

# Guide to the Charles Henry Hall Papers

RG 94



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 94

**CREATOR:** Hall, Charles H. (Charles Henry), 1820-1895

**TITLE:** Charles Henry Hall Papers

**DATES:** 1844-1895

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 15 linear feet (38 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** More than 1500 manuscript sermons and other writings document Hall's work as a clergyman. Charles Henry Hall (1820-1895) was an Episcopal clergyman in New York, South Carolina, and Washington D.C.

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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.094>.

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

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Charles Henry Hall Papers (RG 94), Special Collections, Yale Divinity School Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1820 November 7	○ Born in Georgia
1842	○ B. A., Yale College.
1843-1844	○ Studied Biblical literature in Andover, MA, and at General Theological Seminary, NY
1844	○ Ordained as deacon in Protestant Episcopal Church
1845	○ Took charge of St. John's Church, Huntington, LI
1847-1848	○ Rector of Church of the Holy Innocents, West Point, NY
1848-1856	○ Rector of St. John's Church, St. John's Island, SC
1856-1869	○ Rector of Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC
1869- 1895	○ Rector of Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, NY
1895 September 12	○ Died

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## Scope and Contents

This collection documents the life and work of Charles Henry Hall, a prominent Episcopal clergyman during the second half of the nineteenth century. Hall was a strong Unionist during the Civil War, though the church he served in Washington during this period was divided in its sentiments. He was a leading citizen of Brooklyn, NY, serving as civil service commissioner and park commissioner. He was a close friend of Henry Ward Beecher. Hall generally avoided political matters in the pulpit but did speak on civic and social reforms.

The Sermons of Series I provide very thorough documentation of Hall's preaching. More than 1500 manuscript sermons are in a numbered sequence that corresponds roughly to chronological order. Dates and places preached are noted on most of the sermons. The numbered sequence is followed by four volumes of indexes to the sermons, which refer to sermons preached on various texts and topics.

The Notes and Writings of Series II include unnumbered, published, and fragmentary sermons, lectures, addresses, and notes. The bound volumes in this series include volumes of notes and quotations, a parish register from the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC, two letter copybooks, and a visiting book. Series III, Biographical Documentation, primarily contains tributes following Hall's death.

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## Arrangement

- I. Sermons, 1844-1895
- II. Notes and Writings, 1848-1893, undated
- III. Biographical Documentation, 1895, undated

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Sermons, 1844-1895

b. 1	#1 - 40	1844-1845
b. 2	#41 - 70	1845-1846
b. 3	#71 - 120	1846-1848
b. 4	#121 - 179	1848-1850
b. 5	#180 - 237	1851-1853
b. 6	#238 - 320	1853-1857
b. 7	#321 - 369	1857-1858
b. 8	#370 - 419	1858-1859
b. 13	#420 - 475	1859-1860
b. 14	#476 - 535	1860-1861
b. 15	#536 - 584	1861-1863
b. 16	#586 - 639	1863-1864
b. 9	#640 - 689	1864-1865
b. 10	#690 - 750	1865-1867
b. 11	#751 - 796	1868-1869
b. 12	#797 - 853	1869-1872
b. 21	#855 - 903	1872-1873
b. 22	#904 - 956	1873-1875
b. 23	#957 - 999	1875-1876
b. 24	#1000 - 1025	1876
b. 17	#1026 - 1055	1876-1878
b. 18	#1056 - 1089	1878
b. 19	#1090 - 1134	1879-1880
b. 20	#1135 - 1199	1880-1882
b. 25	#1200 - 1249	1882-1884
b. 26	#1250 - 1310	1884-1885
b. 27	#1311 - 1359	1885-1886
b. 28	#1360 - 1414	1886-1888

b. 29	#1415 - 1474	1888-1889
b. 30	#1475 - 1524	1889-1895
b. 31	#1525 - 1581	1895
b. 32	Indexes to sermons	

**Series II: Notes and Writings, 1848-1893, undated**

b. 33	Miscellaneous - loose sheets	1851- 1893
b. 34-35	Miscellaneous - loose sheets	undated
b. 36	Four bound volumes: notes	undated
b. 37	Parish register: Church of the Epiphany, Washington, DC	1857-1864
b. 37	Bound volume: Lectures on the Epistle of St. James; in bound volume also containing notes by Annie M. Hall	1848-1852
b. 37	Bound volume: Visiting Book	1858-1867
b. 37	Bound volumes: two letter copybooks	1870s-1885
b. 37	Bound volume: notes	undated

## **Series III: Biographical Documentation, 1895, undated**

b. 38, f. 156

Tributes, obituary

1895, 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

### **Names**

Hall, Charles H. (Charles Henry), 1820-1895

### **Corporate Body**

Episcopal Church -- Clergy