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James Anderson Slover Papers. Inclusive: circa 1907-1913, undated, Bulk: circa 1907-1913, undated

Summary Information

Creator	Slover, James Anderson, 1824 - 1913
Extent (quantity/size)	1 document box
Language	English
Abstract	This collection contains a manuscript written by James Anderson Slover, describing early family history on the frontier in the United States and Texas.

Subjects

Baptists -- United States -- Clergy -- Biography. / Cherokee Indians -- Missions. / Indians of North America -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865. / Slover, James Anderson, 1824-1913.

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Scope and Content

The James Anderson Slover Papers were acquired from an unknown person/organization at an unknown time.

This manuscript appears to be an early typed version of the book *Minister to the Cherokees: A Civil War Autobiography* edited by Barbara Cloud. The title headings and all of the text appears to be the same, but the manuscript in this collection has a different preface and a different photograph of Slover than the book contains.

The entire collection is undated, though it is thought to be from circa 1907-1913. The only series in the collection, Autobiography, contains a manuscript written by James Anderson Slover. This autobiographical sketch encompasses Slover's lifetime of 83 years. The text includes descriptions of significant events in American History including the Civil War and Reconstruction. These events are supplemented by personal details of Slover's life such as his career, family, travels, schooling, and general observations of day to day activities.

Administrative/Biographical History

James Anderson Slover, the son of John and Rachel Slover, was born on 1824 September 15 in Jefferson County in East Tennessee. Slover spent the majority of his youth working at the family mill and later at the family farm. A section of Slover's autobiography focuses on stories about memorable experiences from his childhood, his experiences growing up on a farm, various religious events, and a variety of schooling adventures. After attending several schools, seminary, and later teaching and preaching, Slover married a former student, Harriet M. Ingram, on 1850 January 17.

Shortly after their marriage, Slover and his wife moved to Washington County, Arkansas. During their time in Arkansas, Slover set up a school and participated in the local religious community. James and Harriet had five children, two sons and three daughters.

In 1856, Slover got an appointment from the Southern Baptist Convention through the Domestic and Indian Mission Board to preach to the Cherokee Indians. After accepting this appointment, he moved to Tahlequah, capital of the Cherokee Nation, and began extremely successful operations as a missionary. After the completion of this missionary work, Slover and his wife moved back near his old home at Elm Springs and purchased forty acres.

Slover's autobiography details various events and political tensions which occurred during the American Civil War. Religious issues pertaining to the Native American perception of slavery are discussed in the context of the Civil War.

At some point, Harriet Slover passed away, leaving James to care for their five children. James Slover later married Josephine M. Rodgers, with whom he had an additional two children. Slover moved back to Arkansas to continue with his missionary work, but farther west than he had been before. However, he struggled to make a success in farming, and he eventually gave it up to preach and teach in the community.

Towards the end of his life he traveled to see family, acquaintances, and friends. At the conclusion of his trip he moved to Oregon to live with one of his daughters. Slover died of pneumonia on 1913 November 13 and was buried in Ashland, Oregon, in Pioneer Cemetery.

Related Resources

Related citations

Devlin, Meg. "Minister to the Cherokees: A Civil War Autobiography Review." Project Muse. <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/cwh/summary/v050/50.2devlin.html>. Accessed 2013 May 13.
James Anderson Slover Papers, Accession #2101, Box 1, Folder 1-14, The Texas Collection, Baylor University.
Slover, James Anderson. *Minister to the Cherokees*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2001.

Archival Arrangement

The James Anderson Slover Papers had no apparent organization prior to this finding aid. The manuscript pages were numbered and in order of page number, but no other organization was present.

Currently, the James Anderson Slover Papers are arranged in one series: I. Autobiography.

Series 1: Autobiography. undated**Administrative/Biographical History**

This series contains a copy of the manuscript of the autobiography on James Anderson Slover.

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