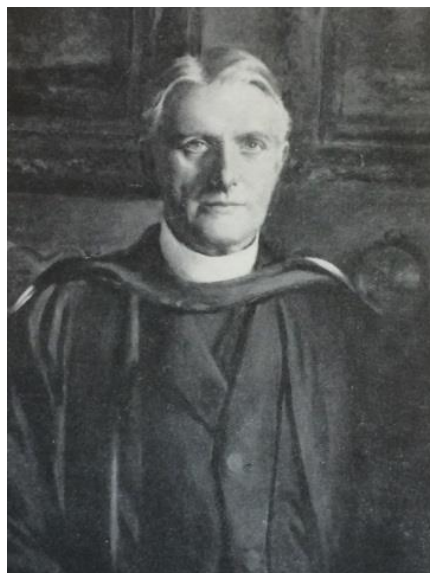


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Finding Aid for

Frederick John Foakes-Jackson Papers, 1916-1941



Credit to UTS1: Frederick John Foakes-Jackson Papers, box 1, folder 8,
The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York

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Summary Information

Creator: Frederick John Foakes-Jackson, 1855-1941
Title: Frederick John Foakes-Jackson Papers
Dates: 1916 - 1941
Abstract: Church Historian, dean of Jesus College Cambridge (1895-1941), Briggs Professor of Christian Institutions at Union Theological Seminary (1916-1934), Emeritus (1934). Correspondence, sermons, personal papers, notes, published works, honorary Doctoral degree, obituaries, solemnization of matrimony form.
Size: 2 boxes, 0.75 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: Records determining the provenance of these papers have not 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

Frederick John Foakes-Jackson was an ecclesiastical historian born on August 10, 1855. He was the son of Reverend Stephen Jackson, the proprietor of the Ipswich Journal. He attended Trinity College, Cambridge and in 1879 was awarded first class honors. Throughout his university career he won a number of awards including the Jeremie Septugint and Scholefield prizes, the Corsse scholarship, and the Lightfoot scholarship. During this time he established an interest in the field of ecclesiastical history. Jackson was ordained a deacon in 1879 and became a priest in 1880. During this period he served as curate at Ottershaw in Surrey and at the Cambridge churches of St. Giles and St. Botolph. In 1882 he was appointed lecturer and chaplain in divinity and Hebrew at Jesus College, Cambridge where he worked for thirty four years, being elected Fellow in 1886 and serving as the Dean from 1896-1916.

In 1916 Jackson was offered the Briggs graduate professorship of Christian institutions at Union Theological Seminary where he taught for seventeen years. This position saw him develop a reputation as a teacher and lecturer. Jackson taught in areas including worship, sacraments, councils, creeds and the English prayer book. He retired in 1933 and became emeritus that same year. Jackson was married twice: first to Anna Maria Everett in 1895, and a second time after Maria's death in 1931 to Clara Fawcett. Jackson died in Englewood, New Jersey on December 1, 1941.

Jackson was a prolific author and published a number of scholarly books; the first *History of the Christian Church* was published in 1891. This work was followed in 1921 by *Introduction to Church History (590-1314)*. Jackson also contributed to *Essays on some Theological Questions of the Day* edited by H.B. Swete in 1905, the third volume of the *Cambridge History of English Literature* in 1909, and the second volume of *Cambridge Medieval History* in 1913. His most noteworthy work however is the five volume *The Beginning of Christianity*, formulated and edited with New Testament scholar Kirsopp Lake. This study of the Acts of Apostles was released between 1920 and 1933. Jackson's last book, *A History of Church History* was published in 1939 two years before his death.

Sources:

Handy, Robert T. *A History of Union Theological Seminary in New York*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1987.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography, online, s.v. "Jackson, Frederick John Foakes."

Union Theological Seminary (New York, N.Y.) Alumni catalogue 1836-1947. New York : [s. n.], 1948.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of correspondence, sermons, personal notes, biographical records, a notebook and memorabilia related to Jackson. All of the material is arranged chronologically by date. It reflects his academic life during his time at Union Theological Seminary and the impact of his death.

The correspondence contains letters which range from April 1916 to February 1945. The bulk of the correspondence is between Jackson and UTS Presidents Arthur Cushman McGiffert and Henry Sloane Coffin. The letters after his death concern his estate, and his impact at Union Theological Seminary. This subseries contains notes and papers related to Jackson's academic career at Union Theological Seminary. Also included are sermons and publications made by Jackson.

Processing

Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The book addressed to his second wife has been stabilized with binding ties and wrapped in protective paper. The numbers at the end of the content list indicate the number of letters or documents within the folder.

Further Sources

Columbia University has a number of Jackson's published monographs available through its libraries. These include: *The history of the Christian church from the earliest times to A.D. 461*; *An introduction to the history of Christianity, A.D. 590-1314*; *The life of Saint Paul : the man and the apostle*; and *The Biblical history of the Hebrews to the Christian era*.

The Jesus College Archives contain administrative records and some limited information relating to former Fellows and students. Additional sources can be found at: University of Birmingham, Theological University Kampen, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Harvard University, and Yale University. For more information please view the WorldCat entry of [Frederick John Foakes Jackson](#).

The works of Union Theological Presidents Arthur Cushman McGiffert and [Henry Sloane Coffin](#) who concern the majority of the correspondence within the papers are also held and available at the Burke Library Archives. The papers of [William Adams Brown](#), a faculty member of Union Theological Seminary in church history, mentioned in some of the correspondence are also held at the archives.

Contents list

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Appointment at Union Theological Seminary, 1916 (2)
1	2	American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow Certificate, 1917
1	3	Form of Solemnization of Matrimony between Jackson and Clara Fawcett
1	4	Handwritten Book from Frederick to Clara, 1932
1	5	Retirement, 1934
1	6	University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, Honorary Doctoral Degree, 1935
1	7	Jackson entry in the Centennial Edition of Union Alumni Catalogue, 1936
1	8	Reprinted Town and Country Review Jackson Biography [193?] (2)
1	9	Obituaries, 1941 (6)
1	10	Sermons and Publications, 1916 – [193?] (7)
1	11	Notes and Drafts, 1916 – [193?] (10)
1	12	Notebook
1	13	General (10)
Correspondence, 1916-1945		
2	1	April 1916 – February 1945 (5)
2	2	March 1920 – October 1923 (10)
2	3	December 1923 – May 1928 (10)
2	4	May 1931 – November 1938 (11)
2	5	December 1941 – February 1945 (5)
2	6	[191?] – 1941 (2)