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**JOHN M. BISHOP
DIARIES AND PAPERS, 1835–1887**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	3 manuscript boxes
COLLECTION	1835–87

DATES:

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NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John M. Bishop (1819–90) was an itinerant Presbyterian pastor in Indiana during the mid- to late nineteenth century. Born in Lexington, Kentucky, he graduated from Miami University (Ohio) and Lane Theological Seminary in the early 1840s. His entire ministerial career was spent serving or establishing churches in Indiana. When not riding circuit he made his headquarters in New Albany (1850), Bedford (1852–60), Bloomington (1860–67), Rockville (1868–72), Lebanon (1873–79), Covington (1881–83), and Rockfield (1884). Other churches he served or visited throughout his career were located in Mitchell, Seymour, Crawfordsville, Hopewell, and Veedersburg. He also made occasional trips to Oxford, Ohio, to Lane Seminary, and to several Presbyterian assemblies.

On 10 November 1846 Bishop married Lucy D. North (1823–?) of Oxford. They had seven children, only three of whom (Deming, Fannie, and North) lived past childhood.

Bishop retired from the ministry in 1887.

Sources: Information in collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The John M. Bishop collection consists of twenty-one volumes of Bishop's diary (1850–84), along with various other family papers. The diaries are pocket-sized, most with room for two or three daily entries per page. As a result Bishop's entries are fragmented and brief. He usually comments on the weather, adding a few words on his travels, activities as pastor of the local church, his family's health and travel, and visitors received. He writes of temperance efforts and his work (starting in 1875) with the YMCA, and notes the Scriptural text of each sermon. On note pages in the back of each volume are memoranda, accounts, addresses, and member lists from churches he served that year. There is, in addition, a book containing the constitution, by-laws, and minutes (1841–43) of the Lane Seminary literary society, of which Bishop was a member. The book includes as well records of Bishop's later ministerial career, such as weddings performed, accounts, church records, sermons and other writings dating from the 1850s to the 1880s.

Also in the collection are volumes belonging to the family of Bishop's wife, Lucy D. North. Of greatest note is a travel diary kept by Lucy's sister, Jane North Lewis, in 1835–36. Born 10 July 1808 in Farmington, Connecticut, Jane

was married to George H. Lewis from July 1831 to his death in 1834, and to Romeo Lewis from 1837 to his death in June 1843. She had five children, none of whom survived infancy. Jane moved to Tallahassee, Florida, in 1832, and, after her first husband's death, left there in 1835. This journey home is recounted in her diary, where she describes in lyrical prose her sometimes arduous trip by steamboat and stage from Tallahassee to New Orleans, up the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers to New York, and finally, to New England. The diary also contains several poems, presumably written by Jane.

Lucy kept a writing book that includes original and copied essays and poems; math exercises; the valedictory she delivered at Marietta, Ohio, in 1842; a genealogy of her family down to her children's generation; and other literary and educational material that dates from the 1840s to the 1870s.

An additional part of the collection is a diary/account book of Philip North Moore, who was Lucy's nephew. The son of Susan North and Henry C. Moore, he was born in Connorsville, Indiana, on 8 July 1849. His mother died in 1850, soon after which he apparently moved to live with Jane Lewis, then residing in Oxford, Ohio. The diary includes occasional entries from 1849 to 1859. Although the diary is written from a boy's point of view, it is likely that the first portion, if not all, was written for him, possibly by Jane Lewis. In the front of the volume are accounts for the years 1850–61, also apparently kept for him by someone else.

Completing the collection are various papers including a letter from Deming Bishop to his mother (1887), Deming's railroad survey book (c. 1880), a resolution on temperance by John Bishop, and a flyer from the Salem Female Seminary, Salem, Indiana (1855).

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Deming Bishop railroad survey book, c.1880	Box 3, Folder 4

Lane Seminary Literary Society records, 1841–43;
Bishop ministerial records, c. 1855–c. 1887

Box 3, Folder 5

Assorted papers: Deming Bishop correspondence,
1887; Temperance resolution, 1871; American Home
Missionary Society receipt, 1851; Salem Female
Seminary flyer, 1855; Newspaper clipping on
temperance, undated

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