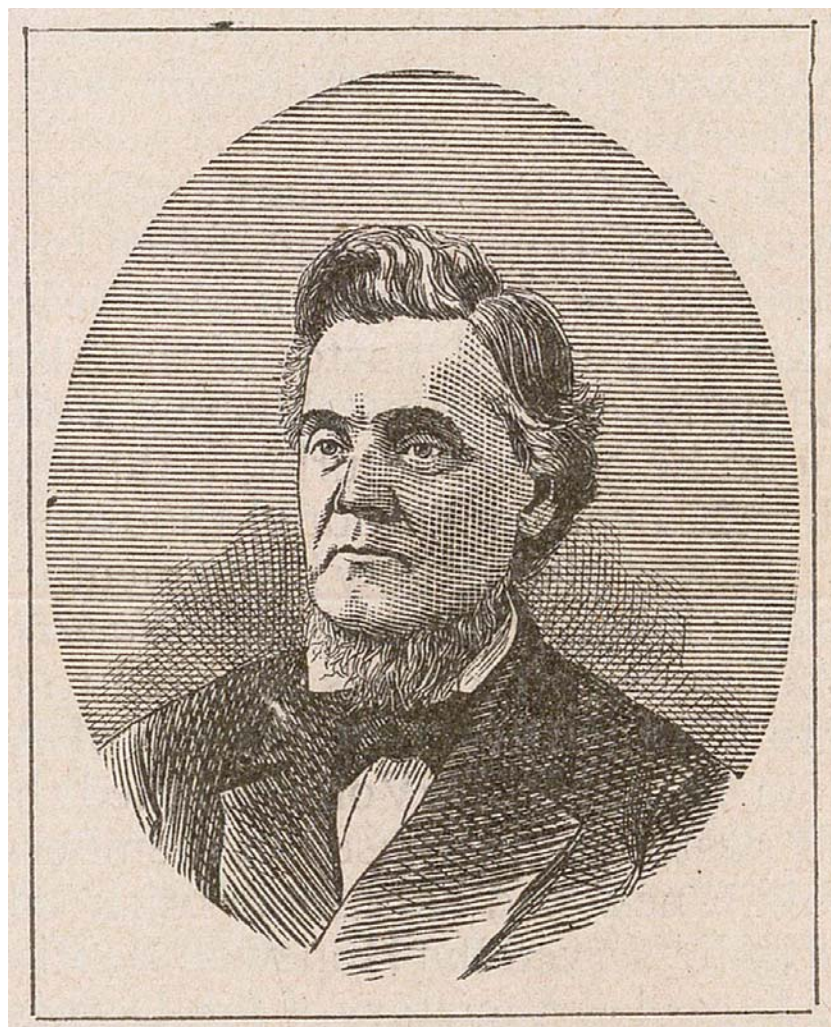


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Summary

Main Entry: James H. DeVotie Sermon Collection

Date Span: ca. 1835 – 1850

Abstract: Microfilm collection of 40 handwritten sermons dating from the 1830s-1850s preached by James H. DeVotie. Collection is divided into five series: numbered sermons, titled sermons, numbered sermons (Irish), course lecture note booklets, and sermon fragments. DeVotie pastored churches in Alabama and Georgia and served as the first corresponding secretary of the Georgia Baptist State Mission Board. *These sermons were given to the SBHLA with the designation as having been written and preached by James H. DeVotie. The SBHLA believes these to be DeVotie sermons but cannot verify that DeVotie was the author.*

Size: 1 microfilm reel

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Biographical Sketch

Southern Baptist pastor and denominational leader James Harvey DeVotie was born in Oneida County, New York, September 24, 1813, to pious Presbyterian parents. He was converted at age 16 and baptized in 1831. He studied at Furman Theological Seminary and was ordained in March, 1833, to serve at the Baptist church in Camden, South Carolina.

From 1835-1856 DeVotie served pastorates at Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, and Marion, Alabama. He was active in the establishment of Howard College and the *Alabama Baptist* newspaper. DeVotie became pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, in 1856. He led the organization of the public school system of Columbus and served as the first president of the board of trustees. After a brief service as chaplain of the Second Regiment of Georgia Volunteers in the Confederate Army, he returned to his pastorate and throughout the war collected and administered relief funds.

The newly organized Georgia Baptist State Mission Board elected DeVotie as its first corresponding secretary in 1877. He was married to Christian Margaret Noble in 1835, and to this union five children were born. In 1873 he married Georgiana Lucia Pyron, and to his union four children were born. DeVotie died in Griffin, Georgia on February 16, 1891.

Scope and Content Note

The James H. DeVotie Sermon Collection (1 microfilm reel) consists of 40 handwritten sermons

dating from the 1830s to 1850s preached by DeVotie during his years as pastor of churches in Alabama and Georgia. The collection is divided into five series: numbered sermons, titled sermons, numbered sermons (Irish), course lecture note booklets, and sermon fragments. Titles, dates, and Scripture passages are provided when known. Materials in series 1, 2, 4, and 5 are written in English. Sermons in series 3 are written in Irish.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into five series:

- Series 1: Numbered Sermons, arranged in chronological order by sermon number
- Series 2: Titled Sermons, arranged in alphabetical order by title
- Series 3: Numbered Sermons (Irish), arranged in chronological order by sermon number
- Series 4: Course Lecture Notes Booklets
- Series 5: Sermon Fragments

Provenance

Loaned to SBHLA for microfilming by First Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia, 2015.

Preferred Citation

James H. DeVotie Sermon Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

DeVotie, James Harvey, 1813-1891.
 Baptists – Sermons – 19th century.
 Sermons, American – 19th century.
 Sermons, Irish.

Related Materials

James H. DeVotie Journal Collection, SBHLA MF# 6259.

Item List

Series 1: Numbered Sermons

- No. 2 – Attributes of God: God Lives Forever and Ever, Psalm 90
- No. 3 – God's Omnipresence
- No. 4 – Redemption by the Son, John 8:36
- No. 4 – Attributes of God: The Almighty
- No. 5 – Attributes of God: God is a Holy God, Psalm 5:1-12
- No. 6 – Regeneration: Or, Hope in Being Begotten Again, I Peter 1:3-5
- No. 8 – The Highway to Holiness, Isaiah 35:87
- No. 10 – God or Manna, Matthew 6:24
- No. 12 – Love of Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
- No. 13 – The Difference between the Righteous and the Wicked, Malachi 3:13-18
- No. 14 – Salvation by Grace, Ephesians 2:8-10

- No. 15 – Thow the Many became Sinners and the Many Shall be Made Righteous (ordination sermon), Romans 5:19
- No. 16 – Death and Judgement, Hebrews 9:27
- No. 18 – Ephesians 7:4-5
- No. 19 – Caution Concerning the Spirit, I John 4:1

Series 2: Titled Sermons

- Angels, Hebrews 1:13-16 – July 16, 1841
- Blessedness of Humility, Matthew 5:3
- Faithfulness of God Attested by His Word, Psalm 119:89-91
- Harmony of the Divine, Psalm 85:10
- James 2:8
- Luke 13:24
- Nature of Sin, Hebrews 2:2-3
- Predestination, Acts 27:22-31
- Proverbs 8:30-31
- Priesthood of Christ, I John 2:1-2
- Romans 6:15
- Thou Wilt Show Me the Path of Life, Psalm 16:11
- Walking by Faith, II Corinthians 5:7

Series 3: Numbered Sermons (Irish)

English translations are provided as best as possible. The handwriting on these sermons is difficult to read.

- No. 2 – Penitence of Destruction, Luke 13:5
- No. 5 – Glory to the Lord God, Joshua 7:19
- No. 9 – Malachi 3:18
- No. 11 – Romans 5:13
- No. 12 – Two Different Ways, Isaiah 55:8-9
- No. 14 (supplement to No. 11) – Ephesians 2:8-10
- No. 15 – Hebrews 1:13-14
- No. 18 – Jeremiah 2:13
- No. 19 – Death and Judgement, Hebrews 9:27
- Unnumbered – John 1:12
- Unnumbered – Romans 12:11
- Unnumbered – Trinity, I John 5:7

Series 4: Course Lecture Notes Booklets

- Booklet 1 – Eight-page course lecture note booklet containing notes on church government, evangelism, and ordinances – 1836
- Booklet 2 – Sixteen-page course lecture note booklet containing notes on pastoral theology and pastoral ministry

Series 5: Sermon Fragments

Five un-identified sermon fragment items.