

# Guide to the Otis Olney Wright Papers

RG 69



Compiled by Martha Lund Smalley

1998

409 Prospect Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 432-5301

[divinity.library@yale.edu](mailto:divinity.library@yale.edu)

<http://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections>

---

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	3
Requesting Instructions .....	3
Administrative Information .....	3
Conditions Governing Access .....	3
Preferred Citation .....	3
Biographical / Historical .....	4
Scope and Contents .....	4
Arrangement .....	4
Collection Contents .....	5
Series I: Notes and Writings, 1873-1915 .....	5
Series II: Scrapbooks, 1877-1912 .....	6
Series III: Sermons, 1868-1917 .....	7
Series IV: Collected Material, 1878-1918 .....	8
Selected Search Terms .....	9

---

## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Yale Divinity Library  
409 Prospect Street  
New Haven, CT 06511  
(203) 432-5301  
divinity.library@yale.edu  
<http://web.library.yale.edu/divinity/special-collections>

**CALL NUMBER:** RG 69

**CREATOR:** Wright, Otis Olney

**TITLE:** Otis Olney Wright Papers

**DATES:** 1868-1918

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4 linear feet (11 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Sermons, scrapbooks, notes, and writings document the work of Otis Olney Wright, an Episcopal clergyman in New England during the last part of the 19th century and the first two decades of the 20th century. Wright served St. John's Church in Sandy Hook, CT from 1891 to circa 1917.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.069>

---

## 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.069>.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

---

### Preferred Citation

Otis Olney Wright Papers (RG 69), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

---

## Biographical / Historical

Otis Olney Wright was born on May 6, 1844. He was ordained as a deacon and priest in the Episcopal Church circa 1881-1882 and was the rector of St. John's Church, Sandy Hook, Connecticut from 1891 to 1912. He then back moved to Swansea, Massachusetts where he had worked earlier, and wrote a history of that town before moving back to the Sandy Hook area in 1918. Wright died on October 6, 1919.

---

## Scope and Contents

Notes, writings, sermons, and scrapbooks provide documentation of the work and context of an Episcopal clergyman in New England at the turn of the century. The scrapbooks contain clippings of writings by Wright and area town news. The majority of the sermons in this collection were preached in St. John's Church, Sandy Hook.

---

## Arrangement

- I. Notes and Writings, 1873-1915
- II. Scrapbooks, 1877-1912
- III. Sermons, 1868-1917
- IV. Collected Material, 1878-1918

---

**Collection Contents**  
**Series I: Notes and Writings, 1873-1915**

b. 11, f. 35	Lecture notes	1873
b. 11, f. 35	"Original Poems" by Otis Olney Wright	1880-1915
b. 11, f. 35	Two volumes of miscellaneous notes	1875, undated
b. 9, f. 31	Miscellaneous writings by Otis Olney Wright	
b. 10, f. 32	Miscellaneous writings by Otis Olney Wright	

**Series II: Scrapbooks, 1877-1912**

b. 1	"Contributions published in <i>The People's Home Journal</i> , Dayton, Ohio; <i>The Young Churchman</i> , Milwaukee, WI; <i>The Orphanage Record</i> , Providence, RI; <i>Trinity Church Paper</i> , Newport, RI; and editorials in the <i>Swansea Record</i> , Fall River, MA"	1877-1887
b. 1	"Contributions published in the <i>Newtown Bee</i> , Newtown, CT"	1891-1899
b. 1	"Published in the <i>Newtown Bee</i> "	1903-1904
b. 1	"Bee" and other writings	1900-1905
b. 1	"Bee"	1905-1908
b. 1	"Bee"	1910-1912

**Series III: Sermons, 1868-1917**

b. 2, f. 2-5	Sermons	1868-1883
b. 3, f. 6-10	Sermons	1884-1893
b. 4, f. 11-13	Sermons	1894-1896
b. 5, f. 14-16	Sermons	1897-1899
b. 6, f. 17-19	Sermons	1900-1902
b. 7, f. 20-23	Sermons	1903-1906
b. 8, f. 24-27	Sermons	1907-1910
b. 9, f. 28-29	Sermons	1911-1917
b. 9, f. 30	Fragments and undated	undated

**Series IV: Collected Material, 1878-1918**

b. 11, f. 34	Three letters addressed to Otis Olney Wright	1878, 1891, 1918
b. 10, f. 33	Writings by others	
b. 10, f. 33	Certificate from Connecticut Historical Society	



---

## **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

### **Names**

Wright, Otis Olney

### **Corporate Body**

Episcopal Church -- Connecticut