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# Guide to the Newton Theological Institution Records

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 276

**CREATOR:** Newton Theological Institution

**TITLE:** Newton Theological Institution Records

**DATES:** 1825–1965

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 46 linear feet (53 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** These are the official archives of Newton Theological Institution, a seminary of the Baptist Church, which formally affiliated with Andover Theological Seminary in 1965 to become Andover Newton Theological School.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.276>.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Andover Newton Theological School, 2017.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Newton Theological Institution Records, Record Group 276, Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

In 1825, a group of ministers of the Boston Baptist Association met at First Baptist Church of Boston and decided to found a Baptist seminary in the Boston area. The group raised the funds necessary to purchase and repair the 80-acre Peck estate in Newton, Massachusetts, and Irah Chase was appointed the first professor of biblical theology. Newton Theological Institution was incorporated by the Legislature on February 21, 1826, and the first classes were held November 28, 1826. The graduate seminary was formally affiliated with the group now known as American Baptist Churches USA, which is the oldest Baptist denomination in America. In 1931 Andover Theological Seminary moved to Newton Theological Institution's Newton Centre campus, and the two schools became affiliated, forming Andover Newton Theological School. In 1965, the two Schools formally merged. (Sources: Today's Ministry Commemorative Bicentennial Issue 1807-2007; Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newton\\_Theological\\_Institution](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newton_Theological_Institution) accessed 8 June 2007)

### Chronology

- 1825                      ○ Newton Theological Institution founded in Newton Centre, Massachusetts
- 1826                      ○ Newton Theological Institution incorporated by the Massachusetts Legislature
- 1931                      ○ At invitation of Newton Theological Institution, Andover Theological Seminary relocates to Newton Center, Massachusetts
- 1965                      ○ Newton Theological Institution and Andover Theological Seminary formally merge to form Andover Newton Theological School

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## Scope and Contents

The records have been maintained in the order in which they were received from Andover Newton Theological School. The archives of Newton Theological Institution have been organized into 10 series.

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## Arrangement

Organized into ten series: I. Trustees, II. Early Records, III. Faculty, IV. Students, V. Alumnae/i, VI. Publications, VII. Events, VIII. Library, IX. Audiovisual, X. Realia.

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**Collection Contents**
**Series I: Trustees**

President		
b. 1, f. 1-9	Correspondence	1886, 1894, 1908-1957, no date
b. 53, f. 1-6	Herrick correspondence	1926-1937, no date
b. 53, f. 7	Horr correspondence	1916-1919
b. 1, f. 10-12	Lutherans and Southern Baptists: conferences	1910-1912
b. 2, f. 1	Lutherans and Southern Baptists: conferences	1910-1912
b. 1, f. 13-24	Reports	1902-1960
Secretary		
b. 2, f. 2-7	Minutes	1826-1946
b. 3, f. 1-18	Minutes	1936-1965
b. 3, f. 19-32	Correspondence	1828-1957
b. 3, f. 33-38	Resolutions and ad hoc committee reports	1829-1912
b. 4, f. 1-6	Resolutions and ad hoc committee reports	1913-1957
Secretary of the Seminary		
b. 4, f. 7-51	Correspondence	
Treasurer		
b. 5, f. 1-19	Correspondence: incoming	1826-1885
b. 6, f. 1-13	Correspondence: incoming	1886-1942
b. 6, f. 14-15	Correspondence: outgoing	1873-1888
b. 7, f. 1	Correspondence: outgoing	1888-1889
b. 11, f. 1-5	Account books	1855-1938
b. 24, f. 1	Accounts	1880
b. 7, f. 2-16	Annual reports	1825-1912
b. 8, f. 1-6	Annual reports	1913-1940
b. 9, f. 1-4	Annual reports	1941-1954
b. 24, f. 2	Annual statement	1869-1980

## Treasurer (continued)

b. 11, f. 6	Annuity matters	1929–1953
b. 46, f. 1-20	Audit reports	1920–1953
b. 11, f. 7	Cash book	1885–1896
b. 24	Trial balance	1907–1932
Financial Secretary		
b. 8, f. 7-34	Subject files: A-F	circa 1853-1957
b. 10, f. 1-56	Subject files: F-S	
b. 9, f. 5	Subject files: subscriptions and pledges	1906–1918
b. 12, f. 1-19	Contracts, deeds, mortgages, trusts	1868–1956
b. 13, f. 1-5	Taxes, correspondence, Veterans Bureau	1919–1963
b. 12, f. 20-22	Vouchers	circa 1825-1886
b. 13, f. 6-23	Vouchers	1831–1889
b. 14, f. 1-2	Vouchers	1890–1932
b. 14, f. 3	Wills	Various
Committees		
b. 14, f. 4	Collected committee reports	1891–1907
	Buildings and Grounds Committee	1894-1952, no date
b. 17, f. 1-15	Buildings and Grounds Committee	1893-1940, no date
b. 14, f. 5	Committee for Providing Instruction in Prof. Anderson's Dept.	1868–1869
b. 14, f. 6	Committee of Distribution	1884–1894
b. 14, f. 7	Committee of Nine	1907
b. 14, f. 20	Committee on Changes	1845
b. 14, f. 21	Committee on Nominations	1895
b. 14, f. 22	Committee on Scholarships	1896
b. 14, f. 23-29	Examining Committee	1834–1946
b. 14, f. 30-34	Executive Committee: minutes	1854–1946
b. 14, f. 35-39	Executive Committee: reports and correspondence	1854–1913
b. 15, f. 1	Executive Committee: reports and correspondence	1913–1927
b. 15, f. 2-8a	Executive Committee: correspondence	1915–1947

## Committees (continued)

b. 15, f. 8b	Executive Committee: obituaries	1899–1912
b. 15, f. 8c	Executive Committee: votes	1860–1901
b. 15, f. 9	Faculty Committee: degree granting suggestions	no date
b. 15, f. 10-20	Faculty Committee: reports	1836-1949, no date
b. 15, f. 21-29	Finance Committee	1849-1941, no date
b. 15, f. 36-38	Gordon School Committee	1897–1915
b. 15, f. 30-35	Library Committee: correspondence, minutes, and reports	1848-1947, no date

**Series II: Early Records**

b. 16, f. 1-30	General topics, including Backus Historical Society, correspondence, histories, Newton Cemetery Corporation, and scrapbook of publications and correspondence	1827-1933, n.d.
b. 53, f. 7-18	Bequests	1800s
b. 53, f. 19	Lawsuit: NTI vs. Lucius L. Clarke	1877-1878
b. 53, f. 20-31	Scholarships	1800s



**Series III: Faculty**

b. 16, f. 31-35	Faculty meeting minutes (5 vols.)	1825-1932
b. 18, f. 1-7	General: includes correspondence, reports, and circulars	1830-1921, no date
b. 18, f. 8-26	Course documentation: lectures, course outlines, and syllabi	no date
b. 19-23	Course documentation of professors Anderson, Donovan, Horr, Nordell, and Vaughn	1937-1938, no date

**Series IV: Students**

General		
b. 25, f. 1-3	General	1837-1934, no date
b. 25, f. 4-92	Addresses	1892-1923
b. 25, f. 92-94	Applications	circa 1897-1911
b. 26, f. 1-12	Applications	1911-1944
b. 27	Autographs of NTI Men	1839-1886
b. 26, f. 13-14	Lecture notes and recitations (by professor)	1894-1899, 1929
b. 28, f. 1-15	Lecture notes and recitations (by professor)	1862-1894, no date
b. 29, f. 1-11	Lecture notes and recitations (by professor)	1825-1874, no date
Student organizations		
b. 30, f. 1-4	Boarding Club	1865-1885
b. 30, f. 1-4	Boarding Club	1945-1947
b. 31, f. 10-11	Boarding Club	1924-1931
b. 29, f. 12	Evangelistic Band	circa 1928
b. 29, f. 13-16	Knowles Rhetorical Society	1832-1900
b. 30, f. 3	Knowles Rhetorical Society	1852-1876
b. 29, f. 17	Messianic Prophecy	1915
b. 29, f. 18-19	Missionary Society	1835-1860, 1903
b. 29, f. 20-27	Society of Inquiry (includes photograph album)	1827-1871
b. 31, f. 1	Society of Inquiry	1838-1863, 1909
b. 32, f. 1-2	Society of Inquiry: constitution and minutes	1827-1911
b. 31, f. 3	Student Association	1926
b. 31, f. 4-9	Student Volunteer Band	1898-1924
b. 12	The Ten: record book	1893-1894
Student Papers		
b. 2, f. 13-20	Student Papers	1897-1939

**Series V: Alumnae/i**

b. 31, f. 22	Autographs	no date
b. 31, f. 23-29	Activities	circa 1898-1955
b. 31, f. 30-31	Annual meeting minutes	1834-1844
b. 33, f. 1-3	Annual meeting minutes	1845-1950
b. 33, f. 4a	Bylaws and incorporation	1900
b. 33, f. 4b	Church Cooperation Committee	1927
b. 33, f. 5-28	Class correspondence (by class)	1862-1949
b. 33, f. 29a-b	Clerk's Records	1950-1962
b. 33, f. 29c-36	Correspondence: general	1898, 1926-1928
b. 33, f. 37	Correspondence: national conference	1927
b. 34, f. 1	Correspondence: Everett C. Herrick	1926-1928
b. 34, f. 2-3	Executive Committee: correspondence and minutes	1899-1950, no date
b. 34, f. 4-24	Fundraising (Second Century Fund, Special Gifts Committee, List Committee)	1919-1928
b. 34, f. 25	Leaflets	1879, 1898, 1901, 1920, 1923
b. 34, f. 26	Membership	1928-1929, n.d.
b. 34, f. 27	Missionaries List	1830-1922
b. 35, f. 1-60, 66	Necrology report	1856-1866
b. 35, f. 61	Organization	
b. 35, f. 62	Progress report luncheons	
b. 33, f. 63-65	Treasurer's reports	1891-1925, 1952-1954

**Series VI: Publications**

b. 36, f. 1	General: Regular Calendar of Business	1889
b. 36, f. 2	General: School hymns	1893
b. 36, f. 3	Addresses and other writings: Everett Carleton Herrick	circa 1926
b. 36, f. 4	Addresses and other writings: George Edwin Horr	1919, no date
b. 36, f. 5	Addresses and other writings: Alvah Hovey	1854
b. 36, f. 6a	Addresses and other writings: James D. Knowles	1839
b. 36, f. 6b	Addresses and other writings: The Newton Theological Institution: Equipment for Service	1924
b. 36, f. 7-11	Brochures	1897-1944, no date
b. 38, f. 1-9	Bulletin: Newton Theological Institution	1906-1939
b. 38, f. 16	Bulletin: The Newton Missionary Bulletin	1904
b. 36, f. 12-27	Catalogs: annual, triennial, and general	1835-1908
b. 37, f. 1-15	Catalogs: annual	1908-1931
b. 38, f. 10-11	Catalogs: general (address book)	1826-1943
b. 38, f. 12-14	Charter, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations	1849-1957
b. 38, f. 15	Circulars	1898-1901, no date
b. 38, f. 17-18	Newsletter: The Newtonian	1903-1904
b. 39, f. 1-29	Programme of Public Exercises	1900-1931

**Series VII: Events**

b. 39, f. 31-57	Events by date	1828-1935, no date
b. 39, f. 58	400th Anniversary of Lutheran Reformation	1917
b. 39, f. 59-72	Anniversary: 100th	1925
b. 39, f. 73	Anniversary: 150th	1975
b. 39, f. 74-76	Anniversary essays	1828-1859
b. 40, f. 1-2	Anniversary programs	1828-1851
b. 40, f. 3	Annual banquet	1922
b. 40, f. 4	Annual meeting of the theological seminaries	1876, 1898
b. 40, f. 5-6	Baccalaureate service	1896, 1931-1954
b. 40, f. 7	Chapel dedication	1897
b. 40, f. 8-11	Commencement	1893-1931, no date
b. 40, f. 12	Conference of Baptist Seminaries	1892, 1919
b. 40, f. 13	Conference of Theological Schools	1918
b. 40, f. 14	Conference: The Newton Conference	1921, 1924
b. 40, f. 15	Convocation: leadership convocation	no date
b. 40, f. 16-22	Dedications and reopenings	1866-1931
b. 40, f. 23-24	Dinners	1897-1898, 1947-1954, no date
b. 40, f. 25	Inauguration: Horr	1909
b. 40, f. 26	Lectures	1908
b. 40, f. 27	Lectureship: Green	1922
b. 40, f. 28	Recital	1923
b. 40, f. 29	Thanksgiving	1898-1915, no date
b. 40, f. 30	Tree planting ceremony (Helen Barrett Montgomery)	1945
b. 40, f. 31-33	Unveilings	1903-1916

**Series VIII: Library**

b. 40, f. 1-3	Accessions	1889–1908
b. 40, f. 34	Accessions	1948–1955
b. 45, f. 1	Account books	1886–1911
b. 41, f. 1-2	Account books	1908–1917
b. 40, f. 35-40	Accounts	1866–1948
b. 40, f. 41	Acquisition notes	circa 1857
b. 42, f. 37-7	Alphabetical catalog	1867-1889, no date
b. 40, f. 42-42	Annual reports	1863–1945
b. 40, f. 44	Bibliographies	no date
b. 40, f. 45	Bills	1856
b. 40, f. 46	Biography and sermons list	1836–1928
b. 40, f. 47	Blueprint	no date
b. 40, f. 48	Bookplates	no date
b. 42, f. 8	Books circulated	1881–1887
b. 40, f. 49	Books donated by E. L. Magoon	no date
b. 40, f. 50-53	Books drawn from library	1854-1857, n.d.
b. 40, f. 54	Books in course of publication and series of books	1889–1907
b. 43, f. 1	Books ordered by faculty	1876
b. 43, f. 2	Catalog	1833
b. 43, f. 3	Catalog, chronological	1862–1872
b. 42, f. 10-11	Catalog, chronological	1887-1889, no date
b. 43, f. 4-5	Charge book	1868–1889
b. 42, f. 9	Charge book	1876–1881
b. 43, f. 6	Charge book	1884–1890
b. 43, f. 7-22	Correspondence	1889–1924
b. 44, f. 1-10	Correspondence	1925–1934
b. 41, f. 4	Correspondence and record of books returned, sold, mission	1889-?
b. 44, f. 11	Donation form	1880s

b. 44, f. 12	Expenses	1894-1907
b. 44, f. 13	Hartshorn (J.C.) list of collections of synagogue materials donated	no date
b. 44, f. 14-16	Library Committee	1855-1894
b. 44, f. 17	Lists	1927, no date
b. 44, f. 18	Memoranda	no date
b. 44, f. 19	Missing books and books disposed of	1862-1872
b. 44, f. 20	Pamphlets	1866-1890
b. 44, f. 21-24	Periodicals	1862-1937
b. 44, f. 25	Portraits in library and chapel	no date
b. 44, f. 26	Reminiscences	1919
b. 44, f. 27	Shell inventory	no date
b. 44, f. 28	Stearns book fund	1900-1903

**Series IX: Audiovisual**

b. 47-48	Lantern slides of travels taken by an unidentified person; topics include: Middle East, Venice, Greece	circa 1908-1912
b. 49-51	Photographs and drawings, Topics include: campus scenes, faculty, students, and events	circa 1848-1975
b. 52	Engraving of campus and plans	1851, 1930



## Series X: Realia

b. 53

Embosser

no date

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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.

### **Corporate Body**

Newton Theological Institution

### **Acquired From**

Andover Newton Theological School