

JOHN HENDERSON SPENCER COLLECTION
BAPT MSS #5
FINDING AID

INTRODUCTION: The typed manuscript was given in memory of George Lawrence Ridenour by his daughter Miss Crea Ridenour.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 BOX / 239 PAGES (.2 cubic feet)

HISTORICAL / BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: John Henderson Spencer (1826 – 1897) was the author of *The Life of Thomas Jefferson Fisher, the celebrated pulpit orator and evangelist; with a Masonic address and a fragment of a sermon* in 1866 and *A History of Kentucky Baptists: from 1769 – 1885, including more than 800 biographical sketches* in 1885?.

INCLUSIVE DATES: Material covers 1773 – 1897 / Date written, u.d.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTES: The typed manuscript is in three parts:

The first is made up of two pages, the first having “For the year 1872” typed out. The second page has written “P. 18 ?? b. 8 after and of”

The second part begins with “Chapter I” and is typed pages 1-200. Then there are only typed pages numbered ? and 217.

The third part is typed and is numbered pages 1 – 35.

It appears to be an autobiography of John Henderson Spencer, although on page 24 of section 3 a different author picks up where Spencer left off and takes the story through Spencer’s death.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Manuscript

CONTAINER LISTS:

BOX 1

FOLDER 1 Typescript: Autobiography / biography of John Henderson Spencer and Related Sources (1 item / 239 pages) u.d.