

# Guide to the Edwin Hotchkiss Tuttle Papers

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**CREATOR:** Tuttle, Edwin Hotchkiss, 1879-1939

**TITLE:** Edwin Hotchkiss Tuttle papers

**DATES:** 1899-1939

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1 linear foot

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, writings, notebooks, legal and financial papers, and printed matter chiefly relating to Edwin Hotchkiss Tuttle's interest in languages. Included are research materials for his book *Dravidian Developments* (1930) and etymologies for Webster's New International Dictionary.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edwin H. Tuttle, 1939.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edwin Hotchkiss Tuttle was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on September 23, 1879 in New Haven, Conn. His father was Lucius Bement Tuttle, '63 L. and his mother, Emma Louise (Hotchkiss) Tuttle (Mount Holyoke ex-'77). Yale relatives include: Luzon B. Morris, '54 (uncle); Charles G. Morris '95, and Ray Morris, '01 (cousins).

He attended Hillhouse High School. He attended Yale College, graduating in 1901. While at Yale, he was First Berkeley Premium Freshman year; philosophical oration appointment Junior and Senior years and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Upon graduating, Tuttle continued his studies at the Yale Graduate School between 1901 and 1903, and for another year at the University of Paris. He was profoundly interested in language, and made it a lifelong goal to study all the known languages of the world. He taught language at the Mackenzie School in Dobbs Ferry, New York as well as at the Boys' Latin School in Baltimore, Maryland. On January 25, 1939, in Washington, D.C., Tuttle hanged himself.

He had been associated with the Languages Publishing Company, Washington, for about twenty years before his death; special editor connected with the publication of *Webster's New International Dictionary*; in recent years had resided in summer at Mount Carmel, Conn.; author: *Dravidian Developments*(1930) and numerous articles on philology and allied subjects published in American and European learned journals; member Association Phonétique Internationale and Center Church (Congregational), New Haven.

Unmarried.

Died January 25, 1939, in Washington, D.C. Took his own life. Buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Wolcott, Conn. Survived by two brothers, Lucius Tuttle, '01, and Charles P. Tuttle, '06.

Mr. Tuttle bequeathed his books, magazines, and pamphlets to the University.

(Taken from *Yale Obituary Record*, 1940, pp. 114-115).

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## Scope and Contents

The Edwin Hotchkiss Tuttle Papers contain correspondence, writings, thirteen notebooks, and printed matter dealing with linguistics. Principal topics include phonetics, etymologies for *Webster's Dictionary*, and Romance and Dravidian languages. Much of the material on the latter subject appears to relate to Tuttle's "*Dravidian Developments*" (1930).

Also contained in the collection are financial and legal papers. Monthly accounts have been entered in several of the notebooks.

These papers were donated to Yale University by Edwin H. Tuttle in 1939, along with a gift of over three hundred books.

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## Collection Contents

b.1	Correspondence	1903-1939, undated
b.1	Writings	
b.2	Notebooks	
b.3	Legal papers	
b.3	Bills and receipts	1904-1938
b.3	Printed matter	1899-1938, undated

## **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**

Dravidian languages  
Linguistics  
Phonetics

### **Occupations**

Linguists

### **Names**

Tuttle, Edwin Hotchkiss, 1879-1939