

# Guide to the Ralza Elwin Andrew Sermons, circa 1900-1925

Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:** Ralza Elwin Andrew Sermons, circa 1900-1925

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**Language:** The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent: 1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

# Abstract:

The Ralza Edwin Andrew Sermons contain 26 full and partial sermons by Reverend Andrew that stem from his time preaching in New Hampshire from circa 1900 to 1925.

Access and Use

# **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The Reverend Ralza Elwin Andrew Sermons were a gift from Betsy J. McDonnell in December 2019.

# **Processing Information**:

This collection was processed by Korrena Cowing in January 2020. The finding aid was written by Korrena Cowing in January 2020. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

# **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

# Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

# **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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# **Preferred Citation:**

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**Collection Overview** 

# **Biographical Information:**

Ralza Elwin Andrew was born on August 10, 1861 in Orange, NH, to Benjamin Fowler and Abigail Sanborn Andrew. Ralza attended the New Hampton Biblical Institute in New Hampton, NH, from 1878 to 1883, after which he studied law for a year before entering the ministry in 1884. He subsequently served as Baptist minister in Sherburne and Elmira, NY; and starting in 1889, as Congregational minister in Buffalo, Bangor, and Brushton, NY. After returning to New Hampshire in 1904, he served as Congregational minister in East Andover/Andover, Bartlett, and Bath, NH.

Ralza married Clara Adell Fernald on November 1, 1884 at Orange, NH. She was the daughter of John and Betsy B. (French) Fernald, born at Orange on January 12, 1863. Ralza and Clara had four children: Lela, Ethel, Benjamin, and Earl. Ralza passed away on February 24, 1925 in Laconia, NH, where he is buried at Bayside Cemetery. Clara died at Laconia on February 28, 1946 and was buried at the Canaan Street Cemetery in Canaan, NH.

#### **Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Ralza Edwin Andrew Sermons contain 26 full and partial sermons by Reverend Andrew that stem from his time preaching in New Hampshire from circa 1900 to 1925. The sermons are each about seven sheets long and most are undated, with one dated only as 1900. Also included are a few photocopies of family photographs and personal papers of Ralza Edwin Andrew. These include images of Ralza with his wife and children from 1908 to 1924; an image of the Bath, NH, parsonage; his 1921 application for admission to the Unitarian ministry; and his obituary.

#### **Arrangement:**

The sermons in this collection are arranged alphabetically by book, then chapter and verse. Sermons without identifying books are under "various." Photocopies of family papers are at the end of the collection.

### **Contents List**

#### Box 1

Folder 1	Sermons: Corinthians, 1900
Folder 2	Sermons: Galatians, undated
Folder 3	Sermons: Genesis, undated
Folder 4	Sermons: Hebrews, undated
Folder 5	Sermons: Isaiah, undated
Folder 6	Sermons: John, undated
Folder 7	Sermons: Luke, undated
Folder 8	Sermons: Matthew, undated
Folder 9	Sermons: Proverbs, undated
Folder 10	Sermons: Samuel, undated
Folders 11-12	Sermons: various, undated
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Folder 13 Photocopies of family photographs and papers, circa 1908-1925

## Subject Terms

#### **People:**

Andrew, Benjamin Andrew, Clara, 1863-1946 Andrew, Earl Andrew, Ethel Andrew, Lela Andrew, Ralza Edwin, 1861-1925

#### Subjects:

Preaching Religion Sermons

# Locations:

Bath, NH

Laconia, NH Occupations: Clergy