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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Bronson, Charles Eli, 1857-1929
<b>Title:</b>	Charles Eli Bronson papers
<b>ID:</b>	11918046
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1845 -- 1966
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1.25 linear feet 1.25 linear feet; 3 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Charles Eli Bronson (1857-1926) was a UTS alumnus of 1884, graduate of Amherst College, and an ordained Presbyterian minister who served in Marlborough, New York; Saginaw, Michigan; and West Hope Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia; and as President of the Philadelphia School of Christian Workers. This collection contains Bronson's sermons and writings, as well as personal materials related to the Bronson immediate and extended families, including genealogical research.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, Charles Eli Bronson papers, 1845-1966, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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## Biographical / Historical

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Charles Eli Bronson was born in Geneva, New York on December 6, 1857 to parents Eli Atwater and Amelia (Kellogg) Bronson. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College in 1880 before attending Union Theological Seminary, where he earned his diploma in 1884. He was ordained in the No-River Presbytery on November 6, 1884, and immediately embarked on a three decade-long ministerial career in the Midwest and Northeast. During his career, he served as a pastor in Marlborough, New York (1884-1892); Saginaw, Michigan (1892-1900), at West Hope Presbyterian Church from 1900-1922. In 1894, Bronson went on to receive his

Doctorate of Divinity from Alma College in Alma, Michigan. In addition to his ministerial work, Reverend Bronson served as President of the Philadelphia School of Christian Workers beginning in 1923, and was a member of Psi Upsilon and the Union League of Philadelphia. He married Amey Talbot Taintor – herself a graduate of Smith College, Columbia College and native of Stratford, Connecticut – in 1898, and they had two children together.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2021-11-16

## Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1-3. Please note that requests for use of boxes held in offsite storage must be made three business days in advance.

## Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Bronson papers were donated in part by Elizabeth Duvall, with additional materials supplied through the UTS Development Office.

## Processing Information

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. The finding aid was created by Rebecca Nieto in 2016 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2021.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Clergy -- United States -- Archives
- Clergy
- Bronson, Charles Eli, 1857-1929 -- : Archives

## Burke Library record group:

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Union Theological Seminary Archives: UTS 1, papers of faculty and students

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Title/Description	Instances	
Marlboro, Saginaw and Philadelphia Sermons, circa 1884 -- 1912	box 1	folder 1-2
Writings, circa 1912 -- 1919	box 1	folder 3-4
Sermons of Reverend Charles Eli Bronson (bound), 1930	box 1	folder 5
Correspondence, 1895 -- 1922	box 1	folder 6
Notes, circa 1884 -- 1930	box 1	folder 7
Personal Workers' Testament, 1905	box 2	folder 1
Polyglot Bible (English version), circa 1900 -- 1909	box 2	folder 2
West Hope Presbyterian Church Bulletins, 1911 -- 1929	box 2	folder 3
West Hope -- 17th Anniversary of Rev. Bronson's Pastorate, 1917	box 2	folder 4
Calendar and Journal, 1922 -- 1925	box 2	folder 5

Tenant College of Christian Education – Bulletin and Clipping, 1941	box 2	folder 6
Amy Talbot Taintor [Bronson] Wedding Datebook, circa 1898	box 2	folder 7
Notes on Bronson Children, circa 1900 -- 1911	box 3	folder 1
Clippings of Bronson Childrens' Hair, 1907 -- 1916	box 3	folder 2
Amev Bronson – Pressed flowers, Smith College records, circa 1928	box 3	folder 3
Margaret Letters, 1910 -- 1911	box 3	folder 4
Letter from Katherine, circa 1910 -- 1911	box 3	folder 5
Biographical clippings, circa 1910 -- 1911	box 3	folder 6
Manuscript – Pattern Language by Julia Talbot, circa 1910 -- 1911	box 3	folder 7
Poem – The New England Mother, circa 1910 -- 1911	box 3	folder 8
E.C. Taintor Valedictory Poems and Notebooks, 1845	box 3	folder 9
Ralston Genealogical Correspondence, 1865	box 3	folder 10
Genealogical Correspondence – Bewley, Talbot, Bronson, 1951 -- 1966	box 3	folder 11-12
Bronson-Talbot-Taintor Family Genealogy, circa 1950 -- 1959	box 3	folder 13
Ralston Family Wills, 1962	box 3	folder 14
Genealogical Research – Methodist Church Records, 1966	box 3	folder 15
Ralston Family Gravestone Illustrations, circa 1966	box 3	folder 16

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