

Guide to the Enoch Fitch Burr Papers

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Collection Overview

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TITLE: Enoch Fitch Burr papers

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SUMMARY: Letters to Enoch Fitch Burr of Lyme, Conn., Yale 1839, clergyman, author, and lecturer on religion and science. The Reverend Dr. Burr was a direct descendant of Nathaniel Burr of Fairfield, Conn., a brother of Jehue Burr from Aaron Burr, the vice-president, was descended. Correspondents include William Cullen Bryant, Horace Bushnell, James Dwight Dana, William Gladstone, Mark Hopkins, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Denison Olmsted, and Theodore Dwight Woolsey. The correspondence consists mostly of routine acknowledgements and letters of introduction.

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Biographical / Historical

Enoch Fitch Burr studied science, then was ordained to preach in 1850; from 1850-1907 he served in a church in Hamburg, Ct.; he wrote on religion and the application of science to religion.

Scope and Contents

Letters to Enoch Fitch Burr of Lyme, Connecticut, from a number of prominent individuals make up these papers. Included are Henry Ward Beecher, Willian Cullen Bryant, Horace Bushnell, James Dwight Dana, William Gladstone, Mark Hopkins, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Samuel F. B. Morse, Denison Olmsted, Alfred Lord Tennyson, John Greenleaf Whittier, and Theodore Dwight Woolsey, among others. Unfortunately, most of the correspondence consists of letters of recommendation and acknowledgments of books received from Burr, although the letters from James Dwight Dana and a few others do contain discussions of science and religion. In addition, there are several miscellaneous items, including a partial genealogy of Burr.

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b. 1, f. 3	Day, Jeremiah (1773-1867)	1842
b. 1, f. 3	Dwight, Edward Strong (1820-1890)	1868
b. 1, f. 3	Farrar, Frederick William (1831-1903)	1888
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b. 1, f. 6	Seelye, Julius Hawley (1824-1895)	1875
b. 1, f. 7	Stanley, Anthony Dumond (1810-1853)	1842
b. 1, f. 7	Tait, Archibald Campbell, Abp. of Canterbury (1811-1882)	1873
b. 1, f. 7	Tennyson, Alfred Tennyson, 1st baron (1809-1892)	1878
b. 1, f. 8	Thacher, Thomas Anthony (1815-1886)	1884
b. 1, f. 8	Tyler, William Seymour (1810-1897)	1876
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Miscellaneous

1872, 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

Clergy
Religion and science

Names

Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878
Burr, E. F. (Enoch Fitch), 1818-1907
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Dana, James Dwight, 1813-1895
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Olmsted, Denison, 1791-1859
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Salisbury, Edward Elbridge, 1814-1901
Seelye, Julius H. (Julius Hawley), 1824-1895
Stanley, Anthony D. (Anthony Dumond),
1810-1853
Tait, Archibald Campbell, 1811-1882
Tennyson, Alfred Tennyson, Baron, 1809-1892
Tyler, W. S. (William Seymour), 1810-1897
Vincent, John Heyl, 1832-1920
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Families

Burr family