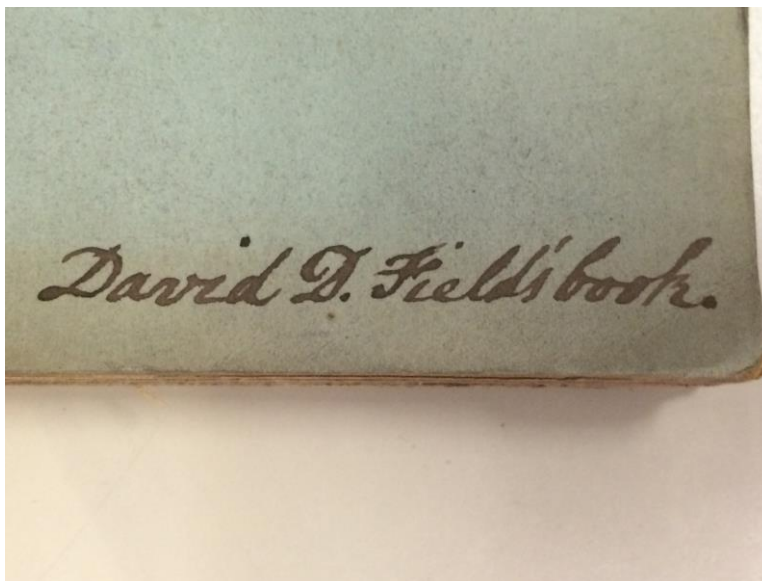


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Finding Aid for

David Dudley Field Papers, [182?] – [186?]



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The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Summary Information

Creator: David Dudley Field, 1781 – 1867
Title: David Dudley Field Papers
Dates: [182?] – [186?]
Abstract: Congregational minister and local historian. Historical and ecclesiastical notes, minutes, journal entries, biographical and genealogical documents and Church meeting summaries.
Size: 1 box, 0.50 linear feet
Storage: Onsite storage
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Administrative Information

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Biography

Reverend David Dudley Field was born May 20, 1781 in East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut. His father was Captain Timothy Field, a former officer in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Field graduated from Yale in 1802 where he studied theological training under Yale President Timothy Dwight, a political conservative and scholar. After college he continued his theological studies in Somers, Connecticut under the supervision of Reverend Dr. Charles Backus. Throughout his academic and professional career he exhibited a natural fondness for historical and geological research.

In September 1803 he became licensed to preach. The following month he married Submit Dickinson on October 31. Together they had nine children: David Dudley Jr., Emelia, Timothy, Matthew, Jonathan, Stephen Johnson, Cyrus West, Henry Martyn and Mary. On April 4, 1804 Field became pastor in Haddam, Connecticut.

In 1818 he resigned from this position and over the next five months undertook a missionary tour in Western New York under the direction of the Old Connecticut Missionary Society. Field next became the pastor of the Congregational Church in Stockbridge Massachusetts from 1819 to 1837. He resigned and retook his old position in Haddam on April 11, 1837, and in the same year he received a Doctorate of Divinity from Williams College. Field retired in 1851 and returned to Stockbridge where he died on April 15, 1867.

Sources:

- Pierce, Frederick Clifton. *Field Genealogy*. Chicago, Hammond Press, 1901.
- Swisher, Carl Brent. *Stephen J. Field: Craftsman of the Law*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution, 1930.
- Illustrated American Publishing Company. *The Illustrated American*. Vol. IX. New York, 1892.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The papers consist of 4 notebooks which contain a varied assortment of personal and historical notes, meeting minutes, reflections and summaries. The dates have been supplied through the information presented in the notebooks. Each folder contains one notebook, due to the broad range of dates contained in each they are sorted alphabetically by title.

Notebook one consists of historical and ecclesiastical notes regarding the Laws of the Colony of Connecticut in Religion; Minutes of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia and Associations of Connecticut, and personal entries related to a Tour of St. Louis in 1845 and the Great West of America.

Notebook two is made up of biographical and genealogical notes concerning families of Middletown, Connecticut; Families of Durham, Connecticut; The Chauncy Family, Battle of Brimington and old Church Records from Stockbridge amongst others.

The third notebook consists of church meeting records from Haddam, Connecticut.

Finally notebook four is made up of notes regarding families in the town of Haddam and a treatise of Reverend Henry Whitfield.

Processing

The notebooks were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The notebooks were also stabilized with binding ties and wrapped in protective paper.

Further Sources

The main records of the Field family are held at the Chapin Library of Rare Books at Williams College. This collection not only has material from David Dudley Field but also four of his prominent sons: lawyer, reformer and politician David Dudley Field Jr., merchant and promoter Cyrus West Field, lawyer and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Johnson Field and clergyman Henry Martyn Field. Additional papers relating to the Field family are held by the Archives and Special Collections department of Williams College Library.

Field was a gifted churchman and local historian who published a number of manuscripts. A few of these are available through Columbia University Libraries including: *A History of the Towns of Haddam and East-Haddam* (1816), *A History of the Town of Pittsfield, in Berkshire County, Mass.: with a Map of the County* (1844), *The Genealogy of the Brained Family in the United States: With Numerous Sketches of Individuals* (1857) and *A Statistical Account of the County of Middlesex in Connecticut* (1819). For further information please see the WorldCat entry for David D. Field.

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
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1	2	Families in the Town of Haddam and Treatise of Rev. Henry Whitfield
1	3	Miscellanies, Biographical and Genealogical
1	4	Miscellanies, Historical and Ecclesiastical