

The Filson Historical Society

**The Papers of
Stuart Robinson**

The papers of Stuart Robinson, minister and pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church,
Louisville, Kentucky.

For information regarding literary and copyright interests for these papers, see the Curator of
Manuscripts, James J. Holmberg.

Size of Collection

1 cubic foot

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Biographical Note

Robinson was born in Strabane, Ireland in 1814. He grew up in Virginia and received his education at Amherst College in Massachusetts, Union Seminary in Virginia, and Princeton Seminary. Robinson served congregations in Virginia and Maryland before moving to Kentucky. He served at Frankfort Presbyterian (1846-1853) and at Second Presbyterian in Louisville (1858-1881). During the Civil War, Robinson remained in exile in Toronto, Canada, serving a congregation in that city. Returning to Kentucky he led most Kentucky Presbyterians into the Southern Presbyterian Church. In 1841, Robinson married Mary Elizabeth Brigham of Massachusetts. He died in 1881 and was buried in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note

Papers include correspondence between Robinson, his wife, daughter, and granddaughter discussing routine matters; sermon notes; speeches; wills; scrapbooks; Robinson's diary of his trip to Europe; and legal papers regarding accusations that he was involved with Luke Pryor Blackburn in the Yellow Fever Conspiracy.

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Stuart Robinson
Papers. 1849-1950.

Box 1

- 1 Scrapbook of Robinson's sermons, lectures, and reports of various meetings, and newspaper clippings.

Box 2

- 2 Scrapbook containing clippings concerning Robinson's life and genealogy and his church work. Also some correspondence of his descendants.

Box 3

- fl. 3 Correspondence, notes, clippings, and copies of Robinson's will and Mary Robinson's will, 1849-1909.
- fl. 4 Biographical data concerning Robinson including newspaper clippings and three pamphlets, 1862-1916.
- fl. 5 Trip diary, 1873.
- fl. 6 Newspaper clippings about the Pan-Presbyterian Council, n.d.
- fl. 7 Newspaper clippings about Central University, 1872-1873.
- fl. 8 Sunday Closing Law, 1880 and n.d.
Speech of Dr. Robinson and newspaper clippings.
- fl. 9 Stuary Robinson's libel suit.
Plea in Circuit Court of U.S. Northern District of Illinois, and newspaper clippings.
- fl. 10 Newspaper clippings about the First Presbyterian Church Controversy, 1874-1875.