

Guide to the Charles Swan Walker Papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: Notebooks, lectures and autobiography of Swan relating to his student years at Yale Divinity School and Andover Theological Seminary. Includes notes on lectures of Noah Porter, Timothy Dwight, Elias Loomis, and others.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Charles F. Walker, 1952 and 1959.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Charles Swan Walker, B.A. 1867.

Born October 7, 1846, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Died January 14, 1933, in Stamford, Conn.

Father, Samuel Swan Walker (Miami University 1826-29; M.D. Medical College of Ohio 1834); physician, teacher, lecturer, architect, and portrait and landscape painter; son of James and Sarah (Swan) Walker of Cincinnati. Mother, Harriet Newell (Fowles) Walker; daughter of David Lewis and Olivia (Hurd) Fowles, of Sandgate, Vt.

Albion (N.Y.) Academy. Served as a Private in Company G. 137th Ohio Infantry, May 2-August 19, 1864. Attended Marietta College 1864-65 as member of Class of 1867 (member Alpha Sigma Phi). Entered Yale as Junior in 1865; high oration appointment Senior year; contributed to *Yale Courant*; member Linonia (third prize in debate Senior year; acting secretary), Delta Beta Xi (Alpha Sigma Phi), and Phi Beta Kappa.

Studied in Yale Divinity School 1867-68, 1869-1870 (B.D. 1870); attended Andover Theological Seminary 1868-69; licensed to preach June 8, 1869, at Milford Conn.; ordained to Congregational ministry August 1, 1871, at Darien, Conn., where acting pastor 1870-71 and pastor 1871-72; also taught Latin in Darien Seminary; organized First Congregational Church, Huntington, W. Va., and served as acting pastor 1872-72; principal (in association with Rev. Robert B. Snowden, Williams '59) of Prospect Park Seminary, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1874; acting pastor First Congregational Church, Holyoke, Mass., 1874-76; acting pastor South Congregational Church of Amherst, Mass., 1876-79 and pastor 1881-86; pastor Congregational Church, Vineland, N.J., 1879-1881; took graduate work in political economy and philosophy at Amherst College 1884-85 (Ph.D. 1885); professor of mental and political science at Massachusetts state College 1886-1906 and also served as chaplain of the College and secretary of the faculty; pulpit supply in Western Massachusetts from 1906 until about 1923; acting pastor First Congregational Church in Amherst 1906; regular correspondent of *Springfield Union*, *Boston Globe*, and for the Associated Press from 1906 until retirement in 1923; member Amherst School Committee 1884-1891 (chairman in 1891) and again 1914-16 (secretary both years); secretary of Republican Town Committee, Amherst, 1922-26; trustee of First Congregational Church in Amherst 1904-06 and again 1913-16 and moderator of its annual meeting 1905, 1906, 1908-1910, 1912-14, and 1920; appointed councilman of Amherst Interchurch Union 1922; chaplain of Massachusetts State Grange 1888-1900, of Pacific Lodge of Masons, Amherst, 1905-1913, and of E.M. Stanton Post, G.A.R., Amherst, 1917-1925; during the war served as chairman of local committee of U.S. Fuel Administration; author: *Herbert Spencer's View of the Evolution of Religion* (1886) and *Samuel Minot Jones, The Story of an Amherst Boy* (1922); contributed to *Yale Review*, *Andover Review*, *World's Work*, *New England*

Magazine, New Englander, Biblioteca Sacra, American Journal of Politics, Congregationalist, Work and Wages, Grange News, Treasury Magazine, Golden Rule, Good Roads, and Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (of which a member); president of Connecticut Valley Economic Association; a founder of Amherst Historical Society in 1903, director 1903-1925, secretary 1916-1920, and president 1920-25; charter member Connecticut Valley Congregational Club 1882; member American Economic Association (member of council), American Statistical Association, Hampshire East Association, Massachusetts Agricultural College chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, and First Congregational Church in Amherst.

Married September 15, 1873, in Darien, Alice, daughter of Charles Grandison and Emeline (Morehouse) Morehouse. Children: Claude Frederic (B.S. Massachusetts State College and Boston University 1894; Ph.D. Yale 1897) and Charles Morehouse (ex-'07 F.; B.S. Massachusetts Agricultural College 1899). Mrs. Walker died December 6, 1929.

Death due to heart failure incident to advanced age. Buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Darien. Survived by sons and two grand-daughters.

Yale University Obituary Record, 1931-34, pages 7-9.

Scope and Contents

The papers of Charles Swan Walker consist of twelve notebooks of lecture notes taken at Yale Divinity School and three bound volumes of lecture notes taken at Andover Theological Seminary, as well as a portion of Walker's autobiography, "Our Folks." The latter, which deals with Walker's years as a student at Yale and Andover, is in the form of a typescript illustrated with mounted photographs, newspaper clippings, and other items. It is accompanied by a cover letter written by Roland Bainton.

These papers were a gift of Claude F. Walker to Yale University in 1952 and 1959.

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Yale notebooks

Prof. T. D. Woolsey

b. 1, f. 1	"Civilization" English	1866
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b. 1, f. 2	"Hist. of Reformation" English	1867
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b. 1, f. 2	Prof. G.E. Day: "Encyclopaedia and Literature of Theology"	1867
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b. 1, f. 2	Prof. N. Porter: "Evidences of Christianity"	1867
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Prof. T. Dwight

b. 1, f. 3	"On John Ch. 13-17:20" and "17:20 to End" English	1867
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b. 1, f. 4	"Introduction to the New Testament" English	undated
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b. 1, f. 4	Prof. E. Loomis: "Natural Philosophy"	undated
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b. 1, f. 5	"Notes on Lect's" English	1866
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b. 1, f. 5	"The Puritan Rebellion" English	1867
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b. 1, f. 6	"Essays" English	undated
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b. 1, f. 6	"Disputes and notes on the Irish Question" English	undated
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Andover lectures

b. 2, f. 7	Prof. E.A. Park: "Systematic Theology"	1868-1869
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b. 2, f. 8	Prof. Fisher: "Church History"	[1868-1869]
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b. 2, f. 9	"Homiletics" English	[1868-1869]
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Autobiography, "Our Folks"

b. 3, f. 10	"Junior and Senior at Yale, 1865-1867"; with cover letter from Roland Bainton, 1957 English	1924
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b. 3, f. 11	"Junior at Yale Divinity School, 1867-68" English	
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b. 3, f. 12	"Middle Class at Andover Theological Seminary, 1868-69" English	
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b. 3, f. 13

"Senior at Yale Divinity School, 1869-1870"
English

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
Religion -- Study and teaching

Genres / Formats

Autobiographies (documents)

Names

Day, George Edward, 1815-1905
Dwight, Timothy, 1828-1916
Loomis, Elias, 1811-1889
Park, Edwards Amasa, 1808-1900
Porter, Noah, 1811-1892
Walker, Charles Swan, 1846-1933
Woolsey, Theodore Dwight, 1801-1889

Corporate Bodies

Yale University -- Religion
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