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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
<b>Creator:</b>	Ranck, Henry H (Henry Haverstick), 1868-
<b>Title:</b>	Henry Haverstick Ranck letters
<b>ID:</b>	4492481
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1892 -- 1986
<b>Date [bulk]:</b>	1892 -- 1893
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Henry Haverstick Ranck (1868-1948) was a graduate of the UTS class of 1893 and a Reformed Church minister. The collection contains letters sent by Ranck to his then fiancée, Mary H. Byrne (later Mary Byrne Ranck), while he was a student, as well as a photocopy of the Rank/Ranck family newsletter from 1986.

### Preferred Citation

Item description, UTS1: Henry Haverstick Ranck letters, 1892-1986, 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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Henry Haverstick Ranck was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on July 24, 1868. His theological education took place both at home and in New York; Ranck attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster before studying at Union Theological Seminary (then located at 700 Park Avenue) from 1892 to 1893. He returned to Lancaster to attend the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church from 1894 to 1895, then pursued graduate studies at the seminary from 1895 to 1896. Before his formal ordination, Ranck served as an acting pastor in Greencastle, Pennsylvania, as well as the librarian at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church from 1896 to 1899. Ranck was ordained by the Reformed Church of the United States

on December 5, 1896. In addition to this role as a librarian, Ranck worked as a pastor in Reformed congregations in Mechanicsburg (1896-1899) and at St. John's Church in Lebanon, Pennsylvania from 1899 to 1901. In 1901, Ranck began a fourteen-year career serving as a pastor at St. Andrew's Church in Reading, Pennsylvania. In 1912, Ranck published a biographical work on one of Reading's prominent Reformed church figures, *The Life of the Reverend Benjamin Bausman, D.D., LL.D.* In 1914, he became the pastor at Grace Church in Washington, D.C., where he would remain until 1939. In 1916, he received his doctorate of divinity (D.D.) from Franklin and Marshall College. In addition to his ministerial service, Ranck served as a delegate with the Alliance of Reformed Churches in Cardiff, Wales in 1925, the Stockholm Conference in 1925, and Oxford and Edinburgh in 1925. Ranck died on August 19, 1948 in his hometown of Lancaster.

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## Scope and Contents

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This series contains letters sent by Henry Haverstick Ranck to his then fiancée, Mary H. Byrne (later Mary Byrne Ranck), while he was a student at Union Theological Seminary between October 27, 1892 and June 12, 1893, as well as a photocopy of the Rank/Ranck family newsletter from 1986, which provides biographical context to the Ranck-Byrne letters.

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## Arrangement

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## Administrative Information

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### **Revision Description**

PDF converted to EAD and description updated by Leah Edelman. 2020-10-16

### **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.

### **Processing Information**

The letters were cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-13. 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. The finding aid was created by Rebecca Nieto in 2017 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation and the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Letters (correspondence)
- Clergy
- Ranck, Henry H (Henry Haverstick), 1868- -- : Correspondence
- Ranck, Mary Byrne, 1872-1934 -- : Correspondence
- Union Theological Seminary (New York, N.Y.) -- : Students

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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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Title/Description	Instances	
Letters 1-7, 1892-09-27 -- 1892-10-30	box 1	folder 1
Letters 8-16, 1892-11-04 -- 1892-12-18	box 1	folder 2
Letters 17-25, 1893-01-04 -- 1893-02-27	box 1	folder 3
Letters 26-35, 1893-03-05 -- 1893-04-28	box 1	folder 4
Letters 36-42, 1893-05-13 -- 1893-06-12	box 1	folder 5
The Ranck Reporter family newsletter, 1986	box 1	folder 6

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