

# Guide to the Letters to Elias Loomis

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**SUMMARY:** Circa 800 autograph letters, mostly signed, addressed to Elias Loomis, 1828-1889. Letters pertain chiefly to Loomis's teaching and research in astronomy and meteorology. Correspondents are primarily scientists and other scholars.

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## Related Materials

Associated material: Elias Loomis Family Papers (MS 331), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Elias Loomis (1811-1889) (Yale 1830) was an astronomer, meteorologist, teacher, and author of scientific and mathematical texts. He was a tutor at Yale College from 1833 to 1836 and was professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at Western Reserve College from 1836 to 1844 and at the University of the City of New York from 1844 to 1860. Loomis became professor of natural philosophy at Yale in 1860.

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b. 4, f. 183	Sprague, William Buell	1851 March 8
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b. 4, f. 188	Sykes, William Henry	1860 October 28
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b. 4, f. 189	Tatlock, John	1861 December 13
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b. 4, f. 190	Tooley, Henry	1838 June 19
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b. 4, f. 193	Upton, W.	1884 May 29
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b. 5, f. 194	Wackerbarth, A. D.	1873-1883
b. 5, f. 194	Walker, Charles	1860-1861
b. 5, f. 194	Walker, David	1861 August 12
b. 5, f. 195-209	Walker, Sears Cook	1838-1850
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b. 5, f. 213	Whitney, Josiah Dwight	1880-1884
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