

# Guide to the Hubert Merrill Sedgwick Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1233

**CREATOR:** Sedgwick, Hubert M. (Hubert Merrill), 1867-1950

**TITLE:** Hubert Merrill Sedgwick papers

**DATES:** 1884-1950

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, clippings, memorabilia, photographs, and three books with flyleaf inscriptions relating to Hubert M. Sedgwick's career as a journalist. Included are seventeen letters (1940-1950) from Connie Mack. Two of the books, one by and the other about Mack, contain inscriptions by him and others to Sedgwick. The third is a privately printed book of poetry and aphorisms by Harry Durant, Yale class of 1894. Also in the papers is a statement by William Howard Taft on tuberculosis.

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## Administrative Information

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## Biographical / Historical

Hubert Merrill Sedgwick, B.A. 1893. Born April 29, 1857, Belchertown, Mass.; died November 11, 1950, New Haven, Conn.

Father, Butler Sedgwick, associated with Clark & Hastings, wholesale and retail meats, Palmer, Mass.; son of Otis and Almira (Converse) Sedgwick. Mother, Minerva Marsha (Hastings) Sedgwick; daughter of Rozel and Phoebe (White) Hastings. Yale relatives include a brother-in-law, Francis H. Todd '95 S.

Worcester Academy; Westfield (Mass.) State Normal School. First colloquy appointment Junior and Senior years.

On staff *New Haven Palladium* 1894-98; organized sports department *New Haven Register* 1895, and sports editor 1908-17; executive secretary to Mayor Studley, New Haven, 1907-8, Mayor Rice 1910-17, and Mayor Campner 1917-18; correspondent *New York Times*, *New York Tribune*, *Boston Transcript*, *Boston Post*, and *Chicago Tribune*, 1920 until retirement in 1944; contributed to magazines; awarded Gold Key for distinguished service by Connecticut Sports Writers Alliance 1940 and Worcester Academy Shield 1942; secretary athletic committee U.S. Navy Commission on Training Camp Activities 1917-18; field secretary Connecticut Tuberculosis Association 1912-26 (in charge Christmas seal campaigns); president Collectors Club of New Haven 1938-39; secretary Young Men's Institute 1935-41; member New Haven Civic Federation, Connecticut Society for Mental Hygiene, Second Company Governor's Foot Guard, and Masonic order; vestryman St. Thomas' Church (Episcopal), New Haven.

Married August 4, 1897, New Haven, Edith Webster, daughter of Theron Alfred and Hattie Emeline (Webster Todd. Children: Ruth (B.A. Vassar 1920; M.A. Yale 1925, Ph.D. 1936); Butler Todd (died in infancy).

Death due to coronary occlusion. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, New Haven. Survived by wife and daughter.

From the *Yale Obituary Record*, 1949-51.

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## Collection Contents

Correspondence		
b. 1, f. 1	General	1936-1950, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Taft, William Howard. Statement to Tuberculosis Commission, State of Connecticut. Note by Sedgwick	undated
b. 1, f. 3	Photograph of Hubert M. Sedgwick	undated
Memorabilia		
b. 1, f. 4	Clippings	1940-1949, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Medal	1884
b. 1, f. 5	Gold key	1940
b. 1, f. 5	Biography	1944
b. 1, f. 5	Yale commencement program	1936
b. 1, f. 5	Foot Guard Day: banquet menu	1910
b. 1, f. 6	Relating to: William Lyon Phelps, 1865-1943 [biographical essay, notes]	1936, undated
Printed books		
b. 1, f. 7	Durant, Harry. <i>The Happy Age and the Devil's Diary</i>	1948
b. 1, f. 8	Lieb, Frederick G. <i>Connie Mack. Grand Old Man of Baseball</i>	1945
b. 1, f. 8	Mack, Connie. <i>My 66 Years in the Big Leagues</i>	1950

## **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**

Baseball  
Journalists  
Tuberculosis

### **Genres / Formats**

Poems

### **Names**

Durant, Harry, 1870-1957  
Mack, Connie, 1862-1956  
Phelps, William Lyon, 1865-1943  
Sedgwick, Hubert M. (Hubert Merrill),  
1867-1950  
Taft, William H. (William Howard), 1857-1930

### **Corporate Body**

Yale College (1887- ). Class of 1894