

# Guide to the Enoch Fitch Burr Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 689

**CREATOR:** Burr, E. F. (Enoch Fitch), 1818-1907

**TITLE:** Enoch Fitch Burr papers

**DATES:** 1842-1888

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters to Enoch Fitch Burr of Lyme, Conn., Yale 1839, clergyman, author, and lecturer on religion and science. The Reverend Dr. Burr was a direct descendant of Nathaniel Burr of Fairfield, Conn., a brother of Jehue Burr from Aaron Burr, the vice-president, was descended. Correspondents include William Cullen Bryant, Horace Bushnell, James Dwight Dana, William Gladstone, Mark Hopkins, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Denison Olmsted, and Theodore Dwight Woolsey. The correspondence consists mostly of routine acknowledgements and letters of introduction.

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## Biographical / Historical

Enoch Fitch Burr studied science, then was ordained to preach in 1850; from 1850-1907 he served in a church in Hamburg, Ct.; he wrote on religion and the application of science to religion.

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## Scope and Contents

Letters to Enoch Fitch Burr of Lyme, Connecticut, from a number of prominent individuals make up these papers. Included are Henry Ward Beecher, Willian Cullen Bryant, Horace Bushnell, James Dwight Dana, William Gladstone, Mark Hopkins, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Samuel F. B. Morse, Denison Olmsted, Alfred Lord Tennyson, John Greenleaf Whittier, and Theodore Dwight Woolsey, among others. Unfortunately, most of the correspondence consists of letters of recommendation and acknowledgments of books received from Burr, although the letters from James Dwight Dana and a few others do contain discussions of science and religion. In addition, there are several miscellaneous items, including a partial genealogy of Burr.

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### Correspondence

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b. 1, f. 2	Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences	1846
b. 1, f. 2	Dana, James Dwight (1813-1895)	1871
b. 1, f. 3	Day, Jeremiah (1773-1867)	1842
b. 1, f. 3	Dwight, Edward Strong (1820-1890)	1868
b. 1, f. 3	Farrar, Frederick William (1831-1903)	1888
b. 1, f. 4	Gladstone, William Ewart (1809-1898)	1873
b. 1, f. 4	Hopkins, Mark (1802-1887)	1871-1884
b. 1, f. 5	Lewis, Taylor (1802-1877)	1871
b. 1, f. 5	Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth (1807-1882)	1877
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b. 1, f. 6	Salisbury, Edward Elbridge (1814-1901)	1876, 1880
b. 1, f. 6	Seelye, Julius Hawley (1824-1895)	1875
b. 1, f. 7	Stanley, Anthony Dumond (1810-1853)	1842
b. 1, f. 7	Tait, Archibald Campbell, Abp. of Canterbury (1811-1882)	1873
b. 1, f. 7	Tennyson, Alfred Tennyson, 1st baron (1809-1892)	1878
b. 1, f. 8	Thacher, Thomas Anthony (1815-1886)	1884
b. 1, f. 8	Tyler, William Seymour (1810-1897)	1876
b. 1, f. 8	Vincent, John Heyl (1832-1920)	1873
b. 1, f. 8	Whittier, John Greenleaf (1807-1892)	1878
b. 1, f. 9	Woolsey, Theodore Dwight (1801-1889)	1860
b. 1, f. 9	Yale University, Sheffield Scientific School	1869
b. 1, f. 9	Letter of invitation signed by Henry Ward Beecher, Samuel F. B. Morse, and others	1872

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Miscellaneous

1872, 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

Clergy  
Religion and science

### Names

Bryant, William Cullen, 1794-1878  
Burr, E. F. (Enoch Fitch), 1818-1907  
Bushnell, Horace, 1802-1876  
Dana, James Dwight, 1813-1895  
Day, Jeremiah, 1773-1867  
Dwight, Edward S. (Edward Strong), 1820-1890  
Farrar, F. W. (Frederic William), 1831-1903  
Gladstone, W. E. (William Ewart), 1809-1898  
Hopkins, Mark, 1802-1887  
Lewis, Tayler, 1802-1877  
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth, 1807-1882  
Lyman, Chester Smith, 1814-1890  
Olmsted, Denison, 1791-1859  
Palmer, Ray, 1808-1887  
Salisbury, Edward Elbridge, 1814-1901  
Seelye, Julius H. (Julius Hawley), 1824-1895  
Stanley, Anthony D. (Anthony Dumond),  
1810-1853  
Tait, Archibald Campbell, 1811-1882  
Tennyson, Alfred Tennyson, Baron, 1809-1892  
Tyler, W. S. (William Seymour), 1810-1897  
Vincent, John Heyl, 1832-1920  
Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892  
Woolsey, Theodore Dwight, 1801-1889

### Families

Burr family