

# Guide to the Edward Claudius Herrick Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 691

**CREATOR:** Herrick, Edward Claudius, 1811-1862

**TITLE:** Edward Claudius Herrick papers

**DATES:** 1797-1862

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8 linear feet (15 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, memoranda, notes, and drawings record Herrick's work in astronomy and entomology, particularly his observations on the Aurora Borealis and the Hessian fly. Prominent scientists among his correspondents include Louis Agassiz, James D. Dana, Thaddeus William Harris, Elias Loomis, Lambert Adolphe Jacques Quetelet, William C. Redfield, Samuel H. Scudder, Benjamin Silliman, Benjamin Silliman Jr., and William Tully. His career as librarian of Yale College (1843-1858) is reflected in catalogues, invoices, and memoranda relating to book purchases for the library. Between 1847 and 1862 he also supervised the publication of the triennial catalogues for Yale College and memoranda concerning these are also in the papers. His financial and legal files contain both personal records and account books (1835-1844) for the booksellers' firm of Herrick and Noyes, of which he was a partner. Also included are papers relating to New Haven including minutes of committee meetings, reports and correspondence on the Bicentennial (1838).

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Beinecke Rare Book Library in 1973.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edward C. Herrick: Yale University librarian, 1843-1858; treasurer of Yale College, 1852-1862; scientist active in investigating the Hessian fly; also interested in astronomy.

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## Scope and Contents

The Edward Claudius Herrick Papers date from 1827 to 1862 and are arranged in five series: I. CORRESPONDENCE, II. SCIENTIFIC FILES, III. YALE UNIVERSITY FILES, IV. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL FILES, and V. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND MEMORABILIA.

With few exceptions, CORRESPONDENCE is only incoming letters. Most of the letters deal with scientific subjects; in particular there is a great deal of correspondence about the aurora borealis. Among the important correspondents are Louis Agassiz, James D. Dana, Thaddeus William Harris, Elias Loomis, Lambert-Adolphe Jacques Quetelet, William C. Redfield, Samuel H. Scudder, Benjamin Silliman, Benjamin Silliman, Jr., and William Tully.

SCIENTIFIC FILES is primarily concerned with Herrick's work in astronomy and entomology. His memoranda, notes, and observations of the aurora borealis constitute a major part of the astronomical papers. Herrick's entomological specialty was the Hessian fly, which he spent nine years studying. The papers representing this study include notes, observations, and drawings.

Herrick served as librarian of Yale College from 1843 to 1858. In YALE UNIVERSITY FILES are many records concerning the early years of the Yale College Library. Included are catalogues, invoices, and memoranda regarding books Yale had or wanted to purchase.

After the death of James Kingsley, Herrick assumed responsibility for the Yale College triennial catalogues. His papers include memoranda on the writing and publishing of the catalogue, and information for Yale classes 1847, 1850, 1853, 1856, 1859, and 1862.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL FILES contains both personal financial records and the business records of Herrick and Noyes, Booksellers.

Of interest in MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND MEMORANDA are memoranda concerning New Haven, especially the bicentennial celebration and the colonial burial ground.

The papers were transferred from Beinecke Rare Book Library in 1973. Herrick's papers as Yale University treasurer will be found in the Yale archives record group, Finance and Administration, Treasurer's Records (YRG 5-B).

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## **Arrangement**

Arranged in five series: I. Correspondence. II. Scientific Files. III. Yale University Files. IV. Financial and Legal Files. V. Miscellaneous Notes and Memorabilia.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1831-1862

2' (4 boxes)

CORRESPONDENCE is arranged alphabetically by writer. Letters by a particular writer have been arranged chronologically. An asterisk indicates that there are more than ten letters from a particular writer. A complete list of correspondents can be found in the added entries list.

Folders with asterisks (\*) contain ten or more items.

b. 1, f. 1	Agassiz - Arnold	1834-1860
b. 1, f. 2	Babcock - Bancroft	1832-1860
b. 1, f. 3	Barnard, Frederic A.P. (*)	1831-1859
b. 1, f. 4	Barnard, H. - Boyd (*)	1838-1861
b. 1, f. 5	Brace - Burritt	1838-1862
b. 1, f. 6	Canales - Cleveland	1837-1860
b. 1, f. 7	Coates - Curtis (*)	1838-1861
b. 1, f. 8	Dabney - Daggett	1840-1854
b. 1, f. 9-10	Dana, James D. (*) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1832-1845
b. 1, f. 11	Davies - Drake	1833-1859
b. 1, f. 12	Duffield - Dyer (*)	1838-1862
b. 1, f. 13	Edgar - Evarts	1835-1862
b. 1, f. 14	Farnam - French	1835-1859
b. 1, f. 15	Geer - Gleason	1845-1862
b. 1, f. 16	Goodrich - Guthrie	1831-1861
b. 1, f. 17	Haile - Hare	1834-1858
b. 2, f. 18-20	Harris, Thaddeus W. (*) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:mssa.assist@yale.edu">mssa.assist@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1834-1855
b. 2, f. 21	Harris, William T. (*)	1849-1851
b. 2, f. 22	Harrison - Hentz	1838-1861
b. 2, f. 23	Herrick, E.P.	1848
b. 2, f. 24	Herrick, Henry	1838-1853

b. 2, f. 25	Herrick, Jedediah	1837
b. 2, f. 26	Herrick, John P.	1837
b. 2, f. 27	Herrick, Seldon	1832
b. 2, f. 28	Herschel - Howe	1838-1861
b. 2, f. 29	Hubbard, Joseph S. (*)	1845-1850
b. 2, f. 30	Hubbard, O. - Huntington	1848-1861
b. 2, f. 31	Ingersoll - Jones (*)	1837-1862
b. 2, f. 32	Jordon - Judson (*)	1837-1852
b. 2, f. 33	[Kent?] - Knox English	1835-1862
b. 2, f. 34	Lambert - Lee	1842-1859
b. 2, f. 35	Leeds, Charles H. (*)	1855-1862
b. 2, f. 36	Lefroy - Linsley, E.	1843-1859
b. 2, f. 37	Linsley, James H. (*)	1839-1842
b. 3, f. 38-48	Loomis, Elias (*)	1835-1860
b. 3, f. 49	Lovell - Lyman	1840-1849
b. 3, f. 50	McEwen - [Markoe?]	1839-1858
b. 3, f. 51-52	Marsh, Benjamin V. (*)	1859-1861
b. 3, f. 53	Martin - Myers	1833-1860
b. 3, f. 54	Newcomb - Onderdonk	1833-1861
b. 3, f. 55	Palfrey - Palmer, J. (*)	1852-1867
b. 3, f. 56	Palmer, R. - Perkins	1836-1860
b. 3, f. 57	Pickering - Platt	1836-1861
b. 3, f. 58	Polk - Punderson	1831-1863
b. 4, f. 59	Quaritch - Redfield, J. (*)	1839-1861
b. 4, f. 60-63	Redfield, William C. (*)	1835-1856
b. 4, f. 64	Ripley - Runkle	1837-1858
b. 4, f. 65	Sabine - Scudder	1837-1862
b. 4, f. 66	Seeger - Shorter	1837-1861
b. 4, f. 67	Sibley - Skinner	1834-1863
b. 4, f. 68	Smith, A. - Smith, W. (*)	1837-1862

b. 4, f. 69	Sophocles - Swan	1833-1861
b. 4, f. 70	Taft - Townsend	1843-1861
b. 4, f. 71	Trumbull, James H. (*)	1849-1862
b. 4, f. 72	Tuckerman - Tully S.	1851-1856
b. 4, f. 73	Tully, William (*)	1831-1855
b. 4, f. 74	Tuthill - Tyler	1837-1859
b. 4, f. 75	Vallot - Wayland	1833-1860
b. 4, f. 76	Webster - Yale College	1832-1862
b. 4, f. 77	Letters of recommendation written by Edward C. Herrick	1852, 1857



**Series II: Scientific Files, 1827-1862**

2' (4 boxes)

SCIENTIFIC FILES have been arranged alphabetically and primarily contain material concerning astronomy and entomology.

Astronomy		
b. 5, f. 78	Aurora borealis observations	1834-1837
b. 5, f. 79	Aurora borealis observations and notes	1827-1858
b. 5, f. 80	<i>Aurora borealis: Register of the Aurora Borealis, New Haven, Connecticut</i> volume 1	1837-1844
b. 5, f. 81	<i>Aurora borealis: Register of the Aurora Borealis, New Haven, Connecticut</i> volume 2	1845-1850
b. 5, f. 82	<i>Aurora borealis: Register of the Aurora Borealis, New Haven, Connecticut</i> volume 3	1851-1854
b. 6, f. 83	Charts and diagrams	1837-1860
b. 6, f. 84	Comets: listing of comets seen by scientists	Circa 1843
b. 6, f. 85	Comets: memorandum, notes and diagrams	1843
	Memoranda on shooting stars and meteors See: <a href="#">box 15</a>	
b. 6, f. 86-87	Notes	Circa 1837-1844
b. 6, f. 88	Notes on the antiquities of shooting stars	Circa 1837
b. 6, f. 89	Observations	1835-1862
b. 6, f. 90	Yale College Observatory notebooks	1842-1843, 1860
Entomology		
b. 6, f. 91	Bibliography	Circa 1836
b. 6, f. 92	Drawings and sketches	1832-1833, undated
b. 6, f. 93	Memoranda and notes on the Hessian fly	1832, undated
b. 7, f. 94	Notes	undated
b. 7, f. 95	Notes, especially pertaining to the Hessian fly	Circa 1834
b. 7, f. 96	Observations	1829-1841, undated
b. 7, f. 97	Observations on insects which attack wheat and rye	1833-1841
b. 7, f. 98	Reports by other scientists	1823-1834
b. 7, f. 99	Tables and descriptions	1834

b. 7, f. 100-101	Meteorological observations	1826-1831, 1836-1838, 1860
b. 7, f. 102	Surveying books	1840-1843
b. 7, f. 103	Memoranda and notes on various scientific subjects	undated
b. 7, f. 104	Newspaper clippings on astronomy and meteorology	1826-1861
b. 7, f. 105	Newspaper clippings on various scientific subjects	1828-1855
b. 15	Memoranda on shooting stars and meteors	1837

**Series III: Yale University Files, 1823-1862**

7.5" (2 boxes)

YALE UNIVERSITY FILES are arranged alphabetically and primarily contain material on the Yale College Library and the *Triennial Catalogue*.

## Yale College Library

b. 8, f. 106	Accounts	1846
b. 8, f. 107	Additions to the Yale College Library	1832-1834
b. 8, f. 108	Catalogue and invoice of books imported by Professor Silliman	Circa 1843
b. 8, f. 109	Catalogue of books bequeathed by Dr. Jacob Porter	1847
b. 8, f. 110	Catalogue of books bought by Professor A.D. Stanley	1837
b. 8, f. 111	Catalogue of duplicates	1855
b. 8, f. 112	Catalogue of pamphlets	1828-1831
b. 8, f. 113	Donations	1823-1843
b. 8, f. 114	Financial memoranda	1823-1853
b. 8, f. 115	Inventories and listings of books, periodicals journals, and newspapers	1821-1852
b. 8, f. 116	Invoices for books purchased, volume 1	Circa 1843
b. 8, f. 117	Invoices for books purchased, volume 2	Circa 1843
b. 8, f. 118	Invoices for books purchased, volume 3	Circa 1843
b. 8, f. 119	Invoices for books purchased, volume 4	1844-1845
b. 8, f. 120	Invoices for books purchased, volume 1A	1845
b. 8, f. 121	Invoices for books purchased, volume 2A	1845-1846
b. 8, f. 122	Listing of books wanted for the library	undated
b. 8, f. 123	Memoranda for the library catalogue	1857
b. 8, f. 124	Memoranda of books purchased or given	Circa 1843
b. 8, f. 125	Payments for books purchased, 1797-1860	Circa 1860
b. 8, f. 126	Yale College Law Library appraisal	1845
b. 8, f. 127	Yale College Law Library catalogue	1847
b. 9, f. 128	Memoranda for diplomas	1854
b. 9, f. 129	Memoranda for degrees	1855
b. 9, f. 130	"Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale College deceased during the academical year 1860-1861" English	1860-1861

## Triennial catalogues

b. 9, f. 131	Memoranda concerning the writing and printing of the catalogue	undated
b. 9, f. 131a	Yale College Catalogue with annotations of the residences for the class of 1805	1805
b. 9, f. 132	Summary of the information in the catalogue	1847
b. 9, f. 133	Memoranda relating to the catalogue	1850
b. 9, f. 134	Memoranda for the catalogue	1853
b. 9, f. 135-137	Memoranda for the catalogue with memoranda on degrees conferred	1856, 1859, 1862
b. 9, f. 138	Biographical notes on Yale graduates	undated
b. 9, f. 139	Lists about Yale College students and professors	undated
b. 9, f. 140	Notes on education	undated

**Series IV: Financial and Legal Files, 1828-1854***3' (4 boxes)*

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL FILES are arranged alphabetically and contain a large amount of material relating to Herrick & Noyes.

b. 10, f. 141	Account and deeds relating to the estate of Sarah Pierpont	1836-1840
b. 10, f. 142	Accounts for the estates of [Ruamah?] and William Canada	1853-1854
b. 10, f. 143	Bank account and listing of bills payable	1837, 1852-1854
b. 10, f. 144	Business (Personal) memoranda	1835-1838
b. 10, f. 145	Cashbook	1836-1853
b. 10, f. 146	Private cash book A	1828-1841
b. 10, f. 147	Private cash book B	1841-1843
b. 10, f. 148	Documents concerned with the application of Hannah Mansfield for a pension	1839
b. 10, f. 149	Expenditures and receipts for Hannah Herrick	1836-1846
	Herrick and Noyes	
b. 11, f. 150	Bills and notes payable	1835-1854
b. 11, f. 151	Cashbook	1835-1847
b. 11, f. 152	Circulars and accounts	1835-1843
b. 11, f. 153	Commission book	1835-1846
b. 11, f. 154	Inventory	1838
b. 11, f. 155	Letterbook also containing personal notes and memoranda of E.C. Herrick	1845-1855
b. 12, f. 155a	Day books	1835-1844
b. 13, f. 155b	Ledger	1835-1838

## Series V: Miscellaneous Notes and Memorabilia, 1836-1860

*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND MEMORABILIA is arranged alphabetically. Most important are the notes and memoranda on New Haven.

Miscellaneous Notes		
b. 14, f. 156	Bells: notes on bells and their tones	1841, 1854, undated
b. 14, f. 157	Biographical and genealogical notes on individuals and families	undated
b. 14, f. 158	Etymology: memoranda	1855, undated
New Haven		
b. 14, f. 159	Bicentennial: correspondence, minutes from committee meetings and reports	1838
b. 14, f. 160	Burial Ground: copies of the epitaphs on gravestones	Circa 1851
b. 14, f. 161	Memoranda and notes on New Haven and Yale University	Circa 1836-1860
b. 14, f. 162	Periodicals published in New Haven	undated
b. 14, f. 163	Quotations and sayings collected by Herrick	1853, 1861, undated
b. 14, f. 164	Religion: miscellaneous notes	undated
b. 14, f. 165	Review of a book by James D. Dana	undated
b. 14, f. 166	Title pages from various books	undated
b. 14, f. 167	Unidentified notes	undated
Memorabilia		
b. 14, f. 168	Diary and memoranda books	1833-1854
b. 14, f. 169	Newspaper clippings	1828-1851
b. 14, f. 170	Photograph of a framed bust of E.C. Herrick	undated

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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

Astronomy  
Auroras  
Booksellers and bookselling  
Entomology  
Hessian fly  
Librarians  
Science

Yale University. Library  
Yale University. Treasurer  
Yale University -- Curricula  
Yale University -- Officials and employees

### Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.) -- History

### Genres / Formats

Account books

### Occupations

Scientists

### Names

Agassiz, Louis, 1807-1873  
Barnard, Frederick A. P. (Frederick Augustus Porter), 1809-1889  
Dana, James Dwight, 1813-1895  
Duyckinck, Evert A. (Evert Augustus), 1816-1878  
Harris, Thaddeus William, 1795-1856  
Harris, William Thaddeus, 1826-1854  
Herrick, Edward Claudius, 1811-1862  
Herschel, John F. W. (John Frederick William), 1792-1871  
Jones, George, 1800-1870  
Loomis, Elias, 1811-1889  
Quetelet, Adolphe, 1796-1874  
Redfield, W. C. (William C.), 1789-1857  
Scudder, Samuel Hubbard, 1837-1911  
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864  
Silliman, Benjamin, 1816-1885  
Tully, William, 1785-1859

### Corporate Bodies

Herrick and Noyes