Guide to the Joseph Barrell Papers

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**SUMMARY:**  Correspondence, the manuscript for “The Piedmont terraces of the Northern Appalachians” in various stages, notes and miscellaneous items on geology originating during Barrell’s service as secretary of the geological faculty at Yale University. The correspondence largely relates to university matters, except for that with Henry H. Robinson which pertains to the article.

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**Biographical / Historical**

Joseph Barrell, geologist and engineer, was born in New Providence, New Jersey, on December 15, 1869. He received a B.S. degree from Lehigh University in 1892 and a mining engineer (E.M.) degree the following year. From 1893 to 1897, Barrell was an instructor in mining and metallurgy at Lehigh and was awarded his M.S. degree in 1897. He received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1900. That same year Barrell returned to Lehigh as an assistant professor of geology and chairman of the department of natural sciences. He left in 1903 to become assistant professor of geology at Yale. Barrell was appointed Professor of Structural Geology in 1908 and Silliman Memorial Lecturer from 1917 to 1918. Barrell was secretary of the Yale geological faculty from 1908 to 1919. Shortly before his death on May 4, 1919, Barrell was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

**Scope and Contents**

The Joseph Barrell Papers consist of correspondence and manuscript material dating from 1909-1920. The correspondence is from Barrell’s years at Yale (1903-1919) and is related primarily to his position as secretary of the geological faculty (1908-1919). Included among the manuscripts are Barrell’s draft for his article “The Piedmont Terraces of the Northern Appalachians,” and Henry H. Robinson’s notes for editing the article.
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