

# **Guide to the New Haven East Association Records**

**GEN MSS 1295**



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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library  
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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1295

**CREATOR:** New Haven East Association (Conn.)

**TITLE:** New Haven East Association records

**DATES:** 1725-1903

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 5.2 linear feet (11 boxes) + 1 art

**LANGUAGE:** In English.

**SUMMARY:** The collection contains bound volumes of manuscript meeting minutes for the New Haven East Association and the Consociation of the County of New Haven, New Haven East Consociation, Association of the County of New-Haven, and New Haven Union Association of Congregational Ministers. Also present are other records and papers related to the business of the association, its member churches and foreign missions, its mutual improvement societies, and a painted metal box that formerly held the records.

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## Requesting Instructions

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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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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of the New Haven East Association, 1887-1903.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

The New Haven East Association Records is the physical property of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University. Literary rights, including copyright, belong to the authors or their legal heirs and assigns. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

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## Preferred Citation

New Haven East Association Records. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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## Processing Information

Collections are processed to a variety of levels, depending on the work necessary to make them usable, their perceived research value, the availability of staff, competing priorities, and whether or not further accruals are expected. The library attempts to provide a basic level of preservation and access for all collections, and does more extensive processing of higher priority collections as time and resources permit.

The records in this collection had been arranged by the association before being transferred to the Yale University Library. That arrangement was retained when the records were rehoused in 2015.

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call number: MS Vault New Haven East

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## Associated Materials

New Haven West Association Records (GEN MSS 1296), Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## New Haven East Association

The Association of the County of New-Haven, an organization of Connecticut Congregational ministers, was formed in 1709 following a meeting of twelve ministers and four church laymen called by the colonial legislature. Held in Saybrook, Connecticut, the meeting resulted in the "Saybrook Platform," a new constitution for the Congregational Church in Connecticut, which gave associations the responsibility to examine candidates for the ministry, and to oversee the behavior of the ministers. In 1787 the association was divided to form the New Haven East Association and the New Haven West Association, with the course of the Quinnipiac River as the geographical line. The two organizations were again united by unanimous resolution in 1893 to form the New Haven Union Association of Congregational Ministers in Connecticut. That organization merged with the New Haven Central Association in 1903.

The Consociation of the County of New-Haven, an organization of Congregational churches and pastors also formed in 1709, was devoted to the management of ecclesiastical discipline. That organization, with a membership composed of both church members and pastors, could impose discipline on specific churches and judge disputes that arose. It later evolved into two separate bodies called the New Haven East Consociation (established in 1787) and the Consociation of the Western District of New Haven County (established in 1799).

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Organized into three series: I. Minute Books, 1737-1903. II. Papers of Regional Churches, 1758-1850. III. Other Papers, 1725-1903.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Minute Books, 1737-1903

1.04 linear feet (3 boxes)

The series contains nine bound volumes of manuscript meeting minutes.

Series I is organized into five subseries: Consociation of the County of New Haven, New Haven East Consociation, Association of the County of New-Haven, New Haven East Association, and New Haven Union Association of Congregational Ministers.

Consociation of the County of New Haven		
b. 1, f. 1	Vol. II. Meeting minutes	1758-1785
New Haven East Consociation		
	Meeting minutes See: Box 1, folder 6	1803-1823
	Meeting minutes See: Box 1, folder 7	1824-1838
Association of the County of New-Haven		
b. 1, f. 2	Meeting minutes (original)	1737-1757
b. 1, f. 3	Meeting minutes, 1737-1757 (manuscript copy made in the nineteenth century)	undated
b. 1, f. 4	Vol. III. Meeting minutes	1758-1786
New Haven East Association		
b. 1, f. 5	Vol. IV. Meeting minutes	1786-1802
b. 2, f. 6	Vol. V. Meeting minutes Volume also contains meeting minutes of the New Haven East Consociation (1803-1823)	1803-1823
b. 2, f. 7	Vol. VI. Meeting minutes Volume also contains meeting minutes of the New Haven East Consociation (1824-1838)	1823-1838
b. 2, f. 8	Meeting minutes	1878-1893
New Haven Union Association of Congregational Ministers		
b. 3, f. 9	Meeting minutes	1893-1903

**Series II: Papers of Regional Churches, 1758-1850***1.25 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Series II contains papers related to churches in towns within the New Haven East Association.

Series is arranged in alphabetical order by town.

b. 4, f. 10	Branford	1795-1850
b. 4, f. 11-15	Cheshire	1760-1850
b. 4, f. 16	Durham	1794-1850
b. 4, f. 17	East Haven	1816-1850
b. 4, f. 18	Fair Haven	1844-1850
b. 4, f. 19	Guilford and East Guilford	1841-1850
b. 4, f. 20-21	Hamden and Mount Carmel	1762-1771
b. 4, f. 22	Madison	1791-1850
b. 5, f. 23-26	Meriden	1767-1850
b. 5, f. 27	Milford	1780
b. 5, f. 28	North Branford	1809-1836
b. 5, f. 29	Northbury	1758-1765
b. 5, f. 30-34	Northford	1788-1850
	North Guilford	
b. 6, f. 35-39	Papers	1760-1850
b. 6, f. 40	Papers relating to the case of Rev. A. C. Collins	1789-1793
b. 6, f. 41	North Haven	1762-1785
b. 6, f. 42	North Madison	1785-1837
b. 6, f. 43	South Durham	1847-1850
b. 6, f. 44	Wallingford	1758-1832
b. 6, f. 45	Woodbridge	1765-1850

**Series III: Other Papers, 1725-1903***2.79 linear feet (6 boxes)*

Series II contains other records and papers related to the business of the association and the consociation, including those regarding foreign missions, cases regarding specific clergy members, and the minutes of meetings. Also present are the minutes of two groups of clergy who met for "mutual improvement" and a painted metal box in which the records were previously stored.

b. 7, f. 46	Minutes of Council for dismissal of Rev. Mr. Gemmill from the North Church in New Haven	1802
b. 7, f. 47	Papers relating to the Convention of Congregational and Presbyterian Ministers	1766-1772
b. 7, f. 48-50	Minutes of annual meetings of the New Haven East Consociation	1815-1851
b. 7, f. 51-52	Minutes of special meetings of the New Haven East Consociation	1784-1850
b. 7, f. 53-56	Minutes of semi-annual meetings of the New Haven East Association	1756-1820
b. 8, f. 57-60	Minutes of semi-annual meetings of the New Haven East Association	1821-1850
b. 8, f. 61	Papers belonging to the Foreign Mission Society of Eastern District of New Haven County	1812-1821
b. 8, f. 62	Papers relating to the General Association of Connecticut	1762-1800
b. 8, f. 63	Dissertations on various topics received before the New Haven East Association	1725-1850
b. 8, f. 64	Miscellaneous papers belonging to the New Haven East Consociation	1785-1851
b. 9, f. 65-68	Miscellaneous papers belonging to the New Haven East Consociation	1853-1876
b. 10, f. 69-72	Miscellaneous papers belonging to the New Haven East Association	1780-1848
b. 10, f. 73-81	Miscellaneous documents and memorials	1725-1903
b. 11, f. 82	Records of the minutes of the meetings....for mutual improvement in the County of New Haven	1779-1812
b. 11, f. 83-84	Minutes of the circular meeting of the society for mutual improvement	1828-1865
b. 12 (Art)	Painted metal box formerly holding records	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 -- Connecticut  
Congregationalism -- Clergy

Consociation of the County of New-Haven  
(Conn.)  
New Haven East Consociation (Conn.)  
New Haven Union Association of  
Congregational Ministers

### Geographic Names

New Haven County (Conn.) -- Religious life and  
customs

### Genres / Formats

Boxes (containers) -- United States -- 19th  
century  
Minute books -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
County -- 18th century  
Minute books -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
County -- 19th century  
Minute books -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
County -- 20th Century

### Occupations

Clergy -- Connecticut -- New Haven County --  
18th century  
Clergy -- Connecticut -- New Haven County --  
19th century  
Clergy -- Connecticut -- New Haven County --  
20th Century

### Corporate Bodies

Association of the County of New-Haven  
(Conn.)  
Consociation of the County of New-Haven  
(Conn.)  
New Haven East Association (Conn.)  
New Haven East Consociation (Conn.)  
New Haven Union Association of  
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