

# Guide to the William Channing Woodbridge Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1449

**CREATOR:** Woodbridge, William C. (William Channing), 1794-1845

**TITLE:** William Channing Woodbridge papers

**DATES:** 1783-1905

**BULK DATES:** 1808-1815

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of typescripts of letters, diaries, and documents relating to William Channing Woodbridge's graduate study, including theological studies with Timothy Dwight, at Yale (1814-1817), and travels in Europe and the West Indies (1834-1844). In addition, the papers include typescripts of correspondence of other family members.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

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## Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

William Channing Woodbridge was born in Medford, Massachusetts on December 18, 1794. After graduating from Yale College in 1811, he began his teaching career as a principal in Burlington, New Jersey and then as a teacher in the asylum for the deaf and dumb in Hartford, Connecticut. He devised a system for teaching geography and published a textbook on the subject. In 1831, he purchased an education journal which he published as the *American Annals of Education and Instruction*. He helped make the public aware of the importance of normal schools and was an early American expounder of the Pestalozzian system. Ill health forced him to travel to Europe and the West Indies, and he died in Boston on November 9, 1845.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Arranged by record type.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Certificate	1783
	Correspondence	
b. 1, f. 2	1808-1844	
b. 1, f. 3	1905 English	
b. 1, f. 4 - 6	Diary	1811-1815
b. 1, f. 7	Genealogical data	undated

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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.

### **Names**

Dwight, Timothy, 1752-1817  
Woodbridge, William C. (William Channing),  
1794-1845

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