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SUMMARY

Size.	0.8 linear feet
Geographic locations.	Bloomington and Pekin, Illinois and New Orleans, Louisiana
Inclusive dates.	1862-1872; 1900-1906, undated
Language.	English
Summary.	Correspondence and printed materials related to the personal and professional affairs of Joseph C. Hartzell, missionary Bishop for Africa.
Organization.	Papers arranged chronologically.
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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Joseph Crane Hartzell was born of Methodist parents on an Illinois farm, June 1, 1842. At the age of sixteen, he entered upon an eleven years' course of study. In 1868, he completed his theological course in Garrett Biblical Institute, graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity. Illinois-Wesleyan University had already granted him a Bachelor of Arts degree. Illinois Wesleyan and Alleghany College both granted him the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1875.

He entered the Central Illinois Conference in the fall of 1868, and was appointed pastor of Pekin, Ill. In 1869, he married Miss Jennie Culver, of Chicago, and in February of the following year he was transferred to the Louisiana Conference. For three years he was stationed at Ames Chapel, (now St. Charles Avenue Church), New Orleans. This church was the only New Orleans Methodist church to remain with the Northern Conference when there was a split between northern and southern churches over the issue of slavery in 1848. During the nine years following Hartzell was presiding elder of districts in the Louisiana Conference. He began publication in 1873 of the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*, which he carried as a private enterprise until its adoption as an official paper of the Methodist Episcopal Church by the General Conference of 1876. He was editor of this paper until February 1881, when he resigned to become Assistant Secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society. At the General Conference of 1888 he was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, to which office he was re-elected by the General Conference of 1892. When the retirement of Bishop William Taylor made it necessary to choose his successor, the General Conference of 1896 elected Dr. Hartzell as Missionary Bishop for Africa.

During the next four years, Bishop Hartzell traveled 70,000 miles in performing the duties of his office. He presided over the four Annual Sessions of the Liberia Conference and on July 9, 1897, organized the Congo Mission Conference. He laid the foundations of the Mission in New and Old Umtali, Mashonaland, receiving as donations from the British South Africa Company, valuable lots in New Umtali, with appropriations of funds for the maintenance of a school among Europeans, and a tract of several thousand acres with twelve buildings, which cost over \$100,000, at Old Umtali, for the establishment of an industrial Mission.

He held the first sessions of the East Central Africa and the West Central Africa Mission Conferences, which were formed from the Congo Mission Conference, in 1901. On September 20, 1903, he dedicated the St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church, the first Methodist Episcopal Church erected for the use of white people in Africa. In the spring of 1910, Bishop Hartzell organized the American Mission in North Africa.

At the General Conference of 1916, he was retired from active service. Hartzell died on Sept. 6, 1928, at the age of 87 as a result of injuries sustained during a robbery at his home in Blue Ash, Ohio.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Joseph C. Hartzell Papers consist of his correspondence and relate primarily to his work as a minister and bishop. Miscellaneous printed items are also included.

The letter book, 1862-1872, deals with his work as student, teacher, and minister in Boomington and Pekin, Illinois, and New Orleans. After 1870, he became minister of the Ames Methodist Episcopal Church, at that time the only Northern Conference Church in New Orleans. His relations with members of the Southern Conference, attitudes of the Southern people, and political connections of members of the church are discussed in his correspondence with friends, members of his family, and other ministers.

From 1900 to 1906, the correspondence is concerned with Hartzell's work as Bishop for Africa. It deals with matters at the various stations, missions, and schools in Africa; ordering of varied equipment; attempts to raise money in support of missionary work; lecturing on the work in Africa; and the relations of missionaries in the field with prospective candidates.

There are newspaper clippings about the Hartzell family, the church, a history of the Mormons, and copies of prayers. There are three African steamship company timetables from October to December 1900.

Collection is available on microfilm at MssMf:H.

Note: The letterbook has been disbound and contents are in boxes 1 and 2.

INDEX TERMS

Ames Methodist Episcopal Church (New Orleans, La.)
Clergy—Africa
Clergy—Illinois
Clergy—Louisiana
Freedman's Aid Society
Hartzell, Joseph C.
Methodist church buildings—Louisiana—New Orleans
Missionaries—Africa
St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church

CONTAINER LIST

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Stack location	Box	Folder	Contents
			Papers
U:155	1	1 2-8	Index to letterbook Correspondence from letterbook that was disbound, 1862-1870.
U:155	2	1-7	Correspondence from letterbook that was disbound, 1870-1872, undated, and portrait of Joseph C. Hartzell.
U:155	3	1-6	1900
U:156	4	1-7 8	1901-1906, undated Newspaper clippings
OS:H		1	Time table from a steamship company, 1900
OS:H		2	Two time tables from steamship companies, 1900

APPENDIX A

Hartzell organized many of his letters in a letterbook that has been disbound. He numbered many of them and included an index in the back of the book. This table reflects the order the letters appeared in the book as well as the way he organized them. They are in chronological order now. Some letters are unsigned, and a few signatures are illegible. Question marks indicate uncertainty in the signatures.

Actual Order	His Order	Date	To	From
1	1	Dec. 18, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	J.S. Cumming
2	2	Aug. 24, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	J.S. Cumming
3	3	June 12, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	J.S. Cumming
4	4	Aug. 9, 1866	J.C. Hartzell	J.S. Cumming
5	5	April 10, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	Rev. M. Morey
6	6	May 17, 1866	J.C. Hartzell	C.H. Fowler
7	9	Feb. 17, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	D.P. Kidder
8	8	Dec. 4, 1867	J.C. Hartzell	D.P. Kidder
9	10	May, 3, 1866	J.C. Hartzell	J.W. Shank
10	11	May 6, 1867	J.C. Hartzell	L. Hitchcock
11	17	June 29, 1863	J.C. Hartzell	Rufus A. Wilkinson
12	18	Aug. 4, 1863	J.C. Hartzell	C.C. Snyder
13	19	Aug. 15, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	W.D.H. Young
14	20	Oct. 4, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	W.D.H. Young
15	21	Oct. 4, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	B.A. Keruf?
16	22	Aug. 10, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	N.H. Axtell
17	23	Nov. 30, 1864	J.C. Hartzell	J.S. Cumming
18	24	April 14, 1862	J.C. Hartzell	J.S. Cumming
19	26 (24 crossed out)	Aug. 22, 1864	J.C. Hartzell	Nattie W. Richardson
20	25 (23 crossed out)	July 26, 1864	J.C. Hartzell	N.W.R.
21	27	Dec. 14, 1865	J.C. Hartzell	N.W. Richardson
22	28	Dec. 8, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs.) J.F. Willing
23	29	undated	J.C. Hartzell	Mary E. Dugger
24	30	July 29	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs.) H.S. Pearson
25	34	Sept. 18	J.C. Hartzell	H.C.D. (H.C. DeMotte)
26	33	Aug. 7, 1868	J.C. Hartzell	M.G. Sfurringer
27	36	Jan. 14	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs.) H.S. Pearson
28	37	Nov. 20, 1868	J.C. Hartzell	(A.J. Kynett)
29	38	May 7, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
29	39	July 8, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
30	40	June 8, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
31	41	March 11, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
32	42	May 18, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett

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33	43	April 8, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
34	44	Feb. 8, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
35	(45)	Feb. 19, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
36	46	Dec. 21, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
37	47	Dec. 5, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Bishop) M. Simpson
38	48	May 2, 1866	J.C. Hartzell	E. Thomson
39	49	March 23, 1867	J.C. Hartzell	(Bishop) M. Simpson
40	50	Dec. 17, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	S. Scott
41	51	April 1, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Bishop) M. Simpson
42	52	April 8, 1869	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
43	53	May 8, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Geo. W. Honey
44	55	Jan. 6, 1879	J.C. Hartzell	H.C. DeMotte
45	54	April 14, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
46	56	Feb. 21, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
47	57	March 18, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	H.C. DeMotte
48	59	March 22, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
49	58	Feb. 27, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) Thomas Leake
50	61	March 13, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	L.A. Hawley
51	62	Dec. 28	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs. I.N.) A.B. Teffl?
52	63	March 6, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) N. Newo. Rutledge
53	64	Jan. 27, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	J.W. Hartzell
54	65	Feb. 21, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
55	66	May 8, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Gen.) W.R. McMillen
55	67	March 18, 1868	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs. H.S. Pearson)
56	69	Jan. 7, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	C.H. Stoddard
57	70	Oct. 15, 1867	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs. J.W.) E. Powell
58	71	undated	J.C. Hartzell	Mrs. H.P. Westerman
59	72	May 7, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
60	72 ans.	June 6, 1870	(Dr.) J.P. Newman	J.C. Hartzell
61	73	May 4, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	D.C. Smith
62	74	May 5, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs.) Annie Wittinmyer
63	75	Jan. 31, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Mrs.) J.T. Willing
64	77	April 20, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Lucius Matlock
65	78	May 13, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Major) E.E. Adams
66	79	June 9, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	E.W. Mason, Supt. Of Education
	(78 crossed out)	("answered June 10, 1870" written on back)		
67	80	June 13, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	J.B. (J.C.) Carter, Superintendent of Public Schools of New Orleans
68	81	June 17, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Hon.) H.S. McComb
69	82	Feb., 12, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(W.C.) Cyrus Bussey

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70	83	July 23, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(W.C.) Cyrus Bussey
80	90	June 27, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Emerson Bentley
81	91 ans. to 90	July 4, 1870	Emerson Bentley	J.C.H.
82	94 ans. over	July 9, 1870 ("answered July 14, 1870" written on back)	Rev. J.C. Hartzell	(Prof.) B.S. Potter
83	96 copy	Mar. 21, 1870	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett	J.C. Hartzell
84	97 ans. to 96	March 30, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
85	98 ans. to 97	April 20, 1870	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett	J.C. Hartzell
86	99 ans. to 98	April 30, 1870	Rev. J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
87	100 ans. to 99	May 23, 1870	Rev. A.J. Kynett	J.C. Hartzell
89	101 ans. to 100	June 9, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
90	102 ans. to 101	undated	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
91	103 ans. to 102	July 6, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
92	104 ans. to 103	July 25, 1870	Rev. A.J. Kynett	J.C. Hartzell
93	105	July 16, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	W.H. Clark
94		July, 18, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	A. Murrell
95		July 23, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Rosetta A. Court
96		June 13, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
97		July 22, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(W.C.) Cyrus Bussey
98		March 11, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	R. Bergstresser
99		June 17, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Loving Sisters
100		June 30, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Rosetta A. Court
101		July 13, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Thomas Leake
102		July 17, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Emerson Bentley
103		Aug. 23, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	M. Bancroft
104	ans. to 88	Sept 3, 1870	R.S. Rust, D.D.	J.C. Hartzell
105		Oct. 21, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Morton Culver
106		Sept. 30, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Miss Jane Coover
107		Aug. 31, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Mrs. A.H. Taylor
108		Oct. 2, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Sister Mary
109		June 25, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Sister Eva Hayes
110		Nov. 26, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	J.W. Hearzete?
111		Oct. 15, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Marion B.
112		Sept. 23, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.C. Price
	(written on the back of 113)			
113		Aug. 15, 1870	Rev. A.C. Price	J.C. Hartzell
114		Nov. 9, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Geo. W. Honey
115		Nov. 15, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Heuy C. Dileley
116		Nov. 14, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Lucius) L.S. Matlock

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117	Nov. 27, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Heuy C. Dileley
118	March 9, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Philip Phillips
119	March 2, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Philip Phillips
120	March 14, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Philip Phillips
121	Feb. 17, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Philip Phillips
122	Jan. 30, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Hitchcock & Walden
123	Feb. 28, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	J.R. West
124	Feb. 10, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Fletcher J. Ewley
125	Aug. 4, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
126	Jan. 28, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	S. Scott
127	Oct. 21, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Sister Mary
128	Sept. 23, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Lillie? Hartzell
129	Sept. 30, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Emerson Bentley
130	Feb. 6, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Lillie? (Hartzell)
131	Jan. 15, 1871	Joseph and Jennie (Hartzell)	M. Hartzell
132	Jan. 28, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
133	Jan. 20, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Hitchcock & Walden
134	Feb. 6, 1871	Rev. T Carlton, D.D.	J.C. Hartzell
135	Aug. 12, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
136	Aug. 21, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Lillie? (Hartzell)
137	Nov. 22, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Lucius Matlock
138	Nov. 22, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	M.C. Cole
139	Nov. 26, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Dr. J.P. Newman
140	Feb. 13, 1871	Dr. J.P. Newman	J.C. Hartzell
141	Feb. 21, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
142	Sept. 30, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
143	Dec. 12, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	J.G. Badeuhayseu, Recording Steward
144	March 24, 1871	(Lucius) L.S. Matlock	James ???auder
145	April 4, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	B.F. Crary
146	Feb. 27, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Geo. W. Honey
147	Nov. 24, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	E. D. Fuller
148	Sept. 14, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	Rosetta A. Cort
149	March 27, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Thos. A. Silcock
150	April 18, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	F. Spranliz?
151	March 22, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Mrs. H.P. Westerman
152	April 24, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	E. Heath
153	March 23, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
154	Feb. 21, 1871	J.C.H. and Jennie	M. Hartzell
155	April 21, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	B.F. Crary
156	May 8, 1871	Rev. A.J. Kynett	J.C.H.
157	Feb. 11, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett

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158	Jan. 3, 1871	Hon. H.S. McComb	(J.C. Hartzell)
159	May 12, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	W.J. Mitchell and Wife
160	May 5, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	J.R. Jaques
161	May 5, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	W.D. Beaumont
162	April 27, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	S.S. Beiler
163	May 1?, 1871	Col. H.S. McComb	JC.H.
164 (written on the back of 163)	(copy) (by telegraph) May 22, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	H.S. McComb
165	May 17, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Geo. W. Honey
166	May 5, 1871	(J.C. Hartzell)	A.J. Hearrts?
167	May 20, 1871	Dr. Newman	J.C. Hartzell
168	June 3, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	E. Watts?
169	Oct. 31, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	J.W. Hartzell
170	April 5, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	A. Wallace
171	June 1, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	S. Scott
172	June 8, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	H.F. Simpson
173	Aug. 15, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	R.S. Rust
174	Sept. 10, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Sarah White
175	Sept. 13, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	J.D. Lietit??berger
176	undated	(J.C. Hartzell)	Sister Maggie
177	Sept. 28, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
178	Sept. 25, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	N.T. Kendall
179	Oct. 19, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Morton
180	Aug. 29, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	H.F. Simpson
181	July, 15, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	E.C. Bunlett
182	June 19, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	W.T. Bailey
183	June 30, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	H.F. Simpson
184	July 8, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	J.W. Hartzell
185	Dec. 22, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Hitchcock & Walden
186	Nov. 20, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	C.H. Stoddard
187	Aug. 14, ?	J.C. Hartzell	H.S. Pearson
188	Oct. 12, 1870	J.C. Hartzell	(Miss) Sena (Hartzell)
189	undated	J.C. Hartzell	W.T.B. (Bailey)
190	June 16, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	E. Bartlett
191	May 31, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	L.S. Sadler
192	May 28, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	S.S. Beiler
193	June 5, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Sister Mary
194	May 31, 1871	Bros. Matlock and Hartzell	J.S.J. Barth
195	Sept, 9, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Rosetta A. Cort
196	Nov. 16, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	Geo. W. Honey

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197	Nov. 15, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
198	Nov. 16, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
199	July 6, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	C.W.C Mu?
200	Nov. 6, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
201	June 22, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
202	June 23, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Dr.) J.P. Newman
203	Jan. 8, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	H.S. McComb
204	June 1, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	W.T. Bailey
205	June ?, 1870	(J.C. Hartzell)	W. Hartzell
206	Dec. 15, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	H.S. McComb
207	May 18, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
208	May 24, 1871	J.C. Hartzell	(Rev.) A.J. Kynett
209	May 21, 1871	J.C. H.	? (not signed)