

# Guide to the Amos Sheffield Chesebrough Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 888

**CREATOR:** Chesebrough, Amos S. (Amos Sheffield), 1813-1905

**TITLE:** Amos Sheffield Chesebrough papers

**DATES:** 1839-1904

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Sermons, speeches, diaries, and commonplace books of Amos Sheffield Chesebrough and four letters from Joseph Hopkins Twichell. The diaries were kept during a trip to Europe in 1857 in which Chesebrough visited London, Heidelberg and other German cities. The sermons, which make up the major portion of the papers, span the period when he was pastor in churches in Chester, Glastonbury, Vernon and Durham, Connecticut.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. Frank J. Sprague, 1943-1944.

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## Biographical / Historical

Amos S. Chesebrough: from 1835-1837 served as principal of two academies in Massachusetts; from 1841-1853 served as pastor of Congregational Church in Chester, Ct.; from 1853-1857 assisted in his father's mercantile business and occasionally preached; from 1858-1868 pastor of First Church in Glastonbury, Ct.; from 1871-1876 pastor of church in Vernon, Ct.; pastor of First Church of Durham, Ct., 1876- .

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Sermons, speeches, diaries, and commonplace books of Amos Sheffield Chesebrough and four letters from Joseph Hopkins Twichell. The diaries were kept during a trip to Europe in 1857 in which Chesebrough visited London, Heidelberg and other German cities. The sermons, which make up the major portion of the papers, span the period when he was pastor in churches in Chester, Glastonbury, Vernon and Durham, Connecticut.

## Collection Contents

b.1	Twichell, Joseph Hopkins (1838-1918): 4 ALS to Amos S. Chesebrough	1901-1904
b.1	Sermons (by date of first delivery)	1839-1891
	Addresses	
b.1	"The Saybrook Confession of Faith of 1708" (Middlesex Association) English	1888
b.1	"Half Century Talk" (Chester) English	1891
b.1	"Reminiscences, 1841-1853" (Middlesex Assoc.) English	1900
b.1	"Greeting" English	undated
b.1	"Hints on Christian Education: First Paper" English	undated
b.1	"Scepticism" English	undated
b.1	"Scriptures relative to Children" (transcripts) English	undated
b.1	Diaries (principally the outgoing voyage, London, Heidelberg, other German cities) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1857
b.2	Diary (principally London and the voyage home) and passports	1857
b.2	Commonplace books	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.

### **Subjects**

Clergy  
Congregational churches -- Connecticut

### **Geographic Names**

Europe -- Description and travel

### **Genres / Formats**

Commonplace books  
Diaries  
Sermons

### **Names**

Chesebrough, Amos S. (Amos Sheffield),  
1813-1905  
Twichell, Joseph Hopkins, 1838-1918