

Guide to the Roswell Parish Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1020

CREATOR: Parish, Roswell, 1840-1932

TITLE: Roswell Parish papers

DATES: 1858-1921

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers contain correspondence related to Roswell Parish's attendance at Yale College (Class of 1864), Civil War letters consisting of letters of introduction obtained by Parish in conveying his brother home from the Battle of Antietam and miscellaneous correspondence, autographs, and printed matter. Included in the letters is one from Maxfield Parrish on family genealogy. Among the signatures are those of E. E. Hale, Alvan G. Clark, John T. Morse, N. R. Huntington, Francis A. Walker, Edward H. Hall, Timothy Dwight and E. C. Williams. The Yale letters are chiefly from college officials about Parish's academic standing, but also included are five letters from Walter Camp concerning football.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Florence A. Williams, 1959.

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Biographical / Historical

Roswell Parish, B.A. 1864.

Born December 3, 1840, in Smithtown, N. Y.

Died August 10, 1932, in Brookline, Mass.

Father, Roswell Parish; engaged in educational work; son of Major Roswell Parish and Lucy (Harris) Parish, of Canterbury, Conn. Mother, Desire (Smith) Parish; daughter of Captain Thomas Smith and Sarah (Smith) Smith, of Smithtown. Yale relatives include: Percy Jackson, '85 S., and Winslow T. Williams, ex-'85 S. (nephews); and E. Winslow Williams, '14 (grandnephew).

Hartford Public High School. Entered Yale with Class of 1863 but left at end of Sophomore year; taught at Hartford Public High School and Columbia Institute for the Deaf in Washington, D. C., 1861-January, 1864; then returned to Yale as a Senior; member Beethoven Society, Brothers in Unity, and Kappa Sigma Epsilon.

Taught mathematics, English and history at Columbia Institute for the Deaf 1864-65 and at Norwich (Conn.) Free Academy 1865-67; agent for New York Life Insurance Company at Worcester, Mass., 1867-68; instructor in mathematics and physics at Worcester High School 1868-1875; conducted a private school under his own name in Worcester 1875-76; instructor in mathematics and physics at Williston Academy 1876-1882 and at Mrs. Quincy A. Shaw's Private School in Boston 1882-87 (principal of academic department 1884-87); conducted a private school for girls under his own name in Boston 1887-1893; instructor in mathematics at Mechanical Arts High School, Boston, from 1893 until retirement in 1911 (acting headmaster in 1894); had since been engaged in compiling genealogical records of his ancestors, John Parish, of Groton, Mass., and Stonington, Conn., and Richard Smith, of Smithtown; member New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, Eastern Association of Physics Teachers, and Payson Church (Congregational), Easthampton, Mass.

Married April 30, 1869, in Norwich, Conn., Mary Jeannette, daughter of Marvin and Mary Jeannette (Brinckerhoff) McNulty. One son, Roswell, Jr., ex -'95 S. Mrs. Parish died February 17, 1915.

Death due to carcinoma of the stomach. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Boston. Survived by son.

(Taken from *Yale Obituary Record*, 1931-34, pp. 5-6).

Scope and Contents

The Roswell Parish Papers fall into three groups: Yale College materials, Civil War materials, and general materials. The Yale materials consist of letters from College administrators about Parish's academic standing, notices of fraternities, and five letters from Walter Camp concerning football. The Civil War materials are largely letters of introduction which Parish obtained to facilitate conveying his brother, Burleigh, home after he had been wounded in the Battle of Antietam, with some other related materials. Finally, the general materials contain letters and notices about social events, a letter from Maxfield Parrish on Par(r)ish family genealogy, and a selection of autographs cut from letters and documents. Included among the signers are E. E. Hale, Alvan G. Clark, John T. Morse, N. R. Huntington, Francis A. Walker, Edward H. Hall, Timothy Dwight, and E. C. Williams.

Collection Contents

Yale College materials

b. 1, f. 1	Camp, Walter: 5 ALS to Roswell Parish	1891-1906
b. 1, f. 1	Kappa Sigma Epsilon: notice of initiation ceremony	1859 September 30
b. 1, f. 1	Porter, Noah: notice of admission to Yale	1859 September 13
b. 1, f. 1	Sigma Phi: notice of society meeting	1858 September 20
b. 1, f. 1	Thacher, Thomas A.: ALS to Roswell Parish	1863 December 3
b. 1, f. 1	Woolsey, T. D.: 2 ALS to Roswell Parish	1864 July 7, 1869 January 20

Civil War materials

b. 1, f. 2	Buckingham, Gov. William A.: ALS	1862 October 2
b. 1, f. 2	Clark, A. N.: ALS	1862 October 2
b. 1, f. 2	Gallaudet, E. M.: telegram and pass	1863 November 27, 1864 July 27
b. 1, f. 3	Trumbull, Henry Clay: 2 ALS	1862 October 2
b. 1, f. 3	Warner, Dr. A. S.: ALS	1863 June 23
b. 1, f. 3	Welch, H. K. W.: ALS	1862 October 20
b. 1, f. 3	Welles, Edgar: ALS to his father, Gideon Welles	1862 October 3

General

b. 1, f. 4	Buckingham, J. M.: printed invitation	[1863?] December 23
b. 1, f. 4	Gough, John B.: ALS	1867 September 27
b. 1, f. 4	Mosaic Club: notice of meeting	1865 January 12
b. 1, f. 4	Newton, H. A.: ALS	1863 August 1
b. 1, f. 4	Parrish, Maxfield: TLS	1921 November 8
b. 1, f. 4	Willard, W. H.: ALS	1867 August 28
b. 1, f. 5	Autographs	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.

Geographic Names

United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genres / Formats

Autographs

Subjects

Educators

Names

Camp, Walter, 1840-1932
Clark, Alvan Graham, 1832-1897
Dwight, Timothy, 1828-1916
Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909
Hall, Edward Hagaman, 1858-1936
Huntington, N. R.
Morse, John T., Jr. (John Torrey), 1840-1937
Parish, Roswell, 1840-1932
Parrish, Maxfield, 1870-1966
Walker, Francis Amasa, 1840-1897
Williams, Edward Christopher, 1871-1929

Families

Parrish family

Corporate Bodies

Yale College (1718-1887). Class of 1864
Yale University -- Sports -- Football