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# Guide to the Henry Davies Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 85

**CREATOR:** Davies, Henry

**TITLE:** Henry Davies Papers

**DATES:** 1888-1933

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Notes and writings document Davies' education and work. Henry Davies (1864-1940), was first a Congregational minister and later an Episcopal minister, primarily in Connecticut and Maryland. He was a lecturer on the History of Philosophy at Yale from 1896 to 1904.

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.085>.

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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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Henry Davies Papers (RG 85), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1864 July 11	○ Born in London, England
1886	○ Completed studies at Cheshunt College, Cambridge, England
1888	○ B.D., Yale Divinity School
1888 December 5	○ Ordained as Congregational minister
1888-1890	○ Pastorate in Red Jacket, Michigan
1890-1898	○ Pastorates in Greens Farms, Derby, Rocky Hill, and Storrs, Connecticut
1896	○ Ph.D., Yale University
1896-1900	○ Lecturer on the History of Philosophy, Yale
1900-1904	○ Lecturer on the History of Philosophy and Aesthetics, Yale
1903 November 8	○ Ordained as an Episcopal minister
1903-1907	○ Pastorate in Salisbury, Connecticut
1907-1922	○ Pastorate in Easton, Maryland
1922-?	○ Pastorate in Collingdale, Pennsylvania
1940	○ Died

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## Scope and Contents

There is just one folder of correspondence in this collection. The remainder of the material is notes, sermons, and writings of Davies. The class notes taken while studying for his B.D. and Ph.D. at Yale are a valuable source of information regarding the curriculum and methods of teaching at Yale during the period 1886 to 1896. Courses taken by Davies dealt primarily with philosophy, psychology, and theology. His professors included Ladd, Duncan, and Sneath. One of the notebooks compiled by Davies while a Congregational minister deals sketchily with public school conditions in Connecticut.

Davies complemented his clerical duties by delivering lectures before various clubs and organizations. These lecture notes are arranged chronologically with topics noted on the folders. Typical topics include: "The Life and Poetry of Browning", "Evolution", and "Religion and Health". Also included among Davies' writings is a published book, a manuscript draft of another book, and articles written for the *Christian World* in 1933.

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## Arrangement

- I. Correspondence, 1899-1933
- II. Writings and Notes, 1886-1933

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1899-1933

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b. 1, f. 1	Chronologically arranged correspondence	1899-1933
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**Series II: Writings and Notes, 1888-1933, undated**

Class notes while student at Yale		
b. 1, f. 2	New Testament	
b. 1, f. 3	Psychology	
b. 1, f. 3	Theory of Knowledge	
b. 1, f. 4	Philosophical Anthropology	
b. 1, f. 4	Kant	
b. 1, f. 5	History of Ethics	
b. 1, f. 5	Advanced Psychology	
b. 1, f. 5	Introduction to Philosophy	
b. 1, f. 6	Systematic Theology	
b. 2, f. 7	Philosophical Criticism	
b. 2, f. 7	Philosophical Systems	
b. 2, f. 8	History of Philosophy	
b. 2, f. 8	Human Intellect	
b. 2, f. 9	Pastoral Theology	
b. 2, f. 10	Miscellaneous	
Notebooks kept as Congregational minister		
b. 2, f. 11	Conditions of public school in North Mansfield, CT	1888
b. 3, f. 12	Notebook	1892-1896
b. 8, f. 42	Notebook	1897-1919
Lecture notes while instructor at Yale		
b. 3, f. 13-17	Topics include "Pantheism and the Theory of Knowledge", etc.	1899-1903
b. 4, f. 18-22	Topics include "Physiological Aesthetics", etc.	
Miscellaneous lecture notes		
b. 6b. 5, f. 23-35	Chronologically arranged	1909-1930
Sermons		
b. 7, f. 36-38	Chronologically arranged	1888-1922
Other writings		
b. 7, f. 39	<i>Art in Education and Life</i> : book published by Davies	1914

## Other writings (continued)

b. 7, f. 40	"Humanism and Religion": manuscript book draft	1924
b. 7, f. 41	Manuscripts of articles written for the <i>Christian World</i>	1933

## **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**

Clergy  
Clergy -- Connecticut  
Clergy -- Maryland

### **Names**

Davies, Henry