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Reverend Orange Scott Papers

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Content Note

This collection contains 55 manuscript letters and documents for the years 1832-1847 pertaining to the Methodist reformer and abolitionist, Orange Scott (1800-1847). It covers Scott's activities as a publisher, book distributor and public speaker. Documents include contracts, proposals and invoices for printing services for *The True Wesleyan*, an organ of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America which Scott helped found. These documents provide much specific information on the costs and number of copies of Wesleyan Methodist Connection publications. Considerable material relating to Scott's anti-slavery activity and to the founding of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection are found in the collection.

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Box and Folder Listing

Series 1 – Correspondence

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| Box 1 | FF 1 | February 6, 1832 - Waydon Hall, Middlesex. Adam Clarke writes to George Lachley (?) and others concerning a visit to the United States. Compliments the church as being imitators of the original Methodist. |
| Box 1 | FF 2 | August 26, 1832 - News clipping, obituary of Adam Clarke. |
| Box 1 | FF 3 | No date - Thomas A. Brewster (?) writes Reverend Scott about sacred music. |
| Box 1 | FF 4 | August 30, 1834 - News clipping, obituary, Bedell, Gregory Townsend, D.D., American clergyman, Protestant Episcopal. |
| Box 1 | FF 5 | April 23, 1836 - Burlington. A note discussing the price of room and board. Names are unclear. |
| Box 1 | FF 6 | February 12, 1840 - Mr. Kimball writes Reverend Scott about books and his ability to sell. May have to sell below wholesale price. Mention fact that he is an anti-slavery man. Thinks Reverend Clarke is an abolitionist at heart. |
| Box 1 | FF 7 | October 1, 1844 - Reverend G. Beckley writes Brother Scott, enclosing fifteen dollars to be applied to his credit. Discusses condition of hymn books. |
| Box 1 | FF 8 | April 15, 1845 - Samuel Hurlbutt (?) explains to Brother Scott why he has been unable to pay for <i>The True Wesleyan</i> . |
| Box 1 | FF 9 | July 12, 1845 - Adam Jewett writes Orange Scott about the anti-slavery cause, inviting him to come and give a series of discourses on American Slavery. |
| Box 1 | FF 10 | February 18, 1845 - F. Roberts, agent, sends list of names to be sent books. |
| Box 1 | FF 11 | November 8, 1845 - W. S. Stockton informs Reverend Scott about copies of Whitehead's Wesley. |
| Box 1 | FF 12 | November 22, 1845 - Reverend L. Lee approves of enlarging the paper. |
| Box 1 | FF 13 | December 25, 1845 - W. Blackmore writes Reverend Scott about the Canada mission. |
| Box 1 | FF 14 | January 8, 1846 - L. J. McJudoe (?) writes to Reverend O. Scott asking for the money Scott said he would send. |

- Box 1 FF 15 February 20, 1846 - Geo Mery (?) informs Reverend Scott that the committee on the Drucutt (?) school have decided to give Dr. Bennett the tuition of the school.
- Box 1 FF 16 May 6, 1846 - L. Floes (?) writes concerning books that were sent to a firm of Hamilton and White of Chicago.
- Box 1 FF 17 June 19, 1846 - Samuel Chordis writes Reverend Scott about his visit overseas to the convention. Disapproves of a loan of two thousand dollars to the Book Concern as a condition for his willing to go abroad.
- Box 1 FF 18 July 9, 1846 - Reverend G. Beckly sends list of names and donations to the Book Concern. Also informs Brother Scott that Brother Davey will pay him twenty dollars which should be credited to my account.
- Box 1 FF 19 August 7, 1846 - H. Whitlock (?) makes a list of books to be sent to him.
- Box 1 FF 20 August 8, 1846 - Joseph F. Holman writes about a medicine "Restorative." Also a note from P. Hoes (?).
- Box 1 FF 21 August 13, 1846 - Reverend C. Prindle (?) informs Brother Scott of his visit to Canada and how he could supply his pupils while absent.
- Box 1 FF 22 August 24, 1846 - Brother Countis informs Brother Scott about Edwin Maxfield's owing dues for *The True Wesleyan*.
- Box 1 FF 23 September 4, 1846 - L. J. (?) writes Brother Scott concerning the papers and their weight. Also would like money for them.
- Box 1 FF 24 September 28, 1846 - John M. Barber writes Reverend Scott about Brother Holmes' school. Gives price per term and what he teaches. The school is conducted on Christian principles. Color is not to be a barrier.
- Box 1 FF 25 September 28, 1846 - G. Mears (?) writes Reverend Scott concerning *The True Wesleyan*. Asks for anything that would be proof that slavery exists in the M. E. church North and to what extent.
- Box 1 FF 26 November 10, 1846 - H. Whicloth (?) writes to Brother Scott about sending money to be applied to his credit for books.
- Box 1 FF 27 December 16, 1846 - John Hackett writes Reverend Scott about land to deed to Ninman.
- Box 1 FF 28 January 2, 1847 - F. Keyes informs Reverend Scott about his insurance policy. Also informs him on the progress of the railroad.
- Box 1 FF 29 January 12, 1847 - C. T. Skinner (?) writes concerning a deed for 90 acres of land. Asks for his papers to be sent to their reading room.
- Box 1 FF 30 January 14, 1847 - Reverend Daniel Wilson writes to inform Scott of the state of things here in regard to the church. Fifty or more have seceded from the Methodist church on account of its connection with slavery. Anti-slavery principle is gaining ground.

- Box 1 FF 31 March 19, 1847 - Letter from the Post Master concerning the paper, *Wesleyan*, Berkshire, New York. Agent informs us that the son has been receiving the paper and not paid for it.
- Box 1 FF 32 March 21, 1854 - Jonathan Hill writes his brother after many years separation.
- Box 1 FF 33 October 21, 1859 - House of Bishops, Richmond, Virginia. Announcement of a visit to the parish of Gambier, by G. T. Bedell.
- Box 1 FF 34 October 22, 1859 - G. T. Bedell asks that the enclosed notice reach the proper hands.
- Box 1 FF 35 November 12, 1859 - G. T. Bedell will visit earlier than planned.

Series 2 – Agreements and Contracts

- Box 1 FF 36 November 5, 1842 - Articles of agreement between Edwin W. Goodwin of Albany, New York, and Orange Scott of Newbury, Vermont, concerning the right, title and interest to the subscription list of the *New York Watchman*, together with all the books and paper belonging to the same.
- Box 1 FF 37 December 13, 1842 - John B. Hall agrees to print for Scott a newspaper of the size of *The True Wesleyan* for one year.
- Box 1 FF 38 October 1844 - John B. Hall proposes to contract with the Wesleyan Connection to do their work for the next four years at prices specified below.
- Box 1 FF 39 November 25, 1844 - An agreement is hereby entered into by Orange Scott and John B. Hall to the effect that said Hall is to print for said Scott for the space of twelve months (or 24 number of the paper) the publication known as the *Juvenile Wesleyan*.
- Box 1 FF 40 April 24, 1845 - Agreement, Orange Scott of Newbury, V. T. agrees to let John A. Meader to occupy the kitchen, buttery, and bedroom in the southwest corner of a tenement building near Chadwick store. Also a privilege in common with Austin A. Avery in the parlor adjoining.
- Box 1 FF 41 No date - Request for type and printing material. A list of the material in detail.

Series 3 – Financial Records

- Box 1 FF 42 November 1835-1836 - List of stamp purchases, received payment for S. G. Busnap.
- Box 1 FF 43 February 20, 1837 - Bill from Reverend O. Scott to Hubbard.

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| Box 1 | FF 44 | March 18, 1841 - List of purchases at auction by Reverend Scott. |
| Box 1 | FF 45 | February 20, 1840 - Received of Reverend Scott payment for paper from Grant Daniel and Company. |
| Box 1 | FF 46 | No date - List of articles needed to print the three publications. |
| Box 1 | FF 47 | January 1854 - Check for payment of The Western Episcopalian. |
| Box 1 | FF 48 | No date - Statement of O. Scott's affairs. |
| Box 1 | FF 49 | June 6, 1836 - Bill for book binding. |
| Box 1 | FF 50 | January 21, 1836 - One set Dr. Rees' Encyclopedia. |
| Box 1 | FF 51 | October 1844 - Hall's bill for printing. |
| Box 1 | FF 52 | November 1844 - Hall's bill for printing. |
| Box 1 | FF 53 | May 30, 1845 - Wesleyan Methodist Book Concern, Reverend Edward Smith, Clerk's figurings. |
| Box 1 | FF 54 | March 10, 1845 - Hall's bill for printing. |
| Box 1 | FF 55 | August 2, 18?? - Note of payment from Thomas C. Leland. |
| Box 1 | FF 56 | No date - Bill to L. J. McJudoe (?) for printing. |

Series 4 – Publications and Miscellaneous Items

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| Box 1 | FF 57 | List of names and dates of people who were in the assembly or other branches of the government, etc. |
| Box 1 | FF 58 | March 1, 1871 - Report of the New York City church Extension and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, for the year ending March 1, 1871. |
| Box 1 | FF 59 | Obituary of Orange Scott. Includes appointments, publications and biographical information. |
| Box 1 | FF 60 | Obituary of Luther Lee, American clergyman who collaborated with Orange Scott on the publication, <i>The True Wesleyan</i> . Includes list of publications and biographical information. |
| Box 1 | FF 61 | Engraving from unidentified book. The name, place and date "John H. Farnsworth, Philadelphia 1817" is written on border of image. |