

# Preliminary Guide to the Edward Tallmadge Root Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1248

**CREATOR:** Root, Edward Tallmadge, 1865-1948

**TITLE:** Edward Tallmadge Root family papers

**DATES:** 1804-1948

**BULK DATES:** 1874-1948

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3.5 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, diaries, sermons, essays, speeches, and printed matter relating to E. Tallmadge Root's service as a Congregational minister in churches in New England, 1890-1935. Included also are speeches made in connection with his candidacy in Massachusetts for governor (1940) and Senator (1944) for the Prohibition Party. Personal papers include autograph albums, family account books, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous family correspondence. One-third of the papers consist of diaries kept by E. Tallmadge Root from 1874 to 1948; by William Scott Root from 1874 to 1880; and by other family members from 1842 to 1899.

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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 Dorothy C. Root, 1981 and 1983.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edward Tallmadge Root: clergyman; graduate, N.Y. Classical Institute, 1883; A.B., Yale, 1887, B.D., 1890; ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, 1890; pastor, Second Congregational Church, Baltimore, 1891-1896, Elmwood Temple Congregational Church, Providence, 1896-1904; secretary, R.I. Federation of Churches, 1903-1912, Mass. Federation of Churches, 1904-1930; pastor, Congregational Church, Westmore, Vermont, 1933-1935; prohibition candidate for governor, 1940, for U.S. Senator, 1944.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence, diaries, sermons, essays, speeches, and printed matter relating to E. Tallmadge Root's service as a Congregational minister in churches in New England, 1890-1935. Included also are speeches made in connection with his candidacy in Massachusetts for governor (1940) and Senator (1944) for the Prohibition Party. Personal papers include autograph albums, family account books, scrapbooks, and miscellaneous family correspondence. One-third of the papers consist of diaries kept by E. Tallmadge Root from 1874 to 1948; by William Scott Root from 1874 to 1880; and by other family members from 1842 to 1899.

## Collection Contents

### Inventory, 1804--1948

#### E. Tallmadge Root (1865-1948)

b.1	Unsorted correspondence (9 folders)	
b.1	Sermons and speeches (3 folders)	1894-1947
b.1	Programs of meetings he addressed	
b.1	Books and pamphlets	
b.1	Printed material	
b.1	Manuscripts and typescripts (2 folders)	
b.1	Pamphlets and papers relating to church(es)	
b.1	Church programs and announcements	
b.1	Papers relating to church timber lands	1934-1935
b.1	Genealogy	
b.1	Notes	
b.1	Materials relating to Yale	
b.1	Calling cards	
b.1	Unsorted newspaper clippings (5 folders)	
b.2	<i>Our Young Folks: An Illustrated Magazine for Boys and Girls</i> English	1873
b.2	Autograph book, notebook	
b.2	Family expense books	1884-1945
b.2	New Testament	1804
b.2	Scrapbook of published poems	
b.2	Scrapbook of articles	
b.2	Letters to Mary T. Root (2 folders)	1890-1895
b.2	Samuel Tallmadge, unsorted correspondence	1815-1867
Journals and Diaries		
b.2	Journal, including section titled "Observations on Development of My Son, Edward Merrill Root"	
b.3	Journals of E. Tallmadge Root and W. Scott Root	1874-1887
b.3	Journal of E. Tallmadge Root	1874-1891

## Journals and Diaries (continued)

b. 3	Journal, unidentified	1842-1888
b. 3	Diaries of others	1865-1899
b. 3	Diaries of William Scott Root	1874-1880
b. 3	Diaries of E. Tallmadge Root (10 folders)	1874-1948
b. 3	DAR certificate for Georgiana M. Root (in mailing tube)	1922

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## Correspondence

## To ET

b. 1, f. 1	Bates, William	1915 January 15
b. 1, f. 2	Merrill	1928, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Post Cards	1894-1947
b. 1, f. 4	Winthrop	1947
To Merrill		
b. 1, f. 5	Unidentified	1917 April 23
From Alsa		
b. 1, f. 6	Family	1927, undated
From Merrill		
b. 1, f. 7	Family	1930, undated
b. 1, f. 8-9	General	1882-1941
b. 1, f. 10	Handwritten Conversation with Lord Bryon	Undated
b. 1, f. 11	Photograph	
b. 1, f. 12	Poems by ET	
b. 1, f. 13	Programs, clippings	
b. 1, f. 14	Unidentified typescript of letter and questionnaire	Undated
b. 1, f. 15	Account books	1903, 1928, 1943
b. 1, f. 16	<i>50th Anniversary of City of Somerville</i> English	
b. 1, f. 17	Guest book	
b. 1, f. 18	Personal index book	

## **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**

Clergy  
Families

### **Geographic Names**

Massachusetts -- Politics and government

### **Genres / Formats**

Autographs  
Diaries  
Sermons

### **Names**

Root, Edward Tallmadge, 1865-1948  
Root, William Scott  
Tallmadge, Samuel, 1755-1825

### **Families**

Root family

### **Corporate Bodies**

Congregational Churches in the United States  
Prohibition Party