

# Guide to the Eleazar Thompson Fitch Papers

RG 93



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 93

**CREATOR:** Fitch, Eleazar T. (Eleazar Thompson), 1791-1871

**TITLE:** Eleazar Thompson Fitch Papers

**DATES:** 1817-1852

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of manuscript sermons by Fitch. Eleazar T. Fitch (1791-1871) was Livingston Professor of Divinity at Yale from 1817 to 1852, in which his main duty was the supply of the College pulpit. He was Lecturer on Homiletics at the Yale Divinity School from 1824 to 1861.

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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.093>.

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

b.        box

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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

Eleazar Thompson Fitch Papers (RG 93), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1791 January 1	○ Born in New Haven
1810	○ B.A., Yale College
1812	○ Served briefly as Rector of Hopkins Grammar School.
1815	○ Graduated from Andover Theological Seminary, where he assisted Jeremiah Evarts in editing the <i>Panoplist</i> .
1817	○ Married Elizabeth Wooster, who died in 1821
1817	○ Returned to New Haven to serve as Livingston Professor of Divinity in Yale College, a position vacated by the death of President Timothy Dwight.
1822	○ Married Susan Root, who died in 1846
1822	○ Asked Yale administration to appoint an additional theological instructor, resulting in the organization of the Yale Divinity School for graduate theological study.
1822-1824	○ Acting Professor of Sacred Literature at Yale Divinity School
1824-1861	○ Lecturer on Homiletics at Yale Divinity School
1828	○ D. D., University of Pennsylvania
1848	○ Married Mary Lunt, who died in 1893
1852	○ Resigned his office as Livingston Professor of Divinity, in which his main duty had been the supply of the Yale College chapel pulpit.
1871 January 31	○ Died in New Haven

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## Scope and Contents

These manuscript sermons document what was preached in the Yale College chapel during Fitch's tenure as Livingston Professor of Divinity, 1817-1852.

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## Arrangement

I. Sermons, 1817-1852

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### Series I: Sermons, 1817–1852

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b. 3	Nos. 114 - 152
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b. 6	Nos. 234 - 281
b. 7	Nos. 282 - 313
b. 8	Nos. 314 - 351
b. 9	Nos. 352 - 367 and unnumbered

## **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  
Educators

### **Names**

Fitch, Eleazar T. (Eleazar Thompson), 1791-1871

### **Corporate Bodies**

Yale University. Divinity School -- Faculty  
Yale University -- Religion