

# Guide to the John Bouton Lawrence Papers

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**SUMMARY:** The John Bouton Lawrence papers consist of unpublished prose and poetry written by Lawrence on such themes as ancient civilizations, religious feelings, and the moral condition of the contemporary world. The papers also include correspondence with various publishers, editors, and famous people to whom Lawrence sent his works.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of John Bouton Lawrence, 1944-1946.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Bouton Lawrence, B.D. 1885

Born June 13, 1856, in Conquest, N.Y.; Died June 26, 1946, in East Norwalk, Conn.

Father, Charles Miner Lawrence, a foreman Norwalk Lock Company, South Norwalk; son of Hiram and Antonette (Clinton) Lawrence of South Salem, N.Y. Mother, Hannah Harriet (Bouton) Lawrence; daughter of John and Hannah (Betts) Bouton of South Norwalk.

Selleck's Academy, South Norwalk; B.A. Dartmouth College 1882; attended Yale Divinity School 1882-85 (B.D. 1885; Commencement speaker); ordained in Congregational church, Kansas City, Kans., July 23, 1885, and minister there 1885-88; minister Congregational church, Middleboro, Mass., 1888-92 and Claremont, N.H., 1892-98; retired from ministry in 1903; owner The Lawrence Agency, real estate and insurance, South Norwalk, 1898-1937; engaged in writing 1938-45; author: *Oracles of the Office* (1919); associate member Legal Advisory Board 26th Senatorial District of Connecticut 1917; member First Congregational Church, South Norwalk.

Married September 2, 1885, in South Norwalk, Clara Candee, daughter of Homer Northrup and Sara (Candee) Dunning. Children: Amy Louise, the wife of John Lee Henry; Homer Dunning; Louisa Ruth (Oberlin Conservatory of Music 1909-1912), the wife of Howard Jefferson Parker; and Paul Miner (Major, U.S.A.). Mrs. Lawrence died June 27, 1913.

Death due to coronary sclerosis. Buried in Riverside Cemetery, Norwalk. Survived by children and ten grandchildren.

[Taken from *Yale University Obituary Record*, 1945-47, page 193].

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b. 1, f. 1 - 4	Correspondence	1926-1946
	Writings	
b. 1, f. 5	"As Geese Fly: A Collection of Verse" English	undated
b. 1, f. 6	"As They Came: A Group of Verse" English	undated
b. 1, f. 7	"As Wild Geese Fly" English	undated
b. 2, f. 8	"Fields I Have Gleaned" English	undated
b. 2, f. 9	"Gentlemen, Greek, Roman & Other" English	undated
b. 2, f. 10	"Harp Song & Sonnet" English	undated
b. 2, f. 11	"He Went to Timnath" English	undated
b. 2, f. 12	"The Land of Iran" English	undated
b. 2, f. 13	"The Land of Ra" English	undated
b. 3, f. 14	"A Man in Uz" English	1943 October
b. 3, f. 15	"Strange Voices" English	undated
b. 3, f. 16	"The Tramp of Time" English	undated
b. 3, f. 17	"Westering Rays" English	undated
b. 3, f. 18	"Who Is This?" English	1943 December
b. 3, f. 19	"Miscellaneous" English	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**

Poets, American

### **Genres / Formats**

Poetry

### **Names**

Lawrence, John Bouton, 1856-1946