

# Guide to the Davenport College and Pierson College, Yale University, Photographs

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 600

**TITLE:** Davenport College and Pierson College, Yale University, photographs

**DATES:** 1930-1961

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains photographs, slides, and pictures of Davenport College and Pierson College at Yale. Included are interior and exterior views, views of the masters' houses, dining halls, and courtyards, as well as photographs documenting construction.

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## Administrative Information

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## Processing Information

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## Scope and Contents

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## General note

Forms part of Yale Record Group 46-B (YRG 46-B), Records and materials documenting individual Yale buildings, facilities, and grounds.

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## Arrangement

The materials are arranged in two series: I. Construction Progress Photographs, 1930-1932. II. General Views, circa 1930-1969.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Construction progress photographs, 1930 - 1932

|                 |  |                                  |
|-----------------|--|----------------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1      | <a href="#">Pre-Construction (pre-demolition site views)</a> | 1930 June                        |
| b. 1, f. 2      | <a href="#">Excavation</a>                                   | 1930 August-<br>October          |
| b. 1, f. 3 - 12 | <a href="#">Construction</a>                                 | 1930 November-<br>1932 September |
| b. 1, f. 13     | Completed exterior   |                                  |

**Series II: General views, circa 1930 - 1961**

|                   |   |                  |
|-------------------|---|------------------|
| b. 2, f. 1        | <a href="#">General construction views, Davenport and Pierson</a>   | circa 1930       |
| Davenport College |   |                  |
| b. 2, f. 2 - 5    | <a href="#">Construction, general</a>   | circa 1930, 1931 |
| b. 2, f. 6 - 7    | <a href="#">York Street facade</a>  | 1931-1933, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 8 - 10   | Courtyard, general  | 1930, n.d        |
| b. 2, f. 11 - 13  | Courtyard B East wall   | 1934-1939, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 14 - 15  | <a href="#">Courtyard B North wall</a>  | 1944-1935, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 16 - 18  | Colonnade and passageways   | 1936-1937, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 19       | Master's garden   | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 20       | Interior B common room  | 1961, n.d        |
| b. 2, f. 21       | Interior B library  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 22 - 25  | Interior B dining hall  | 1930-1940, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 26       | <a href="#">Floor plan (architect's drawing)</a>  | undated          |
| Pierson College   |   |                  |
| b. 2, f. 27       | Construction, general (negatives)   | 1931             |
| b. 2, f. 28-30    | <a href="#">Construction views, general</a>   | 1930- 1932       |
| b. 2, f. 31 - 34  | General   | 1931-1937, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 35 - 38  | <a href="#">Lower Court, Pierson College</a><br>This area was formerly known colloquially as the "Slave Quarters" but since 1980 has been called the Lower Court. | 1934, 1937, n.d  |
| b. 2, f. 39 - 42  | Tower   | 1931-1939, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 43       | Master's House, exterior, Park Street   | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 44       | Master's House, interior  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 45 - 47  | <a href="#">Walkways and gateways</a>   | 1937-1938, n.d   |
| b. 2, f. 48       | Park Street Gate  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 49       | <a href="#">Interior B dining hall</a>  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 50       | <a href="#">Interior B library</a>  | undated          |
| b. 2, f. 51       | <a href="#">Elevation (architect's drawing)</a>   | undated          |

**Series III: Oversize, slides and transparencies**

## Oversize

b. 3, f. 1 [Davenport College](#)

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## Slides

b. 4 Davenport College

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b. 4 Pierson College

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## Transparencies

b. 5 Pierson College, exterior

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b. 5 Pierson College, exterior

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b. 5 Lower Court, Pierson College  
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b. 5 Pierson-Davenport

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## Folio

b. 6 Construction, from top of University Theatre

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b. 6 Site of Pierson, 253 Park [prior to 1930]

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b. 6 Site of Pierson circa 1924

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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**

College buildings -- Design and construction

### **Genres / Formats**

Photographs

Slides (photographs)

### **Corporate Bodies**

Davenport College (Yale University)

Pierson College (Yale University)

Yale University -- Buildings

Yale University -- Pictorial works

Yale University -- Student housing