

# Guide to the Jonathan Brace Papers

GEN MSS 1906



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1906

**CREATOR:** Brace, J. (Jonathan), 1810-1877

**TITLE:** Jonathan Brace Papers

**DATES:** 1785-1877

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.67 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** Letters, journals, and sermons by or relating to Jonathan Brace, Congregationalist minister at First Congregational Church in Litchfield and Milford, Connecticut, 1785-1877. Some materials pertain to members of the Brace family, specifically Brace's mother, Lucy Mather Brace; his aunt, Fanny Brace; and his grandfather, Congressman Jonathan Brace (1754-1837).

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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

Source unknown.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Beinecke Manuscript Unit Processing Manual.

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## Biographical / Historical

Jonathan Brace (1810-1877) graduated from Amherst College in 1831 and pursued theological studies in Andover, Massachusetts; New Haven, Connecticut; and Princeton, New Jersey. In 1844, after having served as pastor of the Congregational Church in Litchfield, Connecticut, for about eight years, he resigned from his post. By the following year, he had resumed his ministry at the First Congregational Church in Milford, Connecticut.

Brace was married to Sarah E. Brace (-1866), with whom he had a son, William Henry Brace (-1846).

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## Scope and Contents

Letters, journals, and sermons by or relating to Jonathan Brace, Congregationalist minister at First Congregational Church in Litchfield and Milford, Connecticut, 1785-1877. Some materials pertain to members of the Brace family, specifically Brace's mother, Lucy Mather Brace; his aunt, Fanny Brace; and his grandfather, Congressman Jonathan Brace (1754-1837).

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Correspondence, 1785-1877. II. Papers, 1808-1876.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1785–1877

Series I contains letters to or from Jonathan Brace; his grandfather, Congressman Jonathan Brace (1754-1837); and other members of the Brace family including Lucy Brace and Fanny Brace.

Series I is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

b. 1, f. 1	Atwater, Lyman H. - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Jonathan Brace	1831 February and 1832 June 12
b. 1, f. 2	Averill(?), Roget - autograph letter, signed, to Dr. Rev. Jonathan Brace	1868 March 30
b. 1, f. 3	Beach, Annie - 5 autograph letters, signed, to Lucy Brace	1855 August 15 and undated
b. 1, f. 4	Brace, E. - autograph letter, signed, to daughter, Sarah Brace	undated
b. 1, f. 5	Brace, Fanny - 9 autograph letters, signed, to father, Hon. Jonathan Brace	1799–1800
b. 1, f. 6	Brace, (F. A.?) - autograph letter, signed, to brother, Rev. Jonathan Brace	1831 April 18
b. 1, f. 7	Brace, (J. M.?) - autograph letter, signed, to Jonathan Brace	1836 July 29
b. 1, f. 8	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - autograph letter, signed, to wife, Anna Brace	1798 October 21
b. 1, f. 9	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 7 autograph letters, signed, to Fanny Brace	1799–1801
b. 1, f. 10	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 4 autograph letters, signed to grandson, Jonathan Brace	1830–1835
b. 1, f. 11	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 2 autograph letters, signed, to son, Thomas K. Brace	1834 January 27 and undated
b. 1, f. 12	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Rev. President Day	1819 May 8 and 1823 February 21
b. 1, f. 13	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Professor Hall	1827 October 4 and December 13
b. 1, f. 14	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 3 autograph letters, signed, to Benjamin Tallmadge	1799 August 24, 31 and September 16
b. 1, f. 15	Brace, Hon. Jonathan - 1 manuscript, signed, and 2 autograph letters, signed, to Governor Trumbull	1798 October 31 and 1800 July 4
b. 1, f. 16	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - 8 autograph letters, signed, to his parents, Thomas K. and Lucy Brace	1827–1845
b. 1, f. 17	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - autograph letter, signed, to Thomas K. Brace	1837 December 25
b. 1, f. 18	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - autograph letter, signed, to Congregational Church and Society of Litchfield, CT	1838 May 22
b. 1, f. 19	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - copy autograph letter, signed, to First Ecclesiastical Society	1864 April 18

b. 1, f. 20	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - autograph letter, signed, to grandfather, Hon. Jonathan Brace	1822 August 25
b. 1, f. 21	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - 2 autograph letters, signed, to daughter, Lucy Brace	1855 June 13 and August 25
b. 1, f. 22	Brace, Lucy Lee - 9 autograph letters, signed, to parents, Rev. Jonathan and Sarah Brace	1851 and undated
b. 1, f. 23	Brace, Samuel W. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Dr. Jonathan Brace	1876 January 1
b. 1, f. 24	Brace, Sarah E. - 5 autograph letters, signed, to daughter, Lucy Brace	undated
b. 1, f. 25	Brace, Thomas K. - autograph letter, signed, to father, Hon. Jonathan Brace	1799 January 15
b. 1, f. 26	Brace, Thomas K. - 2 autograph letters, signed, to son, Rev. Jonathan Brace	1857 November 5 and 1858 August 21
b. 1, f. 27	Buckingham, Sarah A. - autograph letter, signed, to "Mrs. Brace"	1853 June 13
b. 1, f. 28	Bullock, A. H. - autograph letter, signed, to "Mr. Brace"	1858 August 19
b. 1, f. 29	Chittenden, R. H. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1877 January 2
b. 1, f. 30	Chittenden, Thomas - autograph letter, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1785 May 6
b. 1, f. 31	[Fay?], Lusie M. - autograph letter, signed, to Lucy Brace	undated
b. 1, f. 32	Goodell, C. L. - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1867 November 15 and 19
b. 1, f. 33	Goodrich, Chancey - 3 autograph letters, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1796 March 27, April 9 and 1798 April 11
b. 1, f. 34	Granger, Gideon - autograph letter, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1821 December 27
b. 1, f. 35	Hall, Professor F. - autograph letter, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace, with a copy of Brace's reply	1827 August 3
b. 1, f. 36	Hamilton Literary Association - Minutes and autograph letter, signed, to Thomas K. Brace	1841 April 13
b. 1, f. 37	Hartford, Common Council of the City of - Acceptance of Thomas K. Brace's resignation from the Office of Mayor	1843 April 12
b. 1, f. 38	Hawes, J. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace, with a copy of Brace's reply	1844 September 6
b. 1, f. 39	Henry, James W. - autograph letter, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1799 April 1
b. 1, f. 40	Hulhall(?), Frances L. - autograph letter, signed, to Lucy Brace	1855 October 1
b. 1, f. 41	Kellogg, Martha L. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1855 April 7
b. 1, f. 42	Kimberly, Anson - autograph letter, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1798 March 25

b. 1, f. 43	Litchfield, First Congregational Society of - Minutes and Resolutions	1844 February 19 and 27
b. 1, f. 44	Loomis, S. L. - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Thomas K. Brace	1838 March 6 and 1844 January 24
b. 1, f. 45	Magill, S. H. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1867 November 7
b. 1, f. 46	Milford, First Church and Society of - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1845 August 21
b. 1, f. 47	Milford, First Ecclesiastical Society of - Preamble and Resolutions	1863 December 21
b. 1, f. 48	Miller, Samuel - Verification of enrollment of Rev. Jonathan Brace at Princeton Theological Seminary	1835 August 11
b. 1, f. 49	New Britain, South Church and Congregation of - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1867 November 11
b. 1, f. 50	New Haven, Association of the Eastern District of - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1834 August 6
b. 1, f. 51	Peck, Charles - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1869 November 20
b. 1, f. 52	Putnam, Austin - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1859 February 22
b. 1, f. 53	Sabin, Lewis - 4 autograph letters, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1870-1871
b. 1, f. 54	Shepard, H.(?) - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	undated
b. 1, f. 55	Smith, Andrew A. - Address concerning the death of William H. Brace (to the Hamilton Literary Association?)	circa 1846
b. 1, f. 56	Smith, F. H. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1835 March 17
b. 1, f. 57	Sterling, Emilie E. - autograph letter, signed, to Lucy Brace	1855 April 3
b. 1, f. 58	Sullivan(?), J. P. - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace, with letters from William Moore	1862 November 7
b. 1, f. 59	Tallmadge, Benjamin - 6 autograph letters, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1799-1803
b. 1, f. 60	Tompkins, Daniel D. - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1817 February 5 and 17
b. 1, f. 61	Treadwell, John - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1798 December 19 and 1799 February 25
b. 1, f. 62	Trumbull, Jonathan - 2 autograph letters, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace	1798 October 19 and 1800 July 7
b. 1, f. 63	Western Reserve Historical Society - autograph letter, signed, to Rev. Jonathan Brace	1870 April 22

b. 1, f. 64

Wheaton, N. S. - autograph letter, signed, to Hon. Jonathan Brace

1826 August 7

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**Series II: Papers, 1808–1876**

Series II contains circa 30 sermons, journals, and miscellaneous manuscripts of Jonathan Brace.

Series II is arranged roughly by format.

b. 2, f. 65	Typescript sermons	1852–1858
b. 2, f. 66-74	Manuscript sermons	1837–1862
b. 3, f. 75	Manuscript journal	circa 1834
b. 3, f. 76	Manuscript journal	circa 1840s
b. 3, f. 77	Manuscript notebook with newspaper clippings, titled "For My Children"	1831
b. 3, f. 78	Brace, Rev. Jonathan - Manuscript account book	1850–1863
b. 3, f. 79	Manuscript journal - "List of Sermons and Dates Preached"	1852–1857
b. 3, f. 80	Manuscript account book of charitable contributions	1870–1876
b. 3, f. 81	Manuscript account book	circa 1845-1857
b. 3, f. 82	Manuscript funeral sketch book	undated
b. 3, f. 83	Manuscript journal - "List of Sermons and Dates Preached"	1858–1863
b. 4, f. 84	Manuscript notebook listing five hundred sermons and their texts	undated
b. 4, f. 85	Manuscript marriage account book	circa 1845-1863
b. 4, f. 86	Manuscript journal - "List of Sermons and Dates Preached"	circa 1844-1852
b. 4, f. 87	Manuscript account book	circa 1860-1875
b. 4, f. 88	Miscellaneous Brace family papers	1808–1873

## **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.

### **Genres / Formats**

Sermons

### **Subjects**

Clergy -- Connecticut  
Congregationalists -- Connecticut  
Sermons, American -- Connecticut  
Women -- Connecticut

### **Occupations**

Clergy -- Connecticut -- 18th century  
Clergy -- Connecticut -- 19th century

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Religion -- 18th century  
Connecticut -- Religion -- 19th century  
Litchfield (Conn.)  
New Milford (Conn.)

### **Corporate Bodies**

First Congregational Church (Litchfield, Conn.)  
First Congregational Church (New Milford, Conn.)

### **Contributors**

Brace, J. (Jonathan), 1810-1877  
Brace, Jonathan, 1754-1837  
Brace family  
Brace, Lucy Mather, 1767-1837  
Brace, Fanny, 1781-1826