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**JOHN BLAIR DABNEY (1795-1868) SERMONS (1862-1867)**

The collection includes fourteen (14) handwritten sermons by John Blair Dabney with churches and dates delivered. The churches were primarily in Campbell County, Virginia. Also included is a copy of *The John Blair Dabney Manuscript, 1795-1868*, originally published in 1850.

**JOHN BLAIR DABNEY (1795-1868)**

John Blair Dabney, son of John Dabney and Susanna Dabney Morris, was born 15 December 1795 at the *Grove*, in Hanover County, Virginia. He studied at Hampden-Sydney College and graduated in 1811. In 1812, he went to Princeton and graduated with honors.

In October 1821, John Blair Dabney married Elizabeth Lewis Towles, daughter of Major Oliver Towles and Agatha Lewis. Their daughter, Maria Louisa Dabney, married William Cabell Carrington of Charlotte County, Virginia, in 1844.

A lawyer by profession, John Blair Dabney was Commonwealth's attorney for Campbell County. He received the Doctor of Laws degree (LLD) from William and Mary College. He was very much interested in literary pursuits and contributed many articles on various subjects to different magazines, chiefly *The Southern Literary Messenger*.

About fifteen years before his death he became a communicant of the Episcopal Church. The area around his home had few religious services and he was urged by Bishop Johns and Bishop Meade to take holy orders in the Episcopal Church. He ministered to four different churches within ten to twelve miles from his home.

John Blair Dabney died 23 April 1868 at his home, *Vaucluse*, near Gladys in Campbell County, Virginia.

[*The John Blair Dabney Manuscript, 1795-1868*, MS1026, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, Va.]