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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 252

**CREATOR:** Winchester, Benjamin S. (Benjamin Severance), 1868-1955

**TITLE:** Benjamin Severance Winchester Papers

**DATES:** 1903-1938

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 8 linear feet (17 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection chronicles the life and work of Benjamin Severance Winchester, who began serving as a Congregationalist minister and religious educator in 1897 and was active into the 1930s. During his career Winchester lived and worked in Washington, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut. Most of the collection details religious education curriculum in various fields, including sexual education, race relations education, Prohibition education, and peace education. Correspondence, curriculum, meeting minutes, and reports stem from Winchester's work with multiple organizations, including the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the International Council of Religious Education.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Benjamin Severance Winchester Papers (RG 252), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

### Chronology

- 1868 February 26      ○ Born in Bridport, Vermont to Catharine Mary Severance Winchester and Warren Weaver Winchester, a Congregationalist minister.
- 1889                      ○ Graduated from Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts
- 1889-1892              ○ Professor of Chemistry and Natural Sciences at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington
- 1895                      ○ Received Bachelor of Divinity degree from Chicago Theological Seminary
- 1895-1897              ○ Studied theology on fellowship at the University of Halle in Germany
- 1897                      ○ Married Pearl (Rose) Adair Gunn of Seattle, WA
- 1897                      ○ Ordained as a Congregationalist minister
- 1897-1900              ○ Served as a minister, Snohomish, Washington
- 1900-1901              ○ Served as a minister, Portland, Oregon
- 1901-1903              ○ Served as a minister in the New England Church, Chicago, Illinois
- 1904-1909              ○ Served as minister in Winnetka, Illinois
- 1910                      ○ Received honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary
- 1910-1916              ○ Editor and Educational Secretary of the Congregational Sunday School Publishing Society (The Pilgrim Press) of Boston, MA
- 1915-1918              ○ Yale Divinity School Professor
- 1918-1926              ○ Pastor at Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield, Connecticut
- 1918-1931              ○ Education Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, Christian Education chairman
- 1929-1931              ○ President of the Hymn Society of America
- 1931-1938              ○ Pastor at the Gilbert Memorial Church (Congregationalist), Georgetown, Connecticut
- 1932-1936              ○ Worked heavily with the International Council of Religious Education (especially Adult Education and Education Leadership)

## Chronology

- 1935
  - Officer on the Committee of African Welfare of the Commission on Race Relations and Committee on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches
- 1936-1938
  - Worked closely with the Hymn Society of America
- 1937
  - Board member of the John Milton Foundation
- 1938
  - Moves with Mrs. Winchester to Newtown, CT
- 1938-1955
  - Active in the Newtown Congregational Church, served as chairman of the Religious Education Committee
- 1955 April 29
  - Died in Danbury, Connecticut, at the age of 87. Survived by wife, Pearl Adair Gunn Winchester, daughters Miss Margaret Winchester, Mrs. E.T. Wakeman, Mrs. R.G. Inman, and Miss Alice Winchester.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection provides valuable insight into the work of an early twentieth-century religious educator, Reverend Benjamin Severance Winchester. Winchester began serving in religious education and as a Congregationalist minister in 1897. He lived and worked in Washington, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, and Connecticut. During his career, Winchester taught religious education at multiple schools and churches, including the Yale Divinity School. He worked most extensively with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the International Council of Religious Education. The collection contains valuable information on American social and religious attitudes in the 1910s, 1920s, and 1930s.

Series I, Correspondence, contains two types of letters. Personal Correspondence contains letters to and from Winchester's family, friends, and former congregants. Professional Correspondence shows the diversity of Winchester's activities and interests. Winchester corresponded with the Congregational Sunday School Publishing Society (The Pilgrim's Press), various religious organizations, and provided professional advice. Some letters also focus on Winchester's published writings.

Series II contains Writings by Winchester. These include pamphlets, speeches, book-length works, and published articles. Winchester published several books, but drafts here include "The Teaching Church" and "Curricula of Christian Education." Articles in this series focus on hymns, movies, patriotism, adult education, and the debate over religious education in public schools.

Most valuable to the Winchester collection is Series III, Subject files. Included are correspondence, meeting minutes, committee reports, and pamphlets from a wide variety of religious and social organizations. Most of the Series details religious education in various fields, including sexual education, race relations education, Prohibition education, and peace education. Of particular interest are surveys completed by young people, 12 to 18 years old. The most numerous surveys come from Northeastern and Midwestern states and focus on race relations, sexual attitudes, and Prohibition opinions. Included as well are Typical and Life Situations, which were created to teach young people proper morals in real life situations. The Series also contains curriculum for Marriage and Home-life education and Family and Parent religious education.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence
- II. Writings
- III. Subject Files

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### Series I: Correspondence, 1907-1938

	Personal correspondence	1907-1935
b. 1, f. 1	Including regarding summer plans, daughter's college bills, moving to New Haven	1907, 1915
b. 1, f. 2	Including to/from relatives, regarding daughter's college bills	1916 Jan-Aug
b. 1, f. 3	Including to/from relatives, to/from former congregants, regarding Williams class reunion	1916 Sep-1918 Feb
b. 1, f. 4	Information to/from friends, to/from family, Pi Gamma Mu membership, insurance/railroad accident information	1925 Mar-1933
b. 1, f. 5	Including regarding son's college expenses, to/from relatives	1934-1935
	Professional correspondence	
b. 1, f. 6	Including to/from other religious educators, the Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society (The Pilgrim Press)	1912 March, 1914 Aug, 1915 Jan-March
b. 1, f. 7	Including to/from other religious educators, the Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society (The Pilgrim Press), Yale Divinity School appointment	1915 April-June
b. 1, f. 8	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society (The Pilgrim Press), regarding Yale Divinity School appointment, Eagles Mere religious summer school	1915 July-Aug
b. 1, f. 9	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society (The Pilgrim Press), regarding Yale Divinity School appointment	1915 Sept-Oct
b. 1, f. 10	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society, the International Sunday School Association, regarding professional advice from Winchester	1915 Nov-Dec
b. 1, f. 11	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society, the International Sunday School Association, regarding professional advice from Winchester, College voluntary study courses, various meetings with religious organizations	1916 Jan-Feb
b. 1, f. 12	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society, regarding professional advice from Winchester, College voluntary study courses, various meetings with religious organizations, missionary education, hymn books	1916 Feb-Apr
b. 1, f. 13	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society, regarding professional advice from Winchester, missionary education, hymn books	1916 Apr-May
b. 1, f. 14	Including to/from Congregational Sunday School & Publishing Society, regarding professional advice from Winchester, missionary education, hymn books	1916 May-June

## Professional correspondence (continued)

b. 1, f. 15	Including regarding professional advice and referrals from Winchester, Yale Divinity School, speaking requests to Winchester from various religious organizations and congregations	1916 July-Sept
b. 2, f. 1	Including regarding professional advice and referrals from Winchester, speaking requests to Winchester from various religious organizations and congregations	1916 Sept-Dec
b. 2, f. 2	Including speaking requests to Winchester from various religious organizations and congregations, regarding Winchester's appointment to Chairman of Education with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ	1916 Dec-1917 Apr
b. 2, f. 3	Including to/from regarding Winchester proof reading religious books and articles, speaking engagements, to/from the Congregational Sunday School Publishing Society	1917 Apr-June
b. 2, f. 4	Including regarding professional book reviews, College Teaching at Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, professional advice from Winchester	1917 July-Nov
b. 2, f. 5	Including regarding professional book reviews, College Teaching at Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, professional advice from Winchester, job opportunity with World War I troops and recreation	1917 Dec-1918 Jan-May
b. 2, f. 6	Including professional referrals and regarding Winchester's Adult Discussion Course, "The Teaching Church"	1924-1927
b. 2, f. 7	Including the Connecticut Congregational Council, the General Council of the Congregational Church, Job opportunities, regarding the publication articles by Winchester	1928-1938

**Series II: Writings**

## Pamphlets and Speeches

b. 2, f. 8	"Making the Most of Life," "How to Train the Devotional Life," "Spiritual Values in Hymns," "Church, Home and Child"	1916, 1922, 1929
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## Book-length works

b. 2, f. 9	"Curricula of Christian Education," including Table of Contents, Introduction, and chapters 1-2	1928
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b. 2, f. 10	"Curricula of Christian Education," including chapters 3-6	1928
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b. 2, f. 11	"Curricula of Christian Education," including chapters 7-10	1928
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b. 2, f. 12	"Curricula of Christian Education," including chapters 11-13 and hand-written notes	1928
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b. 2, f. 13	"Curricula of Christian Education," including extra/alternate chapters	1928
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b. 2, f. 14	"The Teaching Church - A Discussion Course for Adults"	1925
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b. 17, f. 1	"The Handbook of the Churches: A Survey of the Churches in Action"	1927
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## Articles and essays

b. 2, f. 15	A - C, including "The Approaches to Religious Education," "Are the Sunday Schools Slipping or Picking Up?," "Culling the Hymnal"	1929, 1930
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b. 3, f. 1	D - H, including "Do We Any Longer Need Christian Education?" and "Home School, and Playground"	1929, 1933
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b. 3, f. 2	I - N, including "Lessons and Life" and "The Movies and World Brotherhood"	1916, 1917, 1929
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b. 3, f. 3	P - S, including "Patriotism For Children," "Religion In the Home World," "The Religious Education of Adults," "Religious Education and the Liquor Problem" and "Shall We Have Religious Instruction In The Public Schools"	1921, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1937
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b. 3, f. 4	T - W, including "Teaching Religion Today," "Where the Sunday School Begins", and "Why Educate Adults"	1916, 1921, 1929
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b. 3, f. 5	W - Z, including "The World of Moral Order," "The World of Self and Society," and "The World of Toil and Service"	1921
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**Series III: Subject Files**

## Sex Education

b. 3, f. 6	Correspondence regarding committee reports and the accumulation of information from sex education experts and religious leaders
b. 3, f. 7	Correspondence regarding committee reports and the accumulation of information from sex education experts and religious leaders
b. 3, f. 8	Correspondence regarding committee reports and the accumulation of information from sex education experts and religious leaders
b. 3, f. 9	Materials including pamphlets, questionnaires, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America sub-committee reports and situations where parents teach children about sex
b. 3, f. 10	Materials including sub-committee reports, blank surveys of women, and situations where parents teach children about sex
b. 3, f. 11	Materials including questions asked by girls, proposed Sunday School courses

## Race Relations Education

b. 3, f. 12	Reports and Correspondence regarding members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations, reports from the sub-committee, and the accumulation of information from race relation education experts and religious leaders	1924-1927, 1935
b. 3, f. 13	Situation Surveys from New York City youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations	1925
b. 3, f. 14	Situation Surveys from New York City and Brooklyn NY youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations	1925
b. 3, f. 15	Situation Surveys from New York City and New Haven, CT youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations	1925
b. 4, f. 1	Situation Surveys from New Haven, CT, Fairfield, CT, and Wellesley, MA youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations	1925
b. 4, f. 2	Situation Surveys from Hartford, CT, Galesburg, IL, Bangor, ME, Brookline, MA and Wellesley, MA youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations	1925
b. 4, f. 3	Situation Surveys from Oberlin, OH youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations	1925
b. 4, f. 4	Situation Surveys from Oberlin, OH youths for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Race Relations and meeting minutes from the African Welfare sub-committee	1925, 1933, 1935

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b. 4, f. 5	Correspondence regarding asking Senators and Congressmen to ban the manufacture of alcohol, temperance education, to members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Temperance Education	1917-1926
b. 4, f. 6	Correspondence regarding curriculum for temperance and Prohibition education, to members of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Temperance Education	1927-1930, 1935
b. 4, f. 7	Situation Surveys from Oberlin, OH, Toledo, OH, Nebraska, North Carolina, Illinois, and New York City for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Temperance Education	1925
b. 4, f. 8	Situation Surveys from New York City for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Temperance Education	1925
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b. 4, f. 12	Situation Surveys from Wellesley, MA for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Temperance Education	1925
b. 4, f. 13	Materials pertaining to temperance education including curriculum, minute meetings and discussions from the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America's Council of Correlation's sub-committee on Temperance Education	
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b. 5, f. 1	Brochures, pamphlets, and newsletters pertaining to temperance and Prohibition	
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b. 5, f. 4	Federal Council of Churches of America's Council of Correlation's Committee on Education for Peace: meeting minutes and notes	1926, 1928
b. 5, f. 5	National Committee on the Churches and World Peace: meeting minutes and notes, Peace Education Materials: publications, curriculum and newsletters	1936-1938
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b. 5, f. 9	Peace Education: pamphlets, papers, and correspondence relating to the role of the church in World War I, report on churches and world peace promotion, and graded Sunday School Lessons	1917-1918, 1927
b. 5, f. 10	Peace Education: pamphlets and papers promoting world peace	1928
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b. 6, f. 1	Peace Education: reports and curriculum for the promotion of world peace	1925, 1926, 1928
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b. 6, f. 3	Peace Education: correspondence	1927 April-1928 Feb, 1929, 1935-1936
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b. 6, f. 5	Adult Religious Education: Committee notes and curriculum from the International Council of Religious Education	1929-1930
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b. 7, f. 1	Connecticut Council of Churches and Religious Education: correspondence and Occasional Information Bulletins	1935-1937
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b. 7, f. 5	Curriculum: Sunday School Group Graded Lessons for the International Sunday School Committee	1925, 1927, 1928
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b. 7, f. 8	Curriculum: materials and leaflets of the Sunday School Group Graded Lessons for the International Sunday School Committee	1924, 1929
b. 7, f. 9	Curriculum: reports and meeting minutes of the International Sunday School Committee for Sunday School Group Graded Lessons	1920, 1922, 1923
b. 7, f. 10	Curriculum: notes on Sunday School Group Graded Lessons for the International Sunday School Committee	1917, 1924, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1939
b. 7, f. 11	Curriculum: reports and minutes of the International Sunday School Lessons Committee meeting	1924-1925
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b. 8, f. 10	Family and Parent Religious Education: bulletins, curriculum, International Council of Religious Education meeting minutes	1933, 1935
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b. 8, f. 12	Family and Parent Religious Education: curriculum, International Council of Religious Education meeting minutes, Winchester's notes	1935
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b. 9, f. 5	Federal Council of Churches Commission on Christian Education: meeting minutes and reports	1917, 1925
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b. 9, f. 11	Federal Council of Churches Commission on Inter-Church Federations: correspondence	1917 Aug
b. 9, f. 12	Federal Council of Churches Commission on Inter-Church Federations: correspondence; Federal Council of Churches Commission on Religious Education: reports	1917 Sep-Oct
b. 9, f. 13	Federal Council of Churches Commission on Religious Education: correspondence	1915 Jan- 1916 Oct
b. 9, f. 14	Federal Council of Churches Commission on Religious Education: correspondence	1916 Nov-1917 May
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b. 10, f. 2	Federal Council of Churches Commission on Religious Education: correspondence	1923 Oct-1926 Oct
b. 10, f. 3	Home Missions Board of the Congregational and Christian Churches: colleges funded and packets on other activities such as churches in rural America and assisting immigrant children	1938
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b. 17, f. 5	Miscellaneous pamphlets	1926-1937
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b. 13, f. 11	Weekday Religious Education: meeting notes and plans for implementation Contains information from the Greater New York Federation of Churches and the New York State Sunday School Association. Dr. Winchester served on the Education Committee of the New York Sunday School Association starting in 1926.	1917, 1926, 1929
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