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Finding Aid for

Anson Phelps Atterbury Papers, [1871 – 1893]



A. P. Atterbury Graduation Photograph, UTS 1879
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Summary Information

Creator: Anson Phelps Atterbury, 1854 - 1931
Title: Anson Phelps Atterbury Papers
Inclusive dates: [1871 – 1893]
Bulk dates: [1871 – 1893]
Abstract: UTS Alumnus of 1879 and Presbyterian minister at Park Church, and later West-Park Church, New York. Four volumes of scrapbooks containing biblical text accompanied by brief bibliographic annotations of additional sources.
Size: 4 boxes, 2.00 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
Repository: The Burke Library
Union Theological Seminary
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New York, NY 10027
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Administrative Information

- Provenance: No written record of the donation has been traced.
- Access: Archival papers are available to registered readers for consultation by appointment only. Please contact archives staff by email to burkearchives@library.columbia.edu or by postal mail to The Burke Library address on page 1, as far in advance as possible. [Burke Library staff](#) is available for inquiries or to request a consultation on archival or special collections research.
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Biography

An alumnus of Union Theological Seminary, New York, Atterbury graduated in 1879.

He studied Bible at Union under Philip Schaff. Prior to Union he attended Yale from 1871 to 1873 and, again, from 1875 to 1876 when he graduated. Prior to attending Union to study for his diploma, he spent 2 years at Andover Seminary. Later Atterbury received a Ph.D. from NYU in 1893 along with a D.D. from Hamilton College in the same year.

He was ordained by the NYC Presbytery in 1880 and served as the pastor of Park Church in New York City from 1879 to 1910. He moved to lead the newly founded West-Park Presbyterian Church from 1911 to 1918. While at Park Church he commissioned construction of the West-Park Presbyterian Church, a building now recognized as a New York City landmark. From 1894 to 1931 Atterbury served as a director (trustee) of Union Theological Seminary.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The papers consist of 4 large scrapbooks with a column of biblical text pasted onto each page. Next to the biblical text Atterbury wrote in references to additional sources to provide further information on corresponding verses. Sources cited frequently include reference to the *Sunday-School Times* and *McGiffert's Apostolic Age* as well as hundreds of others.

In addition to Atterbury's hand there may have been up to two unidentified contributors who added their own sources to his notes.

Processing

Materials were placed in new acid-free boxes and the scrapbooks stabilized with binding ties.

Further Sources

A. P. Atterbury published numerous books and sermons among which can be found [Story of life : a record of the beginning and growth of the Park Presbyterian Church of New York City / by Anson Phelps Atterbury. New York and London : G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1920](#)

Contents list**Series Box Folder Contents**

			Manuscript Commentary on the Bible
1	1	1	Genesis to Samuel 2
1	2	1	Kings 1 to Isaiah
1	3	1	Jeremiah to Zechariah
1	4	1	Matthew to Revelations