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# Guide to the Chauncey Booth Papers

RG 281



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 281

**CREATOR:** Booth, Chauncey, 1783-1851

**TITLE:** Chauncey Booth papers

**DATES:** 1808-1844

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5 linear feet (12 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist primarily of the sermons from Booth's pastoral career in South Coventry, Connecticut from 1815 to 1844.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.281>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.281>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.        box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from Andover Newton Theological School, 2017. Donated to Andover Newton Theological School by Booth and Dimock Library, South Coventry, Connecticut in 1953.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Chauncey Booth Papers (RG 281), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

## **Biographical / Historical**

Chauncey Booth was born in East Windsor, Connecticut, on March 15, 1783. He graduated from Yale College in 1810 and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1813. After completion of his theological training, he spent a brief period of time in Bridgewater, New Hampshire, where he engaged in missionary work.

On September 20, 1815, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in South Coventry, Connecticut. His ministry was characterized by several periods of spiritual revival during which almost 300 persons were received into church membership. He remained as pastor until 1844, when he requested dismissal because of ill health. His health continued to deteriorate over the next several years; and he died in South Coventry on May 24, 1851.

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## **Scope and Contents**

The Chauncey Booth Papers, 1808-1844, are primarily the sermons of Booth's entire pastoral career in South Coventry, Connecticut. The sermons are arranged chronologically; undated sermons are arranged according to Biblical text. There is an index to the sermons.

In addition, there is a small number of items that document Booth's academic work. Included in this material are lecture notes and brief compositions. There is no itemization of the compositions, most of which are fragments which cannot be identified by title.

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## **Arrangement**

The collection is organized in two series:

Series I. Sermons

Series II. Lecture Notes and Compositions

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Sermons

See first folder of collection for list of texts for sermons arranged by text, and dates and texts for sermons arranged by date, and full index of sermons by text.

#### Arranged by text

b. 1                    Genesis 13:7-9 through Revelation 19:6

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#### Arranged by date

b. 1                    1813 September - 1815 September                    1813-1815

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b. 2                    1815 October - 1816 September                    1815-1816

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b. 3                    1816 November - 1818 May                    1816-1818

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b. 4                    1818 August - 1820 April                    1818-1820

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b. 5                    1820 May - 1821 December                    1820-1821

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b. 6                    1822 January - 1824 April                    1822-1824

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b. 7                    1824 May - 1826 July                    1824-1826

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b. 8                    1826 August - 1830 December                    1826-1830

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b. 9                    1831 January - 1835 July                    1831-1835

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b. 10                    1836 April - 1839 December                    1836-1839

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b. 11                    1840 January - 1844 March                    1840-1844

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#### Sermon notes

b. 11                    Notes from Dr. Dwight's sermon                    1808 November  
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b. 11                    Notes from Professor Fitch's sermons                    1822 November  
10, 17

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**Series II: Lecture Notes and Compositions**

## Lecture notes

b. 12	Notes on chemistry, vol. 1	1808 November
b. 12	Notes on chemistry, vol. 2	1809 March

## Compositions

b. 12	41 uncataloged items
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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 -- Connecticut  
Congregationalists -- Connecticut  
Sermons, American -- 19th century

### **Names**

Booth, Chauncey, 1783-1851