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Guide to the  
**Dwight family papers**  
1789-1866  
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## **Summary**

**Creator:** Dwight family

**Title:** Dwight family papers, 1789-1866

**Size:** .5 linear foot (2 boxes)

**Abstract:** Among the notable members of the Dwight family of Connecticut were: Timothy Dwight (1752-1817), a Congregational minister and president of Yale College; Theodore Dwight (1764-1846), a lawyer, editor and author; Theodore Dwight, Jr. (1796-1866), author and educator; and Sereno Edwards Dwight (1786-1850), educator and Congregational minister.

Collection consists of letters, 1795-1815, and notebook of Timothy Dwight; letters, 1789-1843, poems, and miscellaneous documents of Theodore Dwight; correspondence, 1815-1866, diary (published in 1824 under the title "A Journal of a Tour in Italy, In the Year 1821") of a tour through Italy and Europe, poems, and notes of Theodore Dwight, Jr.; letters, 1821-1828, of Sereno Edwards Dwight; letters, 1836-1853, to various members of the Dwight family; and letters, 1828-1852, poems, and other papers of the Alsop family.

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**Key terms**

**Subjects**

Congregationalists -- Connecticut  
Families -- Connecticut

**Names**

Alsop family  
Dwight family  
Dwight, Sereno Edwards, 1786-1850  
Dwight, Theodore, 1764-1846  
Dwight, Theodore, 1796-1866  
Dwight, Timothy, 1752-1817

**Special formats**

Diaries

**Occupations**

Authors  
Clergy  
Educators  
Journalists  
Lawyers

**Places**

Connecticut -- Religion -- 18th century  
Connecticut -- Social life and customs  
Europe -- Description and travel  
Italy -- Description and travel

## Container list

Theodore Dwight, Sr. (1764-1846)

- b.1 f.1 Letters by Dwight, 1789-1843
- b.1 f.2 Miscellaneous papers
- b.1 f.3 Poems

Theodore Dwight, Jr. (1796-1866)

Letters by Dwight

- b.1 f.4 1815-1837
- b.1 f.5 1838-1866
- b.1 f.6 Pencil draft of letter to Capt. Crave (?) on African colonization, undated

Letters to Dwight

- b.1 f.7 1814-1863
- b.1 f.8 From Lydia H. Sigourney, 1829-1856 (37 letters)
- b.1 f.9 From Mary Alsop and family, 1828-1852 (Includes poems of Mary Alsop)
- b.1 f.10 Hints on a Universal Language
- b.1 f.11 Miscellaneous notes

Timothy Dwight (1752-1817)

- b.1 f.12 Letters by Dwight, 1795-1815
- b.1 f.13 Dr. Dwight's remarks on Thomas Vincent's explanation of the Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism
- b.1 f.14 Sereno Edwards Dwight letters, 1821, 1828, n.d.
- b.1 f.15 Letters to members of the Dwight family, 1836-1853, n.d.
- b.2 Journals, Writings, Documents