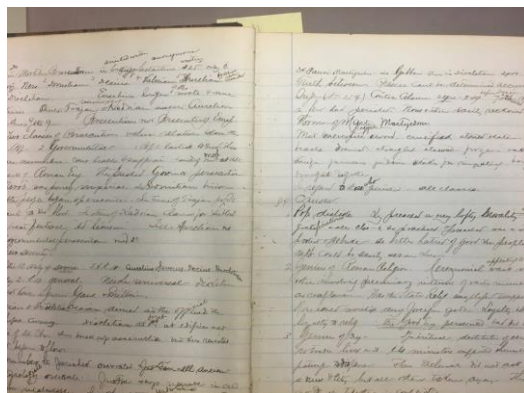


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Finding Aid for

**Samuel Macauley Jackson Papers, 1871-1972**



Selection of Rev. Hitchcock Lecture Notes at UTS. UTS1: Samuel Macauley Jackson Papers, 1871-1972, series 1, box 1, folder 1, the Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York

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**Summary Information**

Creator: Samuel Macauley Jackson, 1851-1912  
Title: Samuel Macauley Jackson Papers, 1871-1972  
Inclusive dates: 1871-1972  
Bulk dates: 1871-189?  
Abstract: Presbyterian minister and church historian; UTS M.Div. 1973; mentee and editorial assistant to Phillip Schaff; edited the New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge; Phillip Schaff Chair of Church History at New York University, 1895-1912. Materials consist of bound lecture notes taken while Jackson was a student at Union, Jackson's translation notebooks, and correspondence.  
Size: 3 boxes, 1.25 linear feet  
Storage: Onsite storage  
Repository: The Burke Library  
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### Administrative Information

- Provenance:** Part of the Samuel Macauley Jackson Papers was donated and is now housed at the New York University Archives. This piece of collection was donated to the library at Union Theological Seminary in the decades following Jackson's death, and was first added to the collection in 1940. These materials were part of a large group of unprocessed material that was organized in 2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation.
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- Access Restrictions:** The collection is unrestricted to readers. Certain materials, however, are in a fragile condition, and this may necessitate restriction in handling and copying.
- Preferred Citation:** Item description, UTS1: Samuel Macauley Jackson Papers, 1871-1972, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

### Biography

Samuel Macauley Jackson was an American church historian, Presbyterian minister and philanthropist. He was born in New York City on June 19, 1851 to George T. Jackson and Letitia Jane Aiken Macauley. Jackson came from an affluent, educated family, a background that positioned him for a career in academia. He graduated from the College of the City of New York in 1870, followed by a brief time studying at Princeton Theological Seminary. In 1871 he transferred to Union Theological Seminary, where he earned his Bachelor of Divinity in 1873. At Union, Jackson met Phillip Schaff, a distinctive theologian whose thinking would impact Jackson's own theological career. After Union, Jackson spent a brief period abroad at the Universities of Leipzig and Berlin, respectively, before becoming ordained in the Presbyterian Church in 1876, the same time as he also received his A.M. from the College of the City of New York.

Jackson served as a Presbyterian pastor in Norwood, New Jersey between 1876 and 1880. At that point, his priorities shifted from pastoral service to academia. Since his first introduction to Schaff, Jackson was deeply invested in his mentor's work, often contributing uncredited writing and editorial support to Schaff's scholarship. In 1880, Jackson left full-time ministerial work to work as Schaff's assistant editor on his *Bible Dictionary*. The encyclopedic nature of Schaff's work within church history resonated with Jackson's own burgeoning approach to the discipline, which led to his pursuit of further editorial opportunities in religious historical scholarship. After Schaff's dictionary, Jackson led the writing and editing of the thirteen-volume *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* (1908-1914), as well as the *Encyclopedia of Living Divines* (1887), *The Encyclopaedia of Missions* (1890), and served as joint editor of the American Church History series, "a thirteen-volume study of denominations in this country that

inaugurated modern historical scholarship regarding American churches” (Bowden, 2000). Jackson’s interests in church history were primarily situated in the Protestant Reformation, with particular emphasis on the works of Swiss reformer Huldreich Zwingli. Jackson worked a biography and various editions of Zwingli’s works. Translated portions of Zwingli’s works, potentially by Jackson himself, are included in the papers described here.

In addition to his editorial and writing work, Jackson performed a number of administrative and teaching roles. He served as secretary of the American Society of Church History beginning in 1888, and later became president of the Society. He was engaged in philanthropic activities with the Charity Organization Society and the Prison Associations in New York City. He taught as a professor at New York University beginning in 1895, and was named Philip Schaff Chair of Church History at New York University until his death in 1912. Jackson was remembered as a vocal figure in the cultivation of modern church history as a discipline, and his scrupulous work in the field and in service to his peers and mentors is evidenced in his prolific (if often uncredited) writing and editing credentials. He died in Washington, Connecticut on August 2, 1912.

### **Collection Scope and Content Note**

This collection consists solely of textual materials created by Jackson during and after his time as a student at Union. The Samuel Macauley Jackson Papers consist of Jackson’s lecture notes and preaching notes taken while studying under Robert Hitchcock and Henry Boynton Smith at Union Theological Seminary, as well as manuscripts of Jackson’s translations, particularly with Swiss thinker Huldreich Zwingli.

The collection is organized as follows:

- **Series 1: Writings – Sermons, Translations and Correspondence, 1871-1972**

Since there was little apparent original order to materials, these manuscript writings are organized according to courses Jackson was sitting when he wrote his notes followed by undated sermons and preaching notes taken as a student. Boxes 2 and 3 contain Jackson’s translation work on Zwingli’s writings from the original Latin to English. These manuscript transcriptions culminate with a letter from Union biographer Robert T. Handy regarding an index of Jackson’s interpretive work with Zwingli’s writings.

### **Processing**

Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. Any items in an advanced state of deterioration were placed in Mylar envelopes.

### **Further Sources**

Samuel Macauley Jackson’s papers also exist in part at the [New York University Archives](#), where he was professor and Phillip Schaff Chair of Church History.

A rich biographical sketch on Jackson is available online through the [American National Biography](#).

## Contents list

### Series 1: Writings – Sermons, Translations and Correspondence, 1871-1972

Series	Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	1	Ms. – Lectures of Rev. Hitchcock, D.D., on Church History (vol. 1), 1872-1873
1	1	2	Ms. – Hitchcock Lectures on Church History (vol. 2), 1873
1	1	3	Ms. – Notes on Lectures of Rev. H.B. Smith, D.D., L.L.D., Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology [19 Lectures], 1871-1872
1	1	4	Sermons [1872]
1	1	5	Sermons and Preaching Notes, Undated
1	1	6	Sermons and Preaching Notes [II], Undated
1	2	1-2	Ms. Translation – Huldreich Zwingli [Undated ms. typescript, 1965]
1	3	1	Ms. Translation – Ulrich [sic] Zwingli's Canon of the Mass [18??]
1	3	2	Ms. Translation – Huldreich Zwingli's De Canone Missae Libelli Apologia [rev. 1912]
1	3	3	Ms. Translation – Zwingli's to Urbanus Rhegius, Grace and Peace from the Lord [18??]
1	3	4	Ms. Translation – Ulrich [sic] Zwingli [Undated ms., typescript 1968]
1	3	5	Ms. Translation – Zwingli's A Friendly Exegesis or Exposition of the Matter of the Eucharist to Martin Luther [18??]
1	3	6	Typescript – About the Exclusion from the Sacrament – Zwingli's Advice to the Council at Zurich [189?]
1	3	7	Typescript Notes on Huldreich Zwingli [1897]
1	3	8	Robert Handy Correspondence Regarding and Index of Jackson's Translation of Zwingli, 1969-1972