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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Gillett, E. H. (Ezra Hall), 1823-1875
<b>Title:</b>	Ezra Hall Gillett papers
<b>ID:</b>	4492452
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1797 -- 1906
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6.75 linear feet 6.75 linear feet; 15 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	E. H. (Ezra Hall) Gillett (1823-1875) was a UTS alum, Presbyterian minister in Harlem, N.Y., and a Professor of political science at New York University. The collection consists of sermons by Gillett and his father, other writings including diaries, and teaching and class notes.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Ezra Hall Gillett papers, series #, 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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Reverend Doctor Ezra H. Gillet was born in Colchester, Connecticut in 1828. He graduated from Yale College in 1841, then from Union Theological Seminary in 1844 where he continued his theological studies until his ordination in the Presbyterian Church in 1845. After his ordination he served as the pastor for the First Presbyterian Church at Harlem for 20 years. In 1864 he received his doctorate from Hamilton College and then served as a professor of Political Economy at New York University. Rev. Dr. Gillet penned many biographical and historical books including *Life and Works of John Huss*, *History of the Presbyterian Church*, and *The Moral System*. Ezra was the father of Charles Ripley Gillett, librarian of Union Theological Seminary. Ezra Hall Gillett died on September 2, 1875 of a "nervous fevered, engendered by a severe attack of rheumatism."

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains sermons by Gillett and his father, Ely H. Gillett; other writings by Ezra Gillett including town descriptions, a diary, notes on themes, and other collections of writings; as well as handwritten notes from various aspects of the law that Gillett studied, and other class notes from Yale and the University of the City of New York.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged in three series: Series 1: Sermons; Series 2: Other writings; and Series 3: Teaching and class notes.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2022-04-29

### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

## Conditions Governing Access

The following boxes are located offsite: Box 1-15. 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. It is possible that Ezra's son, Charles Ripley Gillett, donated the materials when he was an active staff member of the Union Library.

## Processing Information

Some material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-11. 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 and folders as needed. The finding aid was created by Ruth Tonkiss Cameron and Brigitte Kamsler in 2015 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2022.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

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

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Presbyterians -- New York (State) -- New York

- Harlem (New York, N.Y.) -- Religious life and customs
- Diaries
- Sermons
- Clergy

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## Burke Library record group:

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

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Sermons, 1797 -- 1875

Physical Description: 4.5 linear feet 4.5 linear feet; 10 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

#### Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

#### Arrangement

This series is arranged in rough chronological order, by author.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains numbered, handwritten sermons; the numbering system is not always complete. Gillett kept various groupings of sermons together, and gave some of the groupings volume numbers. The titles of the sermons as well as the location the sermon was given are often written onto the cover of the sermon booklets. This series also contains the sermons of Ezra's father, Ely H. Gillett.

Title/Description	Instances	
Volume 1-3; No. 1-100, 1844 -- 1846	box 1	
Volume 4-5; No. 101-177, 1847 -- 1856	box 2	
Volume 6-7; No. 178-280, 1848 -- 1850	box 3	
No. 502-512; No. 1001-1099, circa 1850 -- 1853	box 4	
Volume 1-4; 1998-2133, 1847 -- 1850	box 5	
No. 2168-2474, 1848 -- 1854	box 6	
No. 2501-2590 and Index of Sermons, 1850 -- 1857	box 7	folder 1-5
Sermons, 1845 -- 1848	box 7	folder 6-8

Sermons, Letters B-P, 1845 -- 1846	box 7	folder 9-11
Sermons, Harlem, 1845 -- 1867	box 8	folder 1-9
Notebook, Sermons and Loose Papers, Harlem, 1848	box 8	folder 10
Sermons, Notes and Lectures, Handwritten, 1845-- 1872	box 8	folder 11-13
Sermons, Teaching and Class Notes, 1875	box 8	folder 14-16
Manuscript Copies of Published Sermons and Articles, circa 1875	box 9	folder 1-3
Sermons, circa 1875	box 9	folder 4
Ely H. Gillett Manuscript Sermons No. 8-591, 1797 -- 1814	box 10	folder 1-4
Ely H. Gillett Manuscript Sermons, 1812 -- 1828	box 10	folder 5-6

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## Series 2: Other writings, circa 1840 -- 1906

Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet 1.25 linear feet; 3 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

### Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

### Arrangement

This series is unarranged.

### Scope and Contents

This series contains other handwritten pieces and documents by Ezra Gillett, including town descriptions, a diary, notes on themes and other collections of writings.

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence and Pamphlet, 1906	box 11	folder 1
Diaries, 1844 -- 1850	box 11	folder 2-3
Diary, Notes and Sermons in bound book, 1847	box 11	folder 4
Town Descriptions, circa 1840 -- 1849	box 11	folder 5-7
Extracts from History Travels Biography, 1843	box 11	folder 8
Writings on Themes, circa 1843 -- 1906	box 12	folder 1-10
Notes by Theme, circa 1843 -- 1906	box 12	folder 11-14
Article Notes, circa 1843 -- 1906	box 13	folder 1
Systematic Charity, 1848	box 13	folder 2

Anniversary Poem for the Literary Association of Bacon Academy, 1845	box 13	folder 3
Collected Writings, Notes for Publication, circa 1843 -- 1906	box 13	folder 4-5

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### Series 3: Teaching and class notes, 1839 -- 1872

Physical Description: 1 linear feet 1 linear foot; 2 boxes

Conditions Governing Access:

#### Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

#### Arrangement

This series is unarranged.

#### Scope and Contents

This series contains handwritten notes from various aspects of the law that Gillett studied, as well as other class notes from Yale and the University of the City of New York.

Title/Description	Instances	
Constitutional Law, circa 1839 -- 1872	box 14	folder 1-3
Sovereignty and Democracy, circa 1839 -- 1872	box 14	folder 4
International Law and Religious Liberty, circa 1839 -- 1872	box 14	folder 5-6
Social and Political, circa 1839 -- 1872	box 14	folder 7-8
Law, Economy and Government Notes, circa 1839 -- 1872	box 14	folder 9-10
Class Notes, circa 1839 -- 1859	box 15	folder 1-2
Class Notes and Sermons, University of the City of New York, 1859	box 15	folder 3
Class Grades, 1872	box 15	folder 4
Notebooks, Class, Sermons and Authors, circa 1850 -- 1859	box 15	folder 5
Book teaching notes, circa 1850 -- 1859	box 15	folder 6
Yale Notebook, 1839	box 15	folder 7
Essay on Prayer for Colleges, circa 1839	box 15	folder 8

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