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Rev. Samuel G. Havermale

Biography:

Samuel Havermale was born on 15 October 1824 in Sharpsburg, MD. Over the next twenty years his family moved westward, first to Ohio, then Illinois where, in 1849, he was licensed as a minister in the Methodist Church. In September 1873, Havermale was transferred to the Columbia River conference and assigned the pastorate in Walla Walla Washington Territory. The following year he was made presiding elder, and his duties called him to all parts of eastern Washington, Oregon, and parts of Idaho.

In November of 1875, during the course of his ministerial travels, he happened upon the village of Spokane Falls, then just two years old. Havermale liked the location and subsequently moved his family from Walla Walla to Spokane Falls, where remained until 1887. For health reasons he moved to San Diego, CA, but returned to Spokane in 1898, where he died in 1904.

Scope and contents:

The six page letter from Samuel Havermale to Hon. H. Green is unsigned and undated. However, internal evidence dates it to 1876 and the personal information clearly indicates Havermale is the author. The contents are largely a narrative of events in Washington Territory and Spokane Falls since his arrival.

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1 Correspondence, 1876