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Guide to the William Hurlin Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: RG 289

CREATOR: Hurlin, William, 1814-1910

TITLE: William Hurlin Papers

DATES: 1848-1909

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection documents the professional work of William Hurlin, who served as pastor for various Baptist churches in New England and was also involved in Baptist work on the state level, particularly in New Hampshire.

ONLINE FINDING AID: To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.289>

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.289>.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Andover Newton Theological School Collection, 2017

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Preferred Citation

William Hurlin Papers (RG 289), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

Processing Information

Place names were modernized in the description, with the name originally used in the collection material or in an older version of the finding aid in parenthesis: e.g. "Beijing (Peking)" or "Benin (Dahomey)".

Biographical / Historical

William Hurlin was born July 31, 1814, in London, England. He joined a Wesleyan Methodist church in 1832, and became active in tract distribution. He preached his first sermon in 1835 in Illford, a London suburb at that time. In 1840 he became a London City Missionary in the Kingsland district, and continued service with the organization until 1849, when he moved to the United States. He had been baptized and united with a Baptist church in 1842.

In the States he was ordained pastor of a Free Baptist church in North Danville, Vermont, in 1850. He held Free Baptist pastorates in Alton, New Hampshire, Acton, Maine, and Amesbury, Massachusetts. In 1855 he affiliated with the American Baptist denomination and held the following pastorates: Acton, Maine (1856-1858), East Sumner, Maine (1858-1861), Damariscotta Mills, Maine (1861-1864), China, Maine (1864-1866), Antrim, New Hampshire (1866-1873), Plaistow, New Hampshire (1875-1877), and Goshen, New Hampshire (1877-1878).

He was active in Baptist work on the state level. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of New Hampshire Baptist Convention from 1866 until his death in 1910 and was secretary of the Convention 1878-1899. He was also treasurer and statistical secretary of the New Hampshire Baptist Ministers' Conference. Hurlin wrote a history of every New Hampshire Baptist church and prepared a brief biography of most ministers ever associated with the Convention. In addition he was a frequent contributor of articles to denominational journals.

He lived in Antrim the last 32 years of his life, and died there June 28, 1910.

Scope and Contents

The William Hurlin Papers, 1848-1909, document the professional work of Hurlin. The collection is arranged according to the following categories: sermons, lectures, addresses, list of readings, unpublished literary manuscripts, scrapbooks of publications, and photographs. An Addendum received in 2018 includes copies of Hurlin family correspondence, an autobiographical sketch by William Hurlin, and genealogical information about the Hurlin family.

Arrangement

Series I. Sermons

Series II. Lectures

Series III. Addresses

Series IV. List of Readings

Series V. Unpublished Literary Manuscripts

Series VI. Scrapbooks of Publications

Series VII. Photographs

Series VIII. Addendum

Collection Contents

Series I: Sermons

Sermons are arranged in numerical order assigned by WH. When originally written, the numerical order was also chronological. However, the sermons in their present form are revisions of the earlier sermons. Therefore, the numerical order is no longer chronological. See the numerical list of sermons in the first folder for the original dates of the sermons.

b. 1	List of sermons preached (numerical listing)	
b. 1	List of sermons preached, 1840-1854, 1891	
	List of funeral sermons, 1850-1866, 1873-1876	
b. 1	Sermon numbers 102-106, 108-109, 111, 113-118, 120-124, 126-132, 134-137, 139, 141-157, 159-170, 172-175, 178-179, 182-190, 192-197, 200, 202-203, 205-207, 209-222, 224-225, 227-228, 230-236, 238-241, 243-260, 262-340, 342-347, 351-369, 370-383, 385-396, 398, 400-412, 414-432, 435-444, 446-485, 487, 489-492, 494-505, 508-511, 514-519, 522-524, 526-527, 529-537	1850-1906
b. 2	Sermon numbers 538-548, 550-553, 556-559, 561-569, 571-574, 576-590, 592-594, 596-643, 646-650, 661-683, 685-687, 689-696, 698, 700-702, 704, 706-720, 723, 725, 801-822, 870, 917, 920, 927, 946 2	1848-1906, no date

Series II: Lectures

b. 2	England (2 drafts)	No date
b. 2	London (3 drafts)	No date
b. 2	Pilgrim's Progress (10 lectures)	No date

Series III: Addresses

b. 2	Funeral of John S. Wilson	No date
b. 2	Temperance	No date
b. 2	4 untitled addresses	No date
b. 2	Address at Farewell Tea Meeting Kingsland	1849 May 21
b. 2	Speech for Wheelock -- M. Home	1849 October 27
b. 2	Appeal on Sabbath	1849 October 28
b. 2	3 untitled addresses	1857, 1858, 1877
b. 2	Missionary Life in Persia. and the Koordish Mountains	1869 December 21
b. 2	Address. at Bible Society at Lyndeboro	1889 October

Series IV: Notes on Reading

b. 2

List of articles and books in alphabetical order, 2 volumes

No date

Series V: Unpublished Manuscripts

b. 3	Emmanuel, God with us (3 drafts)	No date
b. 3	General Catalogue of Pastors of Baptist Churches in New Hampshire from 1832 to 1892	1907
b. 4	Brief Histories of the Baptist Churches in New Hampshire	1904
b. 4	Miscellaneous	No date

Series VI: Scrapbooks

Scrapbooks contain clippings of articles by Hurlin

b. 4	Articles in <i>The Baptist</i>	1875–1894
b. 4	Articles in <i>Boston Journal</i> and <i>Boston Transcript</i>	1864–1899
b. 4	Articles in <i>The Christian Era</i>	1868–1875
b. 4	Articles in <i>The Morning Star</i>	1849–1850
b. 5	Articles in <i>The Morning Star</i>	1869–1880
b. 5	Articles in <i>The Morning Star</i>	1881–1895
b. 5	Articles in <i>National Baptist</i>	1865–1876
b. 5	Articles in <i>Watchman and Reflector</i>	1854–1856
b. 5	Articles in <i>Watchman, Boston Journal</i>	1876–1909
b. 5	Articles in <i>Zion's Advocate</i>	1856–1867
b. 5	Articles in <i>Zion's Advocate</i>	1858
b. 6	Articles in <i>Zion's Advocate</i>	1868–1909
b. 7	Articles in miscellaneous newspapers	1860–1875

Series VII: Photographs

b. 7	Photographs of individuals Individuals include: Willard Ashmore, Shantou (Swatow), China; John Clifford; John E. Clough, Ongole, India; William Dean, Thailand (Siam); Mrs. William Dean, Thailand (Siam); Millard P. Johnson; Oliver Wendell Holmes; Alvah Hovey; Emory W. Hunt; Edward Judson; John F. McElwain; C.A. Nichols and son Bertie - Bassein, Burma; John R. Mott; Harrington Putnam; Walter Rauschenbusch; Augustus H. Strong (2); Willis F. Thomas [and family], Insein, Myanmar (Burma)	undated
b. 7	Photograph of the Home for Children of Missionaries, Newton Centre, MA	No date
b. 7	Pictures of buildings, mostly clippings from magazines	No date
b. 7	Pictures of individuals, mostly clippings from magazines	No date

Series VIII: Addendum

Material donated by John Hurlin Robinson in 2018

b. 8, f. 1	Copies of Hurlin family correspondence Copies include one letter from Rev. William Hurlin to his parents, one letter from William Hurlin, Senior to his son Rev. William Hurlin, three letters to or from Grandmother Hurlin.	1849-1851
b. 8, f. 2	"William Hurlin: The Weaver Boy" - autobiographical writing by Rev. William Hurlin Includes long-hand version written in a pad of paper and a typed transcription prepared by John Hurlin Robinson	1897
b. 8, f. 3	Genealogical information - compiled by John Hurlin Robinson	

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

Baptists -- New England