

# Guide to the Baker family papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1704

**CREATOR:** Baker family

**TITLE:** Baker family papers

**DATES:** 1825-1832

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

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of letters exchanged by Oliver and Otis Baker, both graduates of Yale. Also included are letters to Otis Baker from his sister, Hannah Baker Lang, and letters to both Oliver and Otis Baker from others. A declamation by Oliver Baker is also part of the papers. There is reference to and some description of Yale life, interesting comments on being a teacher, and general comments on what life was like for a young man of the time.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Jonathan C. Brenner, 1995.

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## Biographical / Historical

Oliver Baker, son of Samuel and Hannah (Bush) Baker of Bolton, Massachusetts, was baptized on September 27, 1801. While still an infant, the family moved to Templeton, Massachusetts. Oliver Baker graduated from Yale in 1829. He entered the Andover Theological Seminary in 1831, and a year later transferred to the Yale Divinity School. Oliver Baker died in Rahway, New Jersey on March 15, 1834.

Otis Baker, son of Samuel and Hannah (Bush) Baker, was born in Templeton, Massachusetts on September 27, 1803, and attended Phillips Exeter Academy. He graduated from Yale in 1831, and went south to teach. He died in Virginia in March, 1833.

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## Scope and Contents

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### Original accession

#### Correspondence

##### Baker, Oliver [incoming]

b. 1, f. 1	Baker, Otis	1831-1832
b. 1, f. 2	Camp, Denis	1831-1832
b. 1, f. 3	Camp, H. B.	1826 November 18
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Baker, Otis [incoming]		
b. 1, f. 4	Baker, Hannah	1827-1828
b. 1, f. 5	Baker, Oliver	1825-1832
b. 1, f. 6	Dearborn, [S.?] F.	1830 February 15

#### Writings

b. 1, f. 7	Baker, Oliver [short treatise on the history of the temperance movement]	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.

### **Subjects**

Teaching -- United States -- History -- 19th century

### **Geographic Names**

Durham (Conn. : Town) -- Description and travel  
Methuen (Mass.) -- Description and travel

### **Occupations**

Teachers

### **Names**

Baker, Oliver, 1801-1834  
Baker, Otis, 1803-1833

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Student life