

Merrill, James G., 1840-1920  
Papers, 1899-1919

## Scope and Contents Note

Six folders comprise the set of Merrill papers, ~~ex~~cluding the first folders which contains the biographical note. The first folder of the papers proper consist<sup>s</sup> of letters to and from members of the Board of Trustees. The documents in the second folder relate to Fisk faculty and staff; folders 4 through 6 contains correspondence between Fisk University and student enrollees or applicants for admission or parents of there persons. The papers in the last folders are Fisk salary list prepared by the American Missionary Association between the years 1899-1901

JAMES GRISWOLD MERRILL

August 20, 1840 - December 22, 1920

1840 - Born in Montague, Massachusetts, son of the Reverend James Hervey and Lucia (Griswold) Merrill

1863 - Received A. B. degree from Amherst

1866 - Awarded B. D. degree by Andover Theological Seminary. Married Louisa W. Boutwell of Andover, Maine.

1867 - Ordained as the minister of the Congregational Church. Accepted for service by Congregational Home Mission Society. Received assignment in Kansas

1869-

1891 - Served in regular pastorate of the Congregational Church, including terms of service in St. Louis, Missouri, Portland, Maine and Davenport, Iowa

1874-

1898 - Editor of the Christian Monitor

1898 - Accepted the chair of Logic and Ethics at Fisk University

1899 - Named Acting President of Fisk University

1901-

1908 - Served as President of Fisk University

1908 - Resigned as President of Fisk University. Served on Board of Trustees until his death

1909-

1912 - Served as Pastor at Somerset, Massachusetts

1912-

1917 - Served as Pastor at Lake Helen, Florida

1917 - Retired from active work

1921 - Died at Mountain Lakes, New Jersey. Buried at Andover, Massachusetts

## Biographical Note

- 1872, July 31 Born in Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Parents were Gertrude (Avery) and Edwin McKenzie, a merchant. Grandparents were Benajah McKenzie and Charles Avery.
- Educated in public schools of Montrose, until his senior year of high school, which was completed at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where his family moved.
- 1891-1895 Attended Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, from which he received the B. S. degree. Member of Phi Beta Kappa.
- 1894 Summer Session at University of Pennsylvania. Studied with Franklin Giddings and Simon Patten.
- 1895-1897 Tutored families of Railroad officials of Lehigh Valley Railroad and Pennsylvania Railroad.
- 1897-1900 Taught French, German, English, History and Economics at Juniata College.
- 1900-1903 Taught Modern Languages and Mathematics at Blight School for Boys while studying sociology, economics, and history at University of Pennsylvania.
- 1903-1905 Taught at Wind River Indian Boarding School in Central Wyoming, the Shoshoni Indian Reservation, one hundred and sixty-five miles from a railroad.
- 1908 Ph. D. University of Pennsylvania. Published his dissertation, The American Indian in Relation to the White Population of the United States, Columbus, Ohio.
- 1905-1914 Professor of economics and sociology at Ohio State University. Active in Civic Organizations of Columbus, Ohio.

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