

Collection Title: Clinton J. Holloway Research Collection on Robert Milligan, 1830-2014, undated

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Extent:

4.7 cubic feet (5 boxes)

Language:

English

Abstract:

This collection of materials on Robert Milligan is the result of Clinton J. Holloway's research for his book, *He Still Speaks: A Literary Biography of Robert Milligan*. Robert Milligan, an educator, writer, and minister in the early Stone-Campbell Movement, is the namesake of Milligan University. Contained in this collection are many copies and originals of materials relevant to the life and work of Robert Milligan. The collection also demonstrates Holloway's research into Robert Milligan.

Biographical Note:

Robert Milligan was born in 1814 in Ireland, the son of John and Margaret Milligan. In 1818, Milligan immigrated with his family to the United States, where they settled in Ohio. Originally Presbyterian, Milligan joined the Stone-Campbell Movement in the 1830s. After local schooling and even opening his own academy in Kentucky, Milligan attend Washington College in Washington, Pennsylvania in 1839, graduating with a bachelor of arts degree in 1840. He then stayed on to teach at Washington College. In 1842, Milligan married Eleanor Blaine Russell, with whom he had two children, Alexander Reed Milligan and Isabelle Reed Milligan. Milligan was ordained in 1844 and soon after was authoring items in the *Millennial Harbinger*. In 1852, Milligan went to what is now Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, to teach math and civil engineering. In 1854, Milligan went to Bethany College in Bethany, Virginia (now West Virginia). Then, in 1857, Milligan became president of Bacon College in Georgetown,

Kentucky, which soon became Kentucky University in 1859. Kentucky University joined with Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky in 1865, where Robert Milligan was president of the College of the Bible and the College of the Arts until 1866. It was during this time that Josephus Hopwood was a student. Milligan died in 1875.

Information taken from *He Still Speaks: A Literary Biography of Robert Milligan* by Clinton J. Holloway, 2014.

Arrangement:

Clinton J. Holloway organized the collection before it was deposited in the Holloway Archives. Katherine Banks minimally re-processed the collection to better define series, keeping folders in their original order for the most part, and to update the finding aid to current standards.

The collection is divided into five series: I. Series: Subject Files, 1831-2014, undated; II. Series: Writings about Robert Milligan, 1875-2014, undated ; III. Series: Genealogy, 1860-2013, undated; IV. Series: Writings by Robert Milligan, 1845-2013, undated ; and V. Series: Artifacts, 1830-2014, undated. The Subject Files series, Writings about Robert Milligan series, and the Genealogy series are arranged alphabetically. The Writings by Robert Milligan series is arranged chronologically by the date of the writing. The Artifacts series has no real arrangement, as it is arranged to fit in the boxes.

Scope and Content Note:

The research collection is divided into five series: Subject Files, Writings about Robert Milligan, Genealogy, Writings by Robert Milligan, and Artifacts.

These materials were used to compile *He Still Speaks: A Literary Biography of Robert Milligan*, published in 2014 as a joint project of Clinton J. Holloway (Milligan University, class of 1995) and the University. The book was written in honor of and to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Robert Milligan's birth which took place July 25, 2014. Thus, many of these items are copies of the original.

No large cache of Milligan material or papers has ever been discovered, even among direct descendants. Therefore, this collection represents the largest assembly of material by, for, and about Robert Milligan and his immediately family.

The Subject Files series spans 1831 to 2014 and contains undated material. This series contains information relevant to Robert Milligan, from biographical information to subjects related to Milligan. Items of note include the following:

- Exceedingly rare copies of the proceedings of the American Christian Missionary Society meetings
- Late 19th/early 20th century Christian Woman's Board of Missions promotional material
- Original December 1856 Millennial Harbinger
- Exceedingly rare 1838 pamphlet "A Reply of J.T. Hendrick's Letter to the Self-Styled Reformers" by Rains and Irvin
- June 1837 *Messenger*
- Material on Montgomery Tiers "Christian Portrait Gallery"

- 1857 instrument electing Milligan President of Bacon College
- 1888 Kentucky University Tablet
- Washington College Catalogues for 1842 and 1843 owned by Robert Milligan

The Writings about Robert Milligan series spans 1875 to 2014 and contains undated material. In this series are various people's writings about Milligan, including copies of Holloway's book. Also of note is the June 1875 *Christian Record* with funeral oration and a copy of 1910 letter of McGarvey to Frederick Doyle Kershner (copy owned by Mary Hardin McCown).

The Genealogy series spans 1860 to 2013 and contains undated material. This series includes information on Milligan's family line.

The Writings by Robert Milligan series spans 1845 to 2013 and contains undated material. It includes writings by Milligan and information on those writings. Several originals of the *Millennial Harbinger* are in this series.

The Artifacts series spans 1830 to 2014 and contains undated material. Several published books relating to Milligan and his writings are in this series, as well as two t-shirts from Milligan University and a stone from Milligan's grave. Also in this series are diplomas signed by Milligan and a framed photo of Milligan.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Accession 2014-10-22

Clinton J. Holloway, the creator and organizer of this collection, donated this collection to Milligan in 2014. Holloway began the collection in the early 1990s while a student at Milligan College as a way to become more familiar with Robert Milligan, the namesake of Milligan College. In the course of the next two decades Holloway amassed this collection through visiting libraries and historical societies, colleges, cemeteries and other locations associated with Robert Milligan. Items were copied, very often purchased, sometimes traded, other gifted from various people and historians. Many items were given to Holloway as duplicates from the files of Disciples of Christ Historical Society Curator, David I. McWhirter. In the course of his research Holloway also came into contact with two family members who also shared information and material. Where possible originals were obtained but when that was not possible then copies were made on archival quality paper. Pictures were copied and often negatives were made from originals. Two copies of *McGuffey's Readers* were removed from the collection for not being relevant.

Access Restrictions:

Collection is open for research, with the exception of a folder containing grades (indicated in the folder list).

The archivist reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis if certain folders within the collection that have been requested for viewing cannot be made available due to various

restriction compliance, including but not limited to student information, private personal information, and organizational information of a restricted nature.

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Processing Information

Processed by Clinton J. Holloway and Katherine Banks
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Folder List

Box 1

I. Series: Subject Files, 1831-2014, undated

American Christian Missionary Society, 1852-1971, undated

Biographical: Robert Milligan, 1864-2007, undated

Christian Woman's Board of Missions, 1888-1981, undated

Education: Zelenople, Jamestown, PA, 1859-2002, undated

Fanning, Tolbert Controversy, 1843-1999, undated

Friends, Colleagues and Former Students, 1866-2013, undated

Note: Contains 19th century photographs

Grave: Lexington Cemetery, 1910-1996, undated

Hiram Lectures – Freedmen's Missionary Society, 1867-2000, undated

Local Congregations: Cane Ridge, Kentucky, 1837-2013, undated

Local Congregations: First Christian Church, Washington, Pennsylvania, 1831-1979, undated

Local Congregations: Liberty Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, Ohio, 1976-2014, undated

Local Congregations: Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, 1853-2003

Ireland, 1983-1994, undated

Minor Mentions of Robert Milligan in Various Sources, 1882-1909, undated

Photographs and Portraits: Robert Milligan, 1858-2013, undated

Note: Contains several 19th century photos

Preaching, 1867-1882, undated

Schools: Bethany College, Bethany (West) Virginia

Folder 1, 1854-2004, undated

Folder 2, 1856-1857, undated

Schools: Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1851-2013, undated

Schools: Kentucky University, Lexington, Kentucky, 1857-2013, undated

Schools: Kentucky University, Lexington, Kentucky: Bulletins, 1859-1871

Schools: Kentucky University, Lexington, Kentucky: Charter, 1858

Schools: Kentucky University, Lexington, Kentucky: Controversies, 1873-1934

Schools: Kentucky University, Lexington, Kentucky: Notebook of J.R. Hoover, 1866-2011

Schools: Milligan College, Milligan College, Tennessee, 1949-1966, undated

Schools: Washington College, Washington, Pennsylvania, 1840-2005, undated

Tangential Notes and Source Material, 1889-2013, undated
Women, 1867-1993, undated

Box 2

II. Series: Writings about Robert Milligan, 1875-2014, undated

Boring, Eugene M.; Sprinkle, Stephen V. on Robert Milligan, 1997-1999
Holloway, Clinton J. on Robert Milligan, 1995-2014, undated [CONTAINS
GRADES]

Holloway, Clinton J. *He Still Speaks, A Literary Biography of Robert Milligan* (2
copies), 2014

Jenkins, Max Ray: Thesis, 1959

McGarvey, John W. Funeral Oration/Sketch, 1875

McGarvey, John W. on Robert Milligan, 1876-2013, undated

Olbricht, Thomas H. on Robert Milligan, 2000-2012

Platt, Robert Martin: Thesis, 1958

III. Series: Genealogy, 1860-2013, undated

Blaine, James G. (cousin of Eleanor), 1893, undated

Coleman, Isabelle Reed Coleman (Daughter) & Family, 1860-2013, undated

Milligan, Alexander Reed (son), 1896-2004, undated

Milligan, Dixon (brother), 1882-2012, undated

Milligan, Eleanor Blaine Russell (wife), 1893-2004, undated

Milligan Extended Family Genealogy, 1882-2005, undated

Milligan, John and Margaret (parents), 2013, undated

IV. Series: Writings by Robert Milligan, 1845-2013, undated

Inaugural Address, Kentucky University, 1859

Treatise on Prayer (1863), 1934

Reason and Revelation (1867), 1867-2013, undated

Scheme of Redemption (1868), 1869-2013, undated

Grace and Good Works (1870), 1871-1889

Great Commission (1871), 1871-1874

Analysis of the New Testament (1874), 1875

Commentary on Hebrews (1875), 1875-1977, undated

Periodicals: *American Christian Quarterly Review*, 1862-1863

Australian Christian Pioneer, Australian Christian Advocate, 1869-1876

Periodicals: *Christian Pioneer*, 1861-1868, undated

Periodicals: *Christian Quarterly*, 1869-1870, undated

Periodicals: *Independent Monthly*, 1869-1870, undated

Periodicals: *Millennial Harbinger*, 1845-2013

Periodicals: *Millennial Harbinger*, 1847, undated

Letters, Books, Citations, Indices to Robert Milligan/From Robert Milligan, 1850-
2003, undated

Sermons and Expositions, 1854-1954

Box 3

V. Series: Artifacts, 1830-2014, undated

The New Testament Commentary: Vol. IX – Epistle to the Hebrews, 1876

Reason and Revelation, 1869
Reason and Revelation, 1953
An Exposition and Defense of the Scheme of Redemption, revised edition, undated
An Exposition and Defense of the Scheme of Redemption, thirteenth printing, 1868
The Great Commission of Jesus Christ to His Twelve Apostles, 1873
Analysis of the New Testament, 1874 [reprint], 2 copies
A Brief Treatise on Prayer, 1883 [reprint]
Journey Through the Years, Josephus Hopwood, Bethany Press, 1932,
autographed
Robert Milligan, Disciple: Scholar, Educator, Peacemaker, Robert Martin Platt,
Thesis (rough draft), 1958
The Crimson, Kentucky University annuals, 1898 and 1899
Articles by and about Robert Milligan in the *Millennial Harbinger*
Folder 1, 1830-1857, undated
Folder 2, 1855-1867, undated

Box 4

Commentary on Ephesians by Ellicott, owned by Robert Milligan, 1867
Bound volume *The Evangelist of Davenport, Iowa*, 1862
Indiana University, *Midwestern Pioneer*, Thomas D. Clark, Indiana University
Press, 1970
Daily Disciple, A One Year Devotional Guide, Gary Holloway, Leafwood, 2008
The Scheme of Redemption, Spiritual Sword lectureship, Getwell Church of
Christ, Memphis, Tennessee, 1990
Central Christian Church, 175 Years in Lexington, Kentucky, Anthony Dunavant,
privately published
Milligan College t-shirt: "Robert Milligan is my Homeboy," 2007
Milligan College t-shirt: "Robert Milligan –What is in a Namesake?," 2014
Small stone dug up from grave of Robert Milligan, Lexington, Kentucky, undated

Box 5

Correspondence from Robert Milligan to Josephus Hopwood, 1874
Bethany College diplomas, 1858
Kentucky University, College of the Bible diploma, 1872
Framed black and white photographic print, undated