

# Guide to the Joseph Hopkins Twichell Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 755

**CREATOR:** Twichell, Joseph Hopkins, 1838-1918

**TITLE:** Joseph Hopkins Twichell papers

**DATES:** 1855-1918

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 7.72 linear feet (22 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection contains correspondence, writings, and personal and professional papers documenting the personal life and activities of Nineteenth- and early twentieth-century American pastor Joseph Hopkins Twichell. Correspondence consists of letters from Twichell, chiefly to his family, dating from 1855 to 1864, and incoming letters from Frederick Edwin Church, William Reed Eastman, and others. There are notebooks and scrapbooks dating from Twichell's service in the 71st New York Volunteers during the Civil War and later material, including journals, travel diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks, photograph albums, and drafts of sermons and speeches, document his personal and clerical activities.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Joseph Twichell and Mrs. Charles Ives, 1951, and Charles P. Twichell and Mrs. Burton P. Twichell, 1967.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Joseph Hopkins Twichell Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

This collection received a basic level of processing, including rehousing and in some instances minimal organization. Various acquisitions associated with the collection have not been merged and organized as a whole. Each acquisition is described separately in the contents list below, identified by a unique call number and titled according to month and year of acquisition.

The finding aid for this collection is compiled from individual preliminary lists for each acquisition that were created at or around the time of receipt by the library. The preliminary lists were migrated to comply with current archival descriptive standards and merged into a single file in 2007-2008. As part of the migration, modifications were made to the formatting of individual lists; however, the content of the lists was neither modified nor verified. During baseline processing of the collection in 2013, minor revisions were made in the arrangement and description.

This finding aid may be updated to account for revisions in arrangement and description.

Former call numbers: Za Twichell and Uncat Za Ms 167.

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## Joseph Hopkins Twichell (1838-1918)

Joseph Hopkins Twichell was born 27 May 1838 in Southington, Connecticut to Edward Twichell and Selina Delight Carter. He attended schools in Southington and graduated from Yale University with the class of 1859. He began his theological studies at Union Seminary in New York, but they were interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil War, during which he served as chaplain of the 71st New York Volunteers. After the war, he resumed his theological studies at Andover Theological Seminary and, in 1865, he took over as pastor of Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut, where he remained until his death.

Biographical information taken from "Joseph Hopkins Twichell." *Dictionary of American Biography*. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1936. *Biography In Context*. Web. 21 June 2013.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, writings, and personal and professional papers documenting the life and activities of nineteenth and early twentieth century American pastor Joseph Hopkins Twichell. Correspondence consists of letters from Twichell, chiefly to his family, dating from 1855 to 1864, and incoming letters from Frederick Edwin Church, William Reed Eastman, and others. There are notebooks and scrapbooks dating from Twichell's service in the 71st New York Volunteers during the Civil War and

later materials, including journals, travel diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks, photograph albums, and drafts of sermons and speeches, document his personal and clerical activities.

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## **Arrangement**

Organized into three groupings: May 1945 Acquisition, October 1967 Acquisition, and October 1967 Acquisition.

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## Collection Contents

### May 1951 Acquisition, 1861-1918

2.09 linear feet (6 boxes)

The May 1951 Acquisition consists of twelve autograph manuscript journals dating from 1874 through to 1918, and letters from Joseph Hopkins Twichell to his family and others. The journals also contain scattered clippings and letters.

Former call number: Za Twichell.

Gift of Joseph Twichell and Mrs. Charles Ives, 1951.

Organized into two subdivisions, Journals and Civil War Letters, and arranged chronologically within each subdivision.

Journals		
b.1	<a href="#">Volume 1</a>	1874-1875
b.1	Volume 2	1876-1877
b.1	<a href="#">Volume 3</a>	1877-1879
b.1	<a href="#">Volume 4</a>	1880-1882
b.1	Volume 5	1882-1888
b.2	Volume 6	1888-1898
b.2	Volume 7	1898-1903
b.2	Volume 8	1903-1907
b.3	<a href="#">Volume 9</a>	1907-1913
b.3	Volume 10	1914
b.4	Volume 11 Entries dated from April 8, 1915 - April 13, 1915 are by Twichell; later entries are in an unidentified hand, possibly by Susan Twichell	1915-1918
b.4	Volume O: Various things that may be of interest to my children	undated
Civil War Letters		
b.5	<a href="#">Letters</a> 15 Folders	1861-1864
b.6	Letters (copies) 5 Folders	undated

**October 1967 Acquisition, 1855-1918***4.59 linear feet (11 boxes)*

The October 1967 Acquisition contains Civil War material, correspondence, travel diaries, notebooks, scrapbooks, and drafts of sermons and speeches. Correspondence consists of letters from Twichell to his parents, dating from 1855 to 1861, and letters from others, including Frederick Edwin Church and William Reed Eastman.

Former call number: Za Twichell.

Gift of Charles P. Twichell and Mrs. Burton P. Twichell, 1967.

Organized into eight subdivisions: Civil War Material, Correspondence, Miscellaneous Material, Notebooks, Scrapbooks, Sermons, Speeches, and Travel Diaries.

Civil War Material		
b. 7	"Diary of the Wilderness Campaign" <i>2 Folders</i>	1864-1899
b. 7	Notebooks <i>4 Folders</i>	1860-1864, undated
b. 7	["Memorabilia of the Civil War, Vol. I"?], scrapbook	1861-1890, undated
b. 8	"Memorabilia of the Civil War," scrapbooks <i>2 Folders</i> Includes Vols. II-III	1895-1914
Correspondence		
b. 9	"A" - "Z" general	1858-1913, undated
b. 9	Abelle, W. H.	1885-1886
b. 9	Boris, H. M.	1858-1866
b. 9	Carrington, Edward	1858-1913, undated
b. 9	Church, Frederick E.	1889 December 8
b. 9	Eastman, William R.	1864 February
b. 9	<a href="#">Hawley, J. R.</a>	1872-1895
b. 9	Hopkins, Henry <i>2 Folders</i>	1864-1869, undated
b. 9	James, D. M.	1903
b. 9	Parker, E. P.	1870-1871, undated
b. 9	Perkins, Edward	1865-1866

## Correspondence (continued)

b. 9	Rafferty, Thomas	1862-1878, undated
b. 9	Sickles, D. E.	1911, 1913
b. 9	Smith, Eugene	1858-1873
b. 9	Stiles, Robert	1860-1868, undated
b. 9	Stiles, William A.	1863-1878, undated
b. 9	Twichell, David C. Contains memorandum and copy of letter from S. Parkes Cadman	1918, undated
b. 9	<a href="#">Twichell, Joseph Hopkins</a>	1867-1876, undated
b. 9	Twichell, S. I.	1867, undated
b. 9	<a href="#">Yung, Wing</a>	1874, 1881
Miscellaneous Material		
b. 9	Hartford in literature <i>2 Folders</i>	1911, undated
b. 10	"The Pennsylvania Woods, 1856 & 1857"	undated
b. 10	Letters <i>6 Folders</i>	1855-1861
b. 10	Unsorted material	1885-1913, undated
Notebooks		
b. 10	"Contributions to the Gift of 125 Woodland Street"	1888, undated
b. 10	"Parish Calls" <i>2 Folders</i>	1868-1915
b. 11	"Parish Calls" <i>3 Folders</i>	1868-1915
b. 11	"Sunday School Classes" <i>2 Folders</i>	1880-1881
b. 11	"Young People's Meetings"	undated
b. 11	Prayers <i>2 Folders</i>	undated
Scrapbooks		
b. 12	Scrapbooks, v.0 - v.3 <i>4 Folders</i>	1874-1901, undated



## Scrapbooks (continued)

b. 13	Scrapbooks, v.4 - v.6 <i>3 Folders</i>	1901-1914, undated
b. 14	Scrapbook, v.7	1914-1915, undated
Sermons		
b. 14	"Acts 25: 18-19"	undated
b. 14	"The Coming Man"	undated
b. 14	"I Cor. XIV:3"	undated
b. 14	"I Cor. 16:9"	undated
b. 14	"Daniel I:17"	undated
b. 14	"Daniel X:12"	undated
b. 14	"Deut. 8:2"	1905
b. 14	"Eph. 4:28"	1905
b. 14	"Exodus III:5"	undated
b. 14	"Ezra 8:27"	undated
b. 14	"Gal I:11-12"	1876
b. 14	"Gal. I: 1-5: The Gospels View of Our Life"	undated
b. 14	" Hebrews XII: 22-24"	1898 September 25
b. 14	"Jeremiah 6:16"	undated
b. 14	"John 18:34"	undated
b. 14	"John 15:16"	undated
b. 14	"John 4:10"	undated
b. 14	"John VI:32-34"	undated
b. 15	"John IX:35-38"	undated
b. 15	"John XII:10-11"	1879 March 9
b. 15	"Livingstone"	undated
b. 15	"Luke II:51-52"	undated
b. 15	"Luke IV:16"	undated
b. 15	"Luke 12:23"	1908
b. 15	"Luke XVI:31"	1898 October 2[7?]

## Sermons (continued)

b. 15	"Luke 22:61"	undated
b. 15	"Mark 6:6"	undated
b. 15	"Mark 10:17"	undated
b. 15	"Matt 6:28-30"	undated
b. 15	"Matt 8:9"	1896 October 19
b. 15	"Matt 9:16-17"	undated
b. 15	"Matt 10:34"	undated
b. 15	"I Pet. 4:12-14"	undated
b. 15	"Phil 2:9-11"	1905
b. 15	"Phil 3:12-14"	1895, 1904
b. 15	"Romans I:32"	undated
b. 15	"Romans XIV:21"	undated
b. 15	"I Sam XVII:37"	undated
b. 15	"2 Sam 3:1"	undated
b. 15	"2 Sam 3:38"	undated
b. 15	"I Tim 6:12"	undated
b. 15	"I Tim 6:17"	undated
b. 15	"II Tim I:5"	undated
b. 15	"Titus 2:9-10"	1893, 1901
b. 15	"What Is the Ministry For?"	1899, 1901

## Speeches

Arranged alphabetically by venue and event.

b. 16	Arbitration Treaty	1897 February
b. 16	Boston Yale Alumni	1901 February 14
b. 16	Buffalo Yale Alumni Association	1907 December 7
b. 16	Chicago Commercial Club	1890 January
b. 16	Civil and Religious Liberty	1895 October 10
b. 16	Col. H. L. Higginson's Dinner to Yale and Harvard Football Teams	1892 December 9
b. 16	The Confederate Apologia	undated

## Speeches (continued)

b. 16	Dedication of President Woolsey's Statue	1896 June 22
b. 16	Dedication of Soldiers' Monument at Andersonville, Ga.	1907 October 23
b. 16	Dedication of the Church of the Redeemer	1906 December 12
b. 16	Dinner in Home of Walter Camp	1892 February 26
b. 16	Dinner of New England Society, New York	1902 December 22
b. 16	Dinner of the Boston Yale Alumni Association at Young's Hotel	1891 February 3
b. 16	England's Change of Heart	undated
b. 16	Fiction, Park Ch[urch]	1898 January 9
b. 16	First Baptist Ch[urch] Hartford	undated
b. 16	Grant Memorial Service	1885 August 8
b. 16	The Higher Criticism	1902
b. 16	The Irishman as a Citizen and a Soldier	1902 March 17
b. 16	The Joy of the Ministry	1906 June
b. 16	The Means of Grace	undated
b. 16	New England Society, New York	1891 December 22
b. 16	New York Harvard Club	1897 February 19
b. 16	Opening of Yale Gymnasium	1893 January 23
b. 16	Phi Beta Kappa Day, Harvard	1891 June 25
b. 16	Society of Mayflower Descendants, New York	1899 November 22
b. 16	The Soldierly Virtues	undated
b. 17	Thirtieth Anniversary Talk	1895 December 13
b. 17	Yale Alumni Asso[ciation], N.Y.	1898 February 14
b. 17	Yale Alumni Association of N.E. Pa	1898 January 3
b. 17	Yale Alumni Dinner, New York	1892 January 15
b. 17	Yale Alumni, Hartford	1905 February
b. 17	Yale Alumni Supper, New York	1883 December 3
b. 17	Yale-Harvard Debate	1892 March 25

## Speeches (continued)

b. 17	Yale-Harvard Football Dinner, New York	189[9?] February
b. 17	Yale-Princeton Debate	undated

## Travel Diaries

b. 17	"Excursion Abroad with A.C. Dunham and H. J. Johnson"	1871, 1877
b. 17	<a href="#">"Trip to Peru with Young Wing"</a> <i>2 Folders</i>	1874
b. 17	"Abroad with the Spragues"	1899
b. 17	"Europe with [?] Jr. and A.C. Dunham"	1900
b. 17	"Vacation, 1905 (Pacific Coast)"	1905
b. 17	"England and Scotland (International Cong. Council)"	1908
b. 17	"Trip Abroad with E.P.P., May 31-July 15, 1910"	1910

**October 1967 Acquisition, 1865-1917**

*1.05 linear feet (5 boxes)*

The second October 1967 Acquisition contains five photograph albums.

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Gift of Charles P. Twichell and Mrs. Burton P. Twichell, 1967.

Arranged in number order.

b. 18	<a href="#">Photograph album, volume 1</a>	1865-1890
b. 19	<a href="#">Photograph album</a>	1895-1910
b. 20	<a href="#">Photograph album, volume 3</a>	1890-1898
b. 21	<a href="#">Photograph album, volume 4</a>	1909-1914
b. 22	<a href="#">Photograph album, volume 5</a>	1915-1917

## **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**

Authors, American -- 19th century -- Archives  
Clergy -- Connecticut -- Hartford  
Congregational churches -- Sermons

### **Geographic Names**

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographic prints  
Sermons -- Connecticut -- Hartford

### **Occupations**

Clergy -- New England -- 19th century

### **Names**

Church, Frederic Edwin, 1826-1900  
Eastman, William Reed, 1835-1925  
Twichell, Joseph Hopkins, 1838-1918

### **Corporate Bodies**

Asylum Hill Congregational Church (Hartford, Conn.)  
United States. Army. New York Volunteers, 71st