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Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale University Divinity School Library  
409 Prospect Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
divinity.library@yale.edu  
http://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections

**CALL NUMBER:** RG 305

**TITLE:** Andover Newton Oxyrhynchus Papyri Collection

**DATES:** 0104–0700

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of sixteen Oxyrhynchus Papyri items. The most notable item (Oxy. P. 1230) relates to the New Testament text of Revelations 5,6. Other items include poetical and prose fragments, orders, contracts, receipts, letters, and a prayer.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.305

Requesting Instructions

To view manuscript and archival materials at the Yale Divinity Library, please submit the request form at https://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/form/yale-divinity-library-mss-request-form.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Transferred from Andover Newton Theological School in 2017.

**Conditions Governing Access**

The collection is open for research.

**Preferred Citation**

Andover Newton Oxyrhynchus Papyri Collection (RG 305), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library
Biographical / Historical

The Oxyrhynchus Papyri were discovered at an ancient rubbish dump near Oxyrhynchus, Egypt by papyrologists Bernard Pyne Grenfell and Arthur Surridge Hunt in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The Egypt Exploration Society was responsible for the distribution of well over two thousand papyri to about a hundred universities, seminaries, colleges, and schools in Great Britain, the United States, and elsewhere between 1900 and 1922. Many individuals contributed to the Egypt Exploration Fund that supported the Grenfell and Hunt excavations and the distribution of the fragments was related to the amount of these contributions as well as other personal connections. It is possible that the papyri in this collection came to Newton Theological Institution in the early 1900s through the connections of Charles Rufus Brown, who was a professor of Hebrew and cognate languages at NTI. In 1910-1911 Brown was resident director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

Scope and Contents

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## Collection Contents

### Series I. Papyri

| b. 1, f. 1 | P. Oxy. 861: Poetical fragment  
B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri VI*, (London 1908), 171. | No date |
| b. 1, f. 2 | P. Oxy. 865: Prose fragment  
B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri VI*, (London 1908), 174-175. | No date |
| b. 1, f. 3 | P. Oxy. 1039: Contract of deposit  
| b. 1, f. 4 | P. Oxy. 1055: Order for delivery of wine  
| b. 1, f. 5 | P. Oxy. 1056: Order for delivery of aractus  
| b. 1, f. 6 | P. Oxy. 1059: Christian prayer  
| b. 1, f. 7 | P. Oxy. 1072: Letter of Philoxenus  
B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri VII*, (London 1910), 231. | 5th or 6th century CE |
| b. 1, f. 8 | P. Oxy. 1125: Lease of land and loan  
| b. 1, f. 9 | P. Oxy. 1155: Letter to Theonas  
| b. 1, f. 10 | P. Oxy. 1161: Christian letter  
B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri VIII*, (London 1911), 265-266. | 4th century |
| b. 1, f. 11 | P. Oxy. 1179: Apollonius Rhodius ii  
| b. 1, f. 12 | P. Oxy. 1198: Notification of death  
| b. 1, f. 13 | P. Oxy. 1230: Revelation 5,6  
Papyrus 24 in the Gregory-Aland numbering system. The fragment contains only Revelation 5:5-8; 6:5-8. | early 4th century |
| b. 1, f. 14 | P. Oxy. 1311: Memorandum of a payment or contribution of oil  
B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri X*, (London 1914), 258. | 5th century |
| b. 1, f. 15 | P. Oxy. 1328: Receipt for an unspecified amount paid on account of two months rent [?]  
B. P. Grenfell and A. S. Hunt, *The Oxyrhynchus Papyri X*, (London 1914), 260. | late 4th or early 5th century |
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### Series II. Related material

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<td>Correspondence, including requests for photographs from researchers, arrangements to send photographs to International Photographic Archive of Papyri</td>
<td>1937, 1955–1989</td>
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<td>b. 1, f. 18</td>
<td>Descriptions of the papyri, including journal articles in which some are listed</td>
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Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library’s online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

**Subjects**
Manuscripts (Papyri)

**Corporate Body**
Andover Newton Theological School