

**Descriptive Summary****Repository**

Library Company of Philadelphia  
1314 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107-5698

**Call Number**

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**Creator**

McAllister, John A. (John Allister), 1822-1896.

**Title**

Episcopal Clergy Manuscripts Collection

**Inclusive Dates**

1765-1867 (bulk 1829-1861)

**Quantity**

.21 linear feet (1 box)

**Language of Materials**

Materials are in English.

**Abstract**

The Episcopal Clergy Manuscripts Collection primarily contains letters written by ordained leaders of the Episcopal Church to their peers. Nearly all of the authors of the letters and documents were then, or became, bishops in the church. Some letters hold notable content, while others simply make, or reply to, a request. Several of the correspondents wrote from or of the American Midwest, chiefly Ohio, and describe conditions in their dioceses, churches, and communities. Most of the letters are unrelated to each other and were most likely acquired for their signatures. The collection also holds two eighteenth-century autograph manuscript sermons by Rev. Edward Bass (1726-1803), the rector of St. Paul's Church in Newburyport, MA.

**Administrative Information****Restrictions to Access**

The collection is open to researchers. It is on deposit at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, and should be accessed through the Society's reading room at 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA. Visit their website, <http://www.hsp.org/>, for reading room hours.

**Acquisition Information**

Gift of John A. McAllister; forms part of the McAllister Collection.

**Processing Information**

The Episcopal Clergy Manuscripts Collection was formerly interfiled within the large and chronologically arranged McAllister Manuscript Collection. The papers were extracted, arranged, and described as a single collection in 2007, under grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the William Penn Foundation. The collection was processed by Sandra Markham. Any views, findings,