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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Griswold, H. D. (Hervey De Witt), 1860-1945
Title:	Hervey De Witt Griswold papers
ID:	4492548
Date [inclusive]:	1893 -- 1925
Physical Description:	1.5 linear feet 1.5 linear feet; 2 boxes
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	Hervey De Witt Griswold was a Presbyterian missionary in Lahore, Punjab, India (now Pakistan) from 1890-1926. The collection includes Griswold's diaries, sermons, published essays, council notes, prayer books, and Bible studies.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL3: Hervey DeWitt Griswold Papers, series #, box #, and folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Hervey DeWitt Griswold was born May 24, 1860 in Dryden, New York to Benjamin and Laura Eliza (Hurd) Griswold. He attended Union College in Schenectady, New York 1881 – 1885, and then attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City 1885 – 1888. For the next two years, he had a fellowship at Oxford and Berlin Universities. Griswold began his service for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in India 1890 as a local missionary in Jhansi. That same year, he also married Frances S. Sheldon. Together they would have three children: Laura Katharine; Arthur Sheldon; and Frances Louise. In 1894, Griswold became Professor of Philosophy at Forman Christian College in Lahore, India, also teaching History and English. Griswold built the Foreman Christian College Library as its Librarian, adding greatly to the selection of books on philosophy and religion. He served as secretary of the India Council of the Presbyterian Missions. Griswold continued his own education, earning a PhD

from Cornell University in 1900 with his thesis on Indian Philosophy, Brahman. He obtained his Doctor of Divinity in 1910. Griswold was a prolific writer, penning a number of pamphlets and other literary works throughout his life. Griswold retired from missionary work in India in 1926 and died May 11, 1945.

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Scope and Contents

This collection contains two essays and four published sermons written and delivered by Griswold; correspondence between various people and Griswold; as well as Griswold's diaries, prayer books, and "studies," which focus on one passage and expound upon its meaning.

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged in three chronological series: Series 1: Notebooks; Series 2: Correspondence; Series 3: Sermons and essays.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Originally part of the independent Missionary Research Library, these records were received by Union Theological Seminary librarian Robert F. Beach and MRL archivist Laura Person in 1961 from Hervey DeWitt Griswold's daughter, Mrs. Frances Griswold Ballantine. In 1976 the records were accessioned to the Burke Library archives with the closure of the MRL.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged by Lynn A. Grove on 1988-07-18. 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. Notebooks were wrapped in acid-free tissue and tied with acid-free cotton tying tape. An inventory was compiled by Paul A. Byrnes in 1977; the full finding aid was created with an updated inventory by Brigette C. Kamsler in December 2011 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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Hervey DeWitt Griswold papers, #2124. Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, Cornell University Library.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Missions -- Pakistan -- Lahore
- Diaries
- Sermons
- Missionaries
- Forman Christian College (Lahore, Pakistan)
- Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. -- : Missions

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL3, South Asia

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Notebooks, 1893 -- 1925

Physical Description: 0.75 linear feet 0.75 linear feet; 2 boxes

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Scope and Contents

This series contains the personal handwritten notebooks of Griswold, which function as diaries and discuss his everyday thoughts. There are also books that Griswold called "studies" which focus on one passage and expound upon its meaning, as well as prayer books, which are dated and include what Griswold was thankful for or prayed about on a specific day.

Title/Description	Instances
Diaries, 1893 -- 1922	box 1 folder 1-2

Scope and Contents

Diary, December 2, 1893 – October 29, 1894 [f.7];
 Diary, Lahore Conference, January 1896; Diary,
 September 24, 1922 – December 13, 1922 [f.12]

Bible Study, Psalms, 1897	box 1	folder 3
Notes on Bible Studies, circa 1897 -- 1898	box 1	folder 4
Studies, 1898 -- 1903	box 1	folder 5-7

Scope and Contents

Studies in Mark [1898?]; Studies in 1 Samuel [1898?];
 Studies in 2 Samuel, August 19, 1898; Studies in
 1 Kings, September 10, 1898; Studies in 2 Kings,
 October 1, 1898; Studies in 1 Chronicles, 1898 [f.3];
 Studies in 1 Chronicles, November 1898 – January
 3, 1899 [f.4]; Diary and Gospel Studies, 1902 – 1903
 [f.8]

Prayer Book, 1903 -- 1906	box 1	folder 8
Bibles Studies and Diary, 1905 -- 1909	box 1	folder 9
Prayer Book and Diary, 1906 -- 1910	box 1	folder 10
Account Book, 1911 -- 1929	box 1	folder 11
Diary and Prayer Book, 1915 -- 1917	box 1	folder 12-13

Scope and Contents

Diary and Prayer Book, 1915 – 1916 [f.10]; Diary and
 Prayer Book, January 17, 1917 – January 30, 1917
 [f.11]

India [Missionary] Council Notes, 1923	box 1	folder 14-15
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Scope and Contents

India [Missionary] Council Notes, January 13, 1923 –
 February 3, 1923; India [Missionary] Council Notes,
 March 6, 1923 – April 18, 1923

India [Missionary] Council Notes, 1923	box 2	folder 1
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Scope and Contents

India [Missionary] Council Notes, May 1923 – October
 1923 [f.15]

Account Book, 1923 -- 1924	box 2	folder 2
Diary and Council Notes, 1924	box 2	folder 3-4

Scope and Contents

Diary and Council Notes, March 1924 [f.16]; Diary and Council Notes, September 15, 1924 – December 28, 1924 [f.17]

Diary and Notes, 1925	box 2	folder 5
Notes, 1925	box 2	folder 6

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Series 2: Correspondence, 1925 -- 1941

Physical Description: 0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 5 folders

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access:**Conditions Governing Access**

This series is open for research.

Scope and Contents

This series contains correspondence between various people and Griswold. Mr. Ray H. Carter was of the Presbyterian Mission in Lahore, India writing to Griswold in Philadelphia. Daniel J. Fleming was writing from Union Theological Seminary in New York to the Griswolds in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Other letters from Reverend E. Morris Wherry and Union graduate C. H. Mattison are also included. Mattison included a copy of a letter to a Dr. Beattie imploring for financial support. The final letter is from Sir Manohar Lal, finance minister of the Punjab Province in India.

Title/Description	Instances	
Ray H. Carter, 1925 -- 1926	box 2	folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Ray H. Carter to H. D. Griswold, Philadelphia, PA		
Daniel J. Fleming, 1926 -- 1927	box 2	folder 8
Scope and Contents		
Daniel J. Fleming to Mrs. Griswold, New York, NY; Daniel J. Fleming to H. D. Griswold, New York, NY		
E. Morris Wherry, 1926 -- 1927	box 2	folder 9
Scope and Contents		
E. Morris Wherry to H. D. Griswold, Cincinnati, Ohio; Richmond, Ill		
C. H. Mattison, 1938	box 2	folder 10

Scope and Contents

C. H. Mattison to H. D. Griswold, Tanakpur, India; C.
H. Mattison to Dr. Beattie Tanakpur, India

Sir Manohar Lal, 1941

box 2

folder 11

Scope and Contents

Sir Manohar Lal to H. D. Griswold, Lahore, India,
November 6, 1941; Enclosure: newspaper clipping, Sir
Manohar Lal, Civil and Military Gazette, Lahore, India,
January 19, 1941

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Series 3: Sermons and essays, 1897 -- 1925

Physical Description: 0.25 linear feet 0.25 linear feet; 2 folders

Arrangement

This series is arranged chronologically.

Conditions Governing Access:

Conditions Governing Access

This series is open for research.

Scope and Contents

This series contains two essays and four published sermons written and delivered by Griswold.

Title/Description

Instances

Essays, 1897; 1919

box 2

folder 12

Scope and Contents

Includes "The Dayanandi Interpretation of the Word
"Deva" in the Rig Veda," Lodianna, 1897, 23 pages, 2
copies; and "Repentance as Illustrated from the Old\
Testament Psalms and from the Varuna Hymns of the
Rig Veda," Madras, 1919, 15 pages.

Sermons, 1925

box 2

folder 13

Scope and Contents

Sermons, by H.D.Griswold, Landour, 1925, 39 pages.

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