

# Inventory to the John Henderson Spencer Collection

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## I. Biographical Note

Kentucky Baptist historian, John Henderson Spencer, was born in Allen County, Kentucky on September 9, 1826, to William and Sally Caldwell (Richey) Spencer. He served as the pastor of several churches in Kentucky and held revivals in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee. In 1861, Spencer married Alice Lavelia Everhart (who died in 1872), and then in 1875, he married Burilla Burton Walker. He authored the two-volume *History of Kentucky Baptists* in 1886, and was a contributor to William Cathcart's *Baptist Encyclopedia* (1881). Spencer died on December 21, 1897.

## II. Scope and Content Note

The John Henderson Spencer Collection is an artificial collection that consists of .25 linear feet of material located in one three-inch document box. It is a total of five folders, four of which are an incomplete autobiographical manuscript on Spencer's life and work. The remaining file in the collection is a tribute to Spencer that was printed in the *Kentucky Baptist Heritage* on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Spencer's death. The collection is arranged alphabetically.

## III. Folder Listing

- 1.1 Autobiography of John Henderson Spencer from His Birth September 9, 1826 Until August 1876 (Incomplete) Folder 1 of 4
- 1.2 Autobiography of John Henderson Spencer from His Birth September 9, 1826 Until August 1876 (Incomplete) Folder 2 of 4
- 1.3 Autobiography of John Henderson Spencer from His Birth September 9, 1826 Until August 1876 (Incomplete) Folder 3 of 4
- 1.4 Autobiography of John Henderson Spencer from His Birth September 9, 1826 Until August 1876 (Incomplete) Folder 4 of 4
- 1.5 "Tribute to J. H. Spencer, Historian, on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Death"

## IV. Selected Bibliography

Spencer, John Henderson. *History of Kentucky Baptists from 1769 to 1885, A*. 2 vols. Cincinnati, OH: 1886.

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