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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Field, David D. (David Dudley), 1781-1867
Title:	David Dudley Field papers
ID:	4492448
Date [inclusive]:	circa 1820 -- 1869
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	David Dudley Field was a Congregational minister and local historian. The collection includes four notebooks containing historical and ecclesiastical notes, minutes, journal entries, biographical and genealogical documents, and Church meeting summaries.

Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS 1: David Dudley Field papers, circa 1820-1869, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

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 received 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.

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Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2020-09-25

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1. 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 exact provenance of this collection is unknown.

Custodial History

These papers are part of the Union Theological Seminary Archives, which comprises institutional and administrative records of the Seminary, combined with the papers of many organizations, scholars, pastors, laypersons, and others connected with the school. The materials in this collection were part of a large group of unprocessed material that was organized in 2015.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-11. The notebooks were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. The notebooks were also stabilized with binding ties and wrapped in protective paper. The finding aid was created by David Mucz in 2015 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Connecticut -- Religious life and customs
- Saint Louis (Mo.) -- Description and travel
- West (U.S.) -- Description and travel
- Middletown (Conn.) -- Genealogy
- Haddam (Conn.) -- Religious life and customs
- Genealogies (histories)
- Field, David D. (David Dudley), 1781-1867
- Whitfield, Henry
- General Association of Connecticut
- Synod of New York and Philadelphia (1758-1788)

Burke Library record group:

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

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Title/Description	Instances	
Church Meetings in the Town of Haddam, CT, circa 1820 -- 1869	box 1	folder 1
Families in the Town of Haddam and Treatise of Rev. Henry Whitfield , circa 1820 -- 1869	box 1	folder 2
Miscellanies, Biographical and Genealogical, circa 1820 -- 1869	box 1	folder 3
Miscellanies, Historical and Ecclesiastical, circa 1820 -- 1869	box 1	folder 4

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