

# Guide to the Connecticut Education Society Records

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1242

**CREATOR:** Education Society of Connecticut

**TITLE:** Charitable society for the education of indigent pious young men for the ministry of the Gospel records

**DATES:** 1814-1909

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.75 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records include a copy of a constitution, minutes of annual meetings, financial accounts, and correspondence. These papers are also known as the Connecticut Education Society Records.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred from the Yale University Treasurer's Records.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Charitable society for the education of indigent pious young men for the ministry of the Gospel Records. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

A charitable society founded in 1814 to provide financial aid to needy divinity students at Yale College. The Treasurer of Yale College was exofficio Treasurer of the society. The society held its last meeting in 1877.

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## Scope and Contents

The Charitable Society for the Education of Indigent Pious Young Men for the Ministry of the Gospel, otherwise denominated "The Connecticut Education Society," was organized in 1814 "to furnish pecuniary assistance to indigent young men of Piety and promising talents, intended for the Ministry of the Gospel, in obtaining an education at Yale College." Members of the society paid an annual sum of at least one dollar, and payments were used to create a permanent fund whose interest was employed for the support of said "objects of charity." "The Treasurer of Yale College shall, *ex officio*, be Treasurer of this Society." A meeting of the society was held annually to elect officers and discuss the constitution. The last annual meeting was held in 1872, and the last recorded meeting of the committee of appropriations was held in 1877. After that the Bureau of Self Help in Yale's Academical Department assumed responsibility for awarding grants from the society's income to worthy candidates. In 1908 a permanent fund was established in the Academical Department, which was to conform to the original wishes of the society as given in its papers.

The records included here contain the minutes, financial accounts, and correspondence of the society. The records were removed from the Yale Treasurer's Records YRG5-B. Since the Yale Treasurer served as the treasurer of the society and kept the records of all appropriations made, presumably when the society ceased to function the records were left in the keeping of the treasurer.

Some additional records of the society, particularly those of early subscription drives and of scholarships awarded will be found in the Treasurer's Records YRG5-B (Series IV and II), merged with records of several other contemporary funds.

## Collection Contents

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| b. 1, f. 1      | Constitution and minutes of meetings             | 1814-1877             |
| b. 1, f. 2      | Committee of Appropriations record book          | 1814-1868             |
| b. 1, f. 3 - 4  | Journals   | 1817-1908             |
| b. 1, f. 5      | Ledger   | 1814-1908             |
| b. 1, f. 6 - 7  | Correspondence, account statements, deeds, notes | 1819-1859             |
| b. 2, f. 8 - 12 | Correspondence, account statements, deeds, notes | 1860-1909,<br>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**

Charities  
Religion

### **Preferred Titles**

*Connecticut Education Society*

### **Corporate Bodies**

Education Society of Connecticut  
Yale University. Divinity School  
Yale University -- Funds and scholarships  
Yale University -- Students