

**College of the Holy Cross
Archives and Special Collections
Collection Inventory**

Accession Number: **SC2004-60**

Collection Name (Title): **James, Rev. Horace Papers**

Dates of Material: **1862-1869**

Size of Collection: **1 Box - 57 items**

Arrangement: **Chronological**

Restrictions: **None**

Related Material: Richard O'Flynn Collection

Preferred Citation:

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Biography/History:

The Rev Horace James was a native of Milford, Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale College in 1840, and studied theology at Yale and Andover. James was called from Wrentham, MA to be the pastor of Worcester's Old South Church in 1852. He married Helen Leavitt, of Boston, and they toured Europe for five months in 1858. James was the Secretary of the Worcester Temperance League, promoting "total abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage," and Secretary of the Worcester Lyceum and Library Association and the Natural History Society. James resigned from his pastorate to become chaplain of the 25th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers, entering the service Oct. 28, 1861, and mustering out Apr. 27, 1864; He became assistant quartermaster of the Massachusetts Volunteers and was active in aiding former slaves in North Carolina during and immediately after the Civil War. He was afterward pastor of the First Congregational Church of Lowell, and an editor and proprietor of *The Congregationalist*.

Scope and Content Note:

These papers reflect James' efforts working with the freedmen of North Carolina, military matters and his role as assistant quartermaster. All of the letters are written to James with the exception of one to his wife. There is one folder of biographical material

Box and Folder List:

Folder 1: Correspondence, April 1862-November 1864	29 items
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1865-1869	25 items
Folder 3: Undated items	2 items
Folder 4: Letter to Mrs. James	1 item
Folder 5: Biographical Historical Information	