

# Guide to the Edward Livingston Wells Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1170

**CREATOR:** Wells, Edward Livingston, 1834-1880

**TITLE:** Edward Livingston Wells papers

**DATES:** 1854-1870

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Nearly half the papers are made up of the texts of Edward Livingston Wells' sermons and a series of lectures on Genesis. The remainder consists of notes (in French) made while he was a student at the Protestant Theological Seminary in Montauban, France.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Lewis P. Curtis, 1944.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Edward Livingston Wells was born in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1834. He studied theology in Pau, France and graduated with high honors. Returning to the United States, he began preaching at a Congregational church in Plainville, Connecticut. He moved to the Episcopal church in 1859 and in 1860, was ordained to the priesthood. He would also preach in Louisville, Kentucky, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Southport, Connecticut. In this latter town, he and his wife, Mary Huder Hughes, had several children. He died in New Milford, Connecticut, in 1880.

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## Scope and Contents

The Edward Livingston Wells Papers are contained in one box and were given to Yale University by Lewis Perry Curtis in 1944.

The Papers primarily consist of lectures on Genesis (folders 2-10), sermons (folders 11-13), and student notes (folders 14-23). The lectures on Genesis I:1-31 were given between January and March 1856. Manuscripts of five sermons are included, among them Wells' first sermon, written in French, while he was attending the Protestant Theological Seminary of Montauban, France, and an anniversary sermon from Matthew VII:20. The student notes are all written in French and cover religious topics.

For additional information on the life of Edward Livingston Wells see the Lewis Perry Curtis Family Papers, Manuscript Group Number 587, Series IV.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1864
b. 1, f. 2 - 10	Lectures on Genesis I:1-31	1856 January 6- March 6
Sermons		
b. 1, f. 11	First sermon	[1857?]
b. 1, f. 12	Matthew VII:20	1870 March
b. 1, f. 13	Matthew VII:13-14	undated
b. 1, f. 13	John III:3	undated
b. 1, f. 13	Psalms XIV:2-3 (fragment)	undated
Student notes		
b. 1, f. 14	"Morale" English	1854-1855
b. 1, f. 15	Authenticité des Evangiles	1856
b. 1, f. 16	Vie de Jésus	undated
b. 1, f. 17	Authenticité de l'Evangile selon St. Jean (incomplete) English	undated
b. 1, f. 18 - 21	Histoire de la morale chrétienne	undated
b. 1, f. 22	"Influence morale de la Renaissance" English	undated
b. 1, f. 23	"Les Paraboles" English	undated

## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

France

### **Genres / Formats**

Sermons

### **Subjects**

Clergy

### **Names**

Wells, Edward Livingston, 1834-1880

### **Corporate Bodies**

Episcopal Church -- Connecticut

Episcopal Church -- Massachusetts