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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 175

**CREATOR:** Day family

**TITLE:** Day family papers

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**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 25.83 linear feet (60 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The Day family papers consist of correspondence, account books, diaries, journals, lectures, manuscripts, notes, sermons, and related papers of the Day family, 1767-1929. The personal lives, academic activities, and professional careers of several family members are documented, including Reverend Jeremiah Day (1737-1806), Reverend Jeremiah Day (1773-1867), Henry Noble Day (1808-1890), Mills Day (1783-1812), and others.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of children of Thomas M. Day, 1929. Gift of Harold L. Leupp, 1936. Gift of Sherman Day and Henry V. Day, 1939. Gift of Emma Thacher, 1943. Gift of Schaffer Library, Union College, 1988. Gift of Anne Day Thacher, 2003. Gift of Thomas Mcfadden, 2016.

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## Other Finding Aids

For a listing of correspondents with the Day family, please consult the [Correspondents Index](#).

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## Biographical / Historical

The Day family of Connecticut traces its American origins to Robert Day (1604-1648), who settled in Massachusetts in 1634 and shortly thereafter relocated in Connecticut. Several generations of family members, many of whom are represented in this collection, were educated at Yale University and later taught or held administrative positions there. Many family members chose a religious career, including Jeremiah Day (1737-1806), Jeremiah Day (1773-1867), Henry Noble Day (1808-1890), and Mills Day (1783-1812). Brief genealogical charts for the families of Jeremiah Day (1737-1806) and Thomas Day (1777-1855) are located [here](#).

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged in ten series and three additions: I. Correspondence, 1795-1905. II. Jeremiah Day, (1737-1806). III. Jeremiah Day, (1773-1867). IV. Thomas Day, (1777-1855). V. Thomas Mills Day, (1817-1905). VI. Henry Noble Day, (1800-1903). VII. Mills Day, (1783-1812). VIII. Jeremiah Day, (1773-1867): Presidential Papers, 1805-1860. IX. Marble Family, 1815-1845. X. Miscellaneous, 1789-1929.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1759-1905

This series contains letters of Day family members, with the bulk of correspondence relating to Thomas Day. The letters are largely personal in nature, relating to family concerns, although Thomas Day's activities as secretary of state in Connecticut are noted. Thomas Day's six daughters exchanged letters from the 1830s to the 1860s. His son, Thomas Mills Day, wrote often from Europe and the Middle East during 1850-1851.

The earliest letters in the collection appear to be written to and by Reverend Jeremiah Day (1737-1806), a minister in New Preston, Connecticut, and the letters relate to religious topics and include items exchanged with Jonathan Edwards (the younger).

b. 1, f. 1 - 18	1759 -1801 September	
b. 2, f. 19 - 35	1801 October -1805 December	
b. 3, f. 36 - 50	1806 January -1808 June	
b. 4, f. 51 - 67	1808 July -1810 July	
b. 5, f. 68 - 85	1810 August -1812 May	
b. 6, f. 86 - 105	1812 June -1815 July	
b. 7, f. 106 - 123	1815 August -1820 May	
b. 8, f. 124 - 144	1820 June -1831 April	
b. 9, f. 145 - 161	1831 May -1835 March 29	
b. 10, f. 162 - 176	1835 March 29 -1840 March	
b. 11, f. 177 - 191	1840 April -1846 July	
b. 12, f. 192 - 205	1846 August -1850 April	
b. 13, f. 206 - 219	1850 May -1854 February	
b. 14, f. 220 - 235	1854 March -1863 August	
b. 15, f. 236 - 252	1862 January -1905	
b. 16, f. 253 - 259	Day, Ellen -Seymour, Elizabeth Day	undated

**Series II: Jeremiah Day (1737-1806)**

This series contains an estate inventory, journals, poems, sermons, and theological papers written by Reverend Jeremiah Day from 1759-1804, and includes other family papers from later dates. Jeremiah Day's sermons date from 1759-1804, and his theological papers include student papers written at Yale University in the 1750s.

b. 17, f. 1	Estate inventory	undated
b. 17, f. 2	Journals	1788, 1794
b. 17, f. 3	Poems	1788-1800
b. 17, f. 4 - 8	Sermons	1759-1801
b. 18, f. 9 - 11	Sermons	1802-1804
	Theological papers	
b. 18, f. 12	Exercises at Yale	1755
b. 18, f. 13 - 14	Notes	undated
b. 18, f. 15 - 16	Miscellanea	1828, undated

**Series III: Jeremiah Day (1773-1867)**

This series consists of account books, diaries, journals, lecture notebooks, manuscripts of books, sermons, and other papers of Reverend Jeremiah Day dating from 1797-1838. Papers relating directly to Day's service as president of Yale are arranged in Series VIII. Jeremiah Day, (1773-1867): Presidential Papers, 1805-1860.

Diaries contain information on the years 1797-1801 and journals focus on the years 1799-1802, with information through 1845. Lecture notebooks and outlines contain Day's thoughts on the subject "Natural Philosophy," while manuscripts for books such as *An Introduction to Algebra ...*, *The Mathematical Principles ...*, *Treatise of Plane Trigonometry*, *Edwards on the Will*, *Self Determining Power of the Will*, and others are included in this series. Sermons prepared and delivered by Reverend Day from 1799-1838 are also arranged here.

b. 19, f. 1 - 4	Account books	1812-1867
b. 19, f. 5 - 6	Bills	1810-1845
b. 19, f. 7	Diaries	1797-1801
b. 19, f. 8	Journals	1799-1801
b. 20, f. 9 - 11	Journals	1802-1845, undated
Lecture notebooks ["Natural Philosophy"]		
b. 20, f. 12 - 14	1-11	undated
b. 21, f. 15 - 21	12-36	undated
b. 22, f. 22 - 24	37-50	undated
b. 22, f. 25 - 27	Outlines	undated
Manuscripts		
b. 23, f. 28 - 33	<i>Introduction to Algebra...</i> English	1812-1814
b. 24, f. 34 - 39	<i>Introduction to Algebra...</i> English	1812-1814
b. 25, f. 40 - 43	<i>Treatise of Plane Trigonometry</i>	1813-1824
b. 25, f. 44 - 46	<i>Edwards on the Will</i> English	1839
b. 26, f. 47 - 53	<i>Edwards on the Will</i> English	1839
b. 27, f. 54 - 55	<i>Edwards on the Will</i> English	1839
b. 27, f. 56 - 59	<i>Self Determining Power of the Will</i>	undated
b. 28, f. 60 - 61	<i>Self Determining Power of the Will</i>	undated
b. 28, f. 62 - 65	<i>The Mathematical Principles...</i>	1816

## Manuscripts (continued)

b. 29, f. 66 - 67	<i>The Mathematical Principles...</i>	1816
b. 29, f. 68	Cousin's Psychology [review]	1835
b. 29, f. 69	Meteors	[ca. 1808]
b. 29, f. 70	Solar eclipse	1811
b. 29, f. 71 - 72	Miscellanea	undated
Notes		
b. 30, f. 73 - 75	Theology [books A -E]	1837
b. 30, f. 76 - 78	Miscellanea	1837
b. 31, f. 79 - 80	Miscellanea	undated
b. 31, f. 81 - 84	Sermons	1799-1821
b. 32, f. 85 - 88	Sermons	1822-1838



**Series IV: Thomas Day (1777-1855)**

This series contains a small quantity of personal and financial material relating to Thomas Day, and includes records for the Hartford Grammar School, 1811-1834.

b. 33, f. 1 - 2	Account books	1808-1834
b. 33, f. 3	Essay: Connecticut	undated
b. 33, f. 4	Estate records	1813, 1854
b. 33, f. 5 - 6	Hartford Grammar School records	1811-1834

**Series V: Thomas Mills Day (1817-1905)**

This series contains several account books (1852-1905) for Day as well as an eight volume group of diaries (1865-1871, 1875).

b. 34, f. 1 - 4	Account books	1852-1898
b. 35, f. 5 - 8	Account books	1873-1905
b. 36, f. 9 - 10	Account books	1895-1905
b. 36, f. 11 - 13	Diaries	1865-1871, 1875
b. 37, f. 14	Index Rerum	1836
b. 37, f. 15	Notebook	undated

**Series VI: Henry Noble Day (1800-1903)**

This series contains account books (1800-1903), business papers (1824-1913), sermons (1833-1864), correspondence (1848-1849, 1863-1884), and other papers relating to Day and his family, including his wife Jane Louisa Marble Day.

b. 38, f. 1 - 4	Account books	1800-1815, 1829-1854
b. 39, f. 5 - 8	Account books	1840-1858
b. 40, f. 9 - 12	Account books	1848-1857, 1862-1864, 1877-1903
b. 41, f. 13	Account books	1895-1900
b. 41, f. 14 - 16	Autograph books	1825-1837
b. 41, f. 17	Bank records	1851
b. 41, f. 18 - 19	Bibliographies	1834-1863, undated
b. 42, f. 20	Bibliography	undated
b. 42, f. 21 - 24	Business papers	1824-1846
b. 43, f. 25 - 32	Business papers	1847-1855
b. 44, f. 33 - 37	Business papers	1855-1913, undated
b. 44, f. 38	Commonplace book	1837-1838
b. 44, f. 39	Expense book	1825-1828
b. 44, f. 40	Inventory of personal library	undated
b. 44, f. 41	Marriage certificates	1837-1851
b. 44, f. 42	Miscellaneous legal papers	1854-1888
	Sermons	
b. 44, f. 43	Index	1833-1864
b. 45, f. 44 - 50	Texts	1833-1864
	Correspondence	
b. 46, f. 51 - 55	1848 January -1849 December, 1863 January -1866 November	1848-1849, 1863-1866
b. 47, f. 56 - 63	1866 December -1884, n.d.	1866-1884, undated
	Miscellanea	

## Miscellanea (continued)

b. 47, f. 64	Account book	1824-1845
b. 47, f. 65	Building specifications	1837
b. 47, f. 66	Diaries	1872-1901
b. 47, f. 67	Estate inventory	1940
b. 47, f. 68	Lists of subscribers to American Education Society	undated
b. 47, f. 69	Map of New York City	undated
b. 48, f. 70	Memo book	undated
b. 48, f. 71	Music book	undated
b. 48, f. 72	Notes	undated
b. 48, f. 73	Poem	1836-1838
b. 48, f. 74	Reception lists	1877
b. 48, f. 75 - 76	Recipe books	undated

**Series VII: Mills Day (1783-1812)**

This series contains account books, sermons, and other papers of Day, who graduated from Yale in 1803 and served as a tutor at Yale College.

b. 49, f. 1	Account books	1801-1809
b. 49, f. 2	"General Instruction" book English	undated
b. 49, f. 3	Notes	undated
b. 49, f. 4	Sermons	1806-1809

## Series VIII: Jeremiah Day, (1773-1867): Presidential Papers, 1805-1860

This series consists of correspondence, student papers and materials, notes, records, speeches, and other items documenting Day's academic career and presidency of Yale University (1817-1846). Additional papers of Jeremiah Day are arranged in Series III. Jeremiah Day, (1773-1867). For official records of the Yale University President's Office see the finding aid for YRG-2.

Correspondence		
b. 50, f. 1 - 7	General	1817-1860
b. 50, f. 8	College discipline	1822-1843, undated
b. 50, f. 9 - 10	Fund raising	1830-1832
b. 51, f. 11 - 12	Honorary degrees	1817-1846, 1854, undated
b. 51, f. 13	Comments on students	1819-1832, undated
Lists		
b. 51, f. 14	Donations	1822, undated
b. 51, f. 15	Philosophical apparatus	1805-1810
b. 51, f. 16	Marking books	undated
b. 51, f. 17	Notes [college disputes]	1817-1826
b. 51, f. 18	Papers: American Education Society	1819-1844
Records		
b. 51, f. 19	Checks	1809-1855
b. 51, f. 20	Leaves of absence	1817-1839
b. 51, f. 20a	Land deed	1807
b. 52, f. 21	Reports: term examinations	1818-1846
Speeches		
b. 52, f. 22	Inaugural address of Theodore Dwight Woolsey	1846
b. 52, f. 23	Miscellanea	1817, 1846, undated
b. 52, f. 24	Student petitions	1818-1844, undated

**Series IX: Marble Family, 1815-1845**

This series consists of the papers of several members of the Marble family, who married into the Day family in the 1800s. Jane Louisa Marble Day, the wife of Henry Noble Day, and other family members are represented in this series.

Day, Jane Marble (1809-1893)		
b. 53, f. 1 - 3	Altar diary	undated
b. 53, f. 4	Autograph book	1824
Marble, Adeline		
b. 53, f. 5	Compositions	1821-1822
b. 53, f. 6	Miscellanea	1822, undated
b. 54, f. 7	Marble, Marietta H. [autograph album]	1826
Marble, Susan Bishop		
b. 54, f. 8	Commonplace book	undated
b. 54, f. 9	Diary fragments (multiple authors including Adeline Marble?)	1815, 1820
b. 54, f. 10	Grammar school papers	1819, undated
b. 54, f. 11	Journals	1820
b. 54, f. 12	Notebook	undated
b. 54, f. 13	Thacher, Thomas Anthony: diary	1843-1845
Miscellanea		
b. 55, f. 14	Grammar books of Henry Noble Day family	undated
b. 55, f. 15	Unidentified	1833

**Series X: Miscellaneous, 1789-1929, undated**

b. 56	Newspaper clippings	1839-1886
b. 56	Photographs of Days	Undated
b. 56	List of names	1835
b. 56	U. S. Senate Journal	
b. 56	Miscellaneous	1828-1929
b. 57	Oversize	Undated



**Accession 1989-M-042: Additional Material, 1767-1802**

This accession contains a series of sermons preached by Jeremiah Day.

b. 1, f. 1	Twenty-three sermons preached by Jeremiah Day at Danbury and New Preston, Connecticut	1767-1802
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**Accession 2003-M-086: Additional Material, 1797-1878**

This accession consists of papers related to various Day family members. The majority of the papers relate to Jeremiah Day (1773-1867) and generally consist of family correspondence concerning health and religion, while other letters relate to Jeremiah Day's presidencies of Yale College and Andover Theological School and his business interests. Other papers related to Jeremiah Day include a partial account book, bills, wills, and other financial documents. Finally, the accession includes correspondence among other Day family members including Henry Noble Day (1808-1890) and Thomas Day (1777-1855) and a booklet of religious reflections written by Jeremiah Day (1737-1806).

b. 1, f. 1	Day, Henry Noble (1808-1890), correspondence with Mills Day and Elizabeth Day	1807-1808, 1853, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Day, Jane Louisa Marble (wife of Henry Noble Day), <i>The Literary Remains of Martha Day: With Rev. Dr. Fitch's Address at Her Funeral; and Sketches of Her Character</i>	1834
b. 1, f. 3	Day, Jeremiah (1737-1806), booklet of religious reflections	undated
	Day, Jeremiah (1773-1867)	
b. 1, f. 4	Account book [partial]	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Bills, wills, and financial documents connected to estate	1826-1878, undated
	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 6	American Tract Society	1857-1858
b. 1, f. 7	Appointment at Andover Theological School	1835
b. 1, f. 8	Day, Henry Noble	1797-1848
b. 1, f. 9	Day, Jeremiah and Abigail	1797-1808
b. 1, f. 10	Day, Mills	1808-1810
b. 1, f. 11	Day, Olivia (Jones)	1827-1835
b. 1, f. 12	Day, Thomas	1803-1852
b. 1, f. 13	Jeremiah Day and Company [business letters]	1803-1810
b. 1, f. 14	Presidency of Yale College	1799-1863
b. 1, f. 15	Miscellaneous family letters	1858-1864
b. 1, f. 16	Thomas Day (1777-1855), correspondence with Jeremiah and Abigail Day and Mills Day	1801-1811

**Accession 2017-M-033: Additional material, Circa 1845-circa 1849**

This accession consists of two carte-de-visites of Jeremiah Day (BA 1795), the president of Yale College from 1817 to 1846, and his wife, Olivia Jones Day.

b. 1, f. 1

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## Index of Correspondents

Andrews, Catharine Augusta (Day), 1819-;

- 1 autograph letter signed to Mary (Day) Ely; 1845 November 29, Brattleboro, Vermont
- 5 autograph letters signed to Thomas Mills Day; 1841 March 21, New York; 1846 October no day, Brattleboro, Vermont; 1891 November 21, Hartford, Connecticut; 1892 November 21; 1897 November 20
- 2 autograph letters signed to Thomas Day; 1851 March 28, Hartford, Connecticut; 1853 January 2, Scantic, Connecticut
- 27 autograph letters signed to Sarah (Coit) Day, 1786-1885; 1834 August 4, 9, various places; 1840 August 13; 1843 October 13; 1844 August 6; 1845 March 23, July [no date]; 1849 September 21; 1851 September 26; 1852 October 18; 1852 October 20; 1854 August 13; 1855 September [no date]; 1857 August 3; 1864 February 5; 12 undated
- 3 autograph letters signed to Ellen Day; 1841 April 2, New York; 1846 January 23, Brattleboro, Vermont; 1849 September 15, Lyme, Connecticut

Baldwin, Roger Sherman, 1793-1863;

- 2 autograph letters signed to Thomas Day; 1835 March 5, April 18, Middletown, Connecticut

Baldwin, Simeon, 1761-1851;

- 2 autograph letters signed to Thomas Day' 1807 August 7, New Haven; 1817 April 17

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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

Clergy  
Families  
Religion  
Women -- United States

### Geographic Names

Connecticut -- Economic conditions  
Connecticut -- Politics and government  
Europe -- Description and travel  
Middle East

### Genres / Formats

Account books  
Diaries  
Sermons

### Names

Andrews, Catherine Day, 1819-  
Baldwin, Henry, 1780-1844  
Baldwin, Roger S. (Roger Sherman), 1793-1863  
Baldwin, Simeon, 1761-1851  
Bushnell, Horace, 1802-1876  
Coit, Samuel Tracy, 1790-1848  
Coit, Wheeler, 1739-1796  
Daggett, David, 1764-1851  
Dana, James, 1735-1812  
Day, Abigail Noble, 1740-1810  
Day, Charles, 1818-1890  
Day, Daniel Jones, 1806-1883  
Day, Ellen, 1829-1850  
Day, Henry Noble, 1808-1890  
Day, Jane Louisa Marble, 1809-1893  
Day, Jeremiah, 1737-1806  
Day, Jeremiah, 1773-1867  
Day, Jeremiah, 1810-1874  
Day, Mills, 1783-1812  
Day, Noble, 1779-1855  
Day, Sarah Coit  
Day, Sherman, 1806-1884  
Day, Thomas, 1777-1855  
Day, Thomas Mills, 1817-1905  
Dwight, James, 1784-1863

Edwards, Jonathan, 1745-1801  
Ely, Mary Day  
Foot, Samuel Augustus, 1780-1846  
Holley, Alexander H. (Alexander Hamilton),  
1804-1887  
Holley, Sarah Day, 1814-1899  
Lord, Hezekiah, 1740-  
Lord, Sybel Coit, 1779-  
Page, William, 1779-1850  
Parker, Daniel, 1774-1834  
Porter, Noah, 1781-1866  
Putnam, Harriette Day, 1821-1894  
Seymour, Elizabeth Day, 1816-1900  
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864  
Staples, Seth Perkins, 1776-1861  
Tallmadge, Benjamin, 1754-1835  
Thacher, Elizabeth Day, 1820-1858  
Trumbull, Benjamin, 1735-1820  
Trumbull, Jonathan George Washington,  
1789-1853  
Webster, Noah, 1758-1843

### Families

Day family  
Marble family

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