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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Ripley, H. W (Hezekiah Waterman), 1796-
Title:	Hezekiah Waterman Ripley papers on the American Home Missionary Society
ID:	4492647
Date [inclusive]:	1860 -- 1869
Physical Description:	0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains one volume (211 pages) handwritten and compiled by Hezekiah Waterman Ripley, assistant treasurer and then Director for Life of the American Home Missionary Society, titled "Sketch of the History of the American Home Missionary Society."

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL10: Hezekiah Waterman Ripley papers on the American Home Missionary Society, 1860-1869, box #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Hezekiah Waterman Ripley was born July 2, 1796 to Rev. William B. and Lucy Clift Ripley. His father was a Yale graduate who first settled in Ballston, NY and later in Lebanon, Goshen, CT. His parents married in 1792. Hezekiah was one of seven children. Hezekiah married Maria Huntington on June 4, 1826 with whom he had three children: a daughter, Maria, and twin sons, William Huntington and Hezekiah Bradford. They lived in Harlem, NY. Hezekiah had outlived his children and wife at the point he wrote and published the Ripley Family genealogy in 1867. Ripley was assistant treasurer of the American Home Missionary Society until 1860. By 1870 he was listed as Director for Life.

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Biographical / Historical

The American Home Missionary Society was created from a number of fledgling Home Missions groups in the United States. The National Domestic Missionary Society began after a conversation between Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, Rev. Aaron Porter of Andover Seminary, and other theological students, in 1825. Together they discussed the need to enlarge operations of Home Missions and the importance of providing settlement of ministers, especially in the West. The discussion continued to 1826 in Boston at a meeting attended by area ministers. It was voted that the previously organized United Domestic Missionary Society of New York, formed in 1822, become the American Domestic Missionary Society. The United Domestic Missionary Society invited other Home Missions organizations throughout America to come to New York for the purpose of forming an American Home Missionary Society. In May 1826, 126 individuals from thirteen states representing four religious denominations voted to officially form the AHMS. According to their Constitution, the purpose of the AHMS was "to assist congregations that are unable to support the gospel ministry, and to send the gospel to the destitute within the United States." The northern and western frontiers were of utmost importance. Originally represented by Congregational, Presbyterian, Reformed Dutch and Associated Reformed denominations, by mid-century the organization represented Congregational Home Missions only. The New School Presbyterians fully withdrew in 1861. As a result, the name of the organization changed to the Congregational Home Missionary Society in 1893. The Congregational Home Missionary Society continued until 1975.

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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

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-08-02. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Volume was wrapped in acid-free tissue and tied with cotton

tying tape. The finding aid was created by Brigette C. Kamsler in 2012 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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Related Materials

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American Home Missionary Society records, Amistad Research Center at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Related Materials

Congregational Home Missionary Society Records. Microfilm. Film Ms24. Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Related Materials

American Home Missionary Society. Correspondence, 1816-1839 [microform] / American Home Missionary Society. Presbyterian Historical Society.

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American Home Missionary Society. Papers of the American Home Missionary Society, 1816-1894. Library of Congress.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- Societies, etc
- American Home Missionary Society -- : History

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