 |
| Volume 42, June 1904 -- May 1905 | box 6 | folder 6 |
| Volume 43, May 1905 -- April 1906 | box 6 | folder 7 |
| Volume 44, April 1906 -- August 1907 | box 7 | folder 1 |
| Volume 45, September 1907 -- September 1909 | box 7 | folder 2 |
| Volume 46, September 1909 -- October 1910 | box 7 | folder 3 |
| Volume 47, October 1910 -- November 1910 | box 7 | folder 4 |
| Volume 48, November 1910 -- May 1911 | box 7 | folder 5 |
| Volume 49, May 1911 -- October 1911 | box 7 | folder 6 |
| Volume 50, October 1911 -- February 1912 | box 7 | folder 7 |
| Volume 51, February 1912 -- July 1912 | box 7 | folder 8 |
| Volume 52, July 1912 -- October 1912 | box 7 | folder 9 |
| Volume 53, October 1912 -- March 1913 | box 8 | folder 1 |
| Volume 54, March 1913 -- August 1913 | box 8 | folder 2 |
| Volume 55, August 1913 -- February 1914 | box 8 | folder 3 |
| Volume 56, February 1914 -- August 1914 | box 8 | folder 4 |
| Volume 57, August 1914 -- August 1915 | box 8 | folder 5 |
| Volume 58, August 1915 -- May 1916 | box 8 | folder 6 |
| Volume 59, May 1916 -- January 1917 | box 8 | folder 7 |

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Correspondence, 1859 -- 1872

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box

Language of the Material: English, Armenian.

Scope and Contents

This series contains handwritten copies of correspondence sent to various people, including other members of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. It also includes newspaper articles which Greene copied into the book and which are written in Armenian.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in chronological order.

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This series is open for research.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
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| Correspondence, May 1859 -- November 1862 | box 9 | folder 1 |
| Correspondence, October 1862 -- June 1866 | box 9 | folder 2 |
| Correspondence, July 1866 -- March 1869 | box 9 | folder 3 |
| Correspondence, April 1869 -- June 1872 | box 9 | folder 4 |

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Dictionary and sermons, 1857 -- 1909

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box

Language of the Material: English, Armenian.

Scope and Contents

This series contains Greene's original handwritten English and Armenian dictionaries. He started the dictionary in 1859 in Nicomedia, Turkey, when he started his missionary work. Greene also kept a separate book of Armenian words which he prepared as he began to learn the language.

Conditions Governing Access:**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

Arrangement

This series is arranged in rough chronological order.

| Title/Description | Instances | |
|---|-----------|----------|
| English/Armenian Dictionary, Vol.1: A-Haz, 1859 | box 10 | folder 1 |
| Armenian words, 1859 | box 10 | folder 2 |

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| Prayer meeting book, circa 1850 -- 1859 | box 10 | folder 3 |
| Sermon, The Love of Christ, 1857 | box 10 | folder 4 |
| Sermon, The Sinner Unwilling to Come to Christ, 1857 | box 10 | folder 5 |
| Sermon, An Enlightened Conscience -- Our Rule of Life, 1865 | box 10 | folder 6 |
| Sermon, The Brazen Serpent and Christ, 1870 | box 10 | folder 7 |
| Sermon, Zaccheus -- Repentance, 1871 | box 10 | folder 8 |
| Sermon, The Kingdom of God, 1909 | box 10 | folder 9 |

Scope and Contents

Pamphlet published by H. Matteosian, Constantinople.
Preached in 1909.

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| Sermon, Religious Awakening | box 10 | folder 10 |
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