

Guide to the Norman White Cary Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Cary, Norman White, 1849-1928

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of letters exchanged between Norman White Cary and his mother and sister during his four years at Yale College. The letters provide a detailed record of his life as a student with accounts of studies, finances, social and cultural events, and life in New Haven. His mother's letters are intensely solicitous of Cary's physical and moral well-being, but also describe family happenings and social life in Philadelphia where she was head of a school for young ladies.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of N. Leroy Cary, 1944.

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Biographical / Historical

Norman White Cary, son of Rev. Josiah Addison and Gertrude (Jenkins) Cary, was born in New York City, New York, on October 29, 1849. He was prepared for college at the Rev. Dr. J. W. Faire's Classical Institute, Philadelphia, and Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. He graduated from Yale with the class of 1870 and received an A.M. from Yale in 1873. That same year, he also graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary. He entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church and was pastor over numerous churches along the east coast and in the northern Midwest. Around 1885, he had the desire to teach and began a school in North Dakota, then moved to Baltimore to learn chemistry and physics at Johns Hopkins University. He quickly returned to the ministry, though, and eventually also began selling life insurance. He and his wife, Hannah S. Craig had three children Addison Reading (1886), Medora Alice (1888), and Norman Leroy (1892). He died on May 11, 1928.

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Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1 - 53 1866 Sep-1869 Jul

b. 2, f. 54 - 70 1869 Sep-1870 Jul

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

Mothers and sons
Students
Women teachers

Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.) -- History
Philadelphia (Pa.) -- Social life and customs

Names

Cary, Gertrude Jenkins
Cary, Norman White, 1849-1928

Corporate Bodies

Yale College (1718-1887). Class of 1870
Yale University -- Students