

Guide to the Wayland Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1067

CREATOR: Wayland family

TITLE: Wayland family papers

DATES: 1846-1959

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The principal figure is Francis Wayland (1826-1904) whose early career as a lawyer and justice of the peace in Worcester, Massachusetts is reflected in miscellaneous legal and financial papers (1850-1859). Four poems (1897-1898) by Francis Wayland for various Bar Committee meetings are in the papers. Also included are a few letters from David Josiah Brewer and Benjamin D. Silliman, and household bills and receipts. His father, Francis Wayland, is represented by a notebook, kept by George Park Fisher, recording Wayland's lectures at Brown University on "Mental Philosophy and the Evidences of Christianity".

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Francis Wayland was born on August 23, 1826, in Boston, Massachusetts. His father, also named Francis, was the longtime president of Brown University. Naturally, the younger Francis received his undergraduate education at Brown, graduating with the degree of A.B. in 1846. After studying law at Harvard Law School, in Providence, Rhode Island, and Springfield, Massachusetts, he was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. He began practicing law in Worcester, Massachusetts. On October 6, 1857, he married Martha Read of New Haven, where he soon moved. In 1864 and 1865, he was judge of probate for the New Haven district and in 1869, he served as lieutenant-governor of Connecticut. In 1871, he was appointed instructor in law at Yale Law School and a year later became full professor. The following year, he became dean of the law school, where he served until his retirement in 1901. He died in New Haven, on January 9, 1904.

Scope and Contents

These papers pertain to Francis Wayland (1796-1865) and to his son, Francis Wayland (1826-1904). Relating to the senior Wayland is a notebook kept by George Park Fisher at Brown University, "President Wayland's Lectures on Mental Philosophy and the Evidences of Christianity." George P. Fisher donated the volume to Yale University in 1907. The provenance of the other items in this collection is uncertain.

Relating to the younger Wayland are several outgoing and incoming letters, including one from David Josiah Brewer of the United States Supreme Court concerning a lecture he was to give, and one from Benjamin D. Silliman concerning a portrait of Charles Kent. The remainder of the papers consist of household bills and receipts, and legal papers such as deeds and indentures generated by the younger Wayland in his capacity as justice of the peace in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Fisher, George Park: "President Wayland's Lectures on Mental Philosophy and the Evidences of Christianity"	1846
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	Wayland, Francis (1826-1904)	
b. 1, f. 2	Letters	1866-1900
b. 1, f. 3 - 9	Legal and financial papers	1850-1959
b. 1, f. 10	Poems: AMs	1897-1898, undated
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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

Cost and standard of living
Educators
Families
Lawyers

Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.)
Worcester (Mass.)

Genres / Formats

Poetry

Names

Brewer, David J. (David Josiah), 1837-1910
Fisher, George Park, 1827-1909
Wayland, Francis, 1796-1865
Wayland, Francis, 1826-1904

Families

Whelan family