

Guide to the William Walter Wakeman Papers, circa 1900-1904, 1947

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Author of Finding Aid:

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Creator:

Wakeman, William Walter, 1860-1935

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

Ten lecture notes, list of slides, and miscellaneous papers of William Walter Wakeman, a Baptist minister, pertaining to his lectures on John Greenleaf Whittier entitled "In Whittier's Land."

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The William Walter Wakeman Papers were a gift of Hermon M. Noyes on August 6, 1976.

Slides accompanying the lecture were initially donated to the museum by Hermon M. Noyes on August 6, 1976 and were later moved to the archives. These can be found under accession numbers 1976.35.11 and 1976.35.12.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by an unknown person at an unknown date. The finding aid was written by J. G. Johnson in August 1976 and reformatted by Korrena Cowing in March 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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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

The son of a grocer and farmer, William Walter Wakeman was born at East Haddam, CT, on July 29, 1860. His father George had married Virginia Bulkeley on June 12, 1856 at East Haddam. She died August 12, 1862. He then married Mary M. Spencer on November 21, 1863 at Longmeadow, MA. She died December 13, 1891; George died in 1913, probably at East Haddam.

William spent his youth working on his father's farm. He graduated from Brown University in 1887, and from Newton Theological Institution in 1890. Ordained a Baptist minister on June 19, 1890 at Hampton Falls, NH, he was a pastorate in Hampton Falls and Seabrook, NH, from 1890 to 1897; at the Missionary of Boston Baptist Sunday School Association at Medford, MA, in

1897; at a church he formed there from 1897 to 1900; at Reading, MA, from 1900 to 1903; at the New Braintree Congregational Church in Massachusetts from 1904 to 1905; in Ashland, MA, from 1907 to 1910; in Bellingham, MA, from 1911 to 1916; and in Westwood, MA, from 1916 to 1928.

As a clergyman living at Reading, he married New Braintree bookkeeper Lucia Jane Howe at Hampton Falls on June 26, 1900. The daughter of Emory and Mary A. (Tooley) Howe, Lucia was born at Barre, MA, on August 1, 1868. They had two known children: Laura Virginia Wakeman born November 28, 1902, and Reginald Leslie Wakeman born September 25, 1905. William retired to Weymouth, MA, in April 1928. He died on May 19, 1935 while visiting Hampton Falls, NH, and was buried at Weymouth, MA. Lucia died after 1947.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The William Walter Wakeman Papers contain lecture notes, lists of slides, research, and other papers relating to Wakeman's lectures on John Greenleaf Whittier. His lecture was titled, "In Whittier's Land." The majority of materials in this collection are undated, with a few items dated from 1903 to 1904 and one lecture delivered by Mrs. Lucia Jane Wakeman dated 1947.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into folders by type.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 0 Inventory
- Folder 1 Expenses for lectures and slides, 1903 July 23-1904 May 18
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous papers, 1903-1904, undated
- Folder 3 List of views for sale by W. C. Thompson, Newburyport, MA, undated
- Folder 4 Lecture notes on John Greenleaf Whittier, with indications of other participants reading Whittier's poems, undated
- Folder 5 Short title listing of slides and accompanying poems, undated
- Folder 6 Whittier's negatives arranged in lecture order (list) #1-114, undated
- Folder 7 Notebook with photographic data pertaining to the slides of the Whittier lecture, undated
- Folder 8 Notes for lecture on "Whittier Land" – revised, insertions, etc. pages 1-142, pages 20-123 (gaps), undated
- Folder 9 Notes of an abbreviated lecture on Whittier delivered by Mrs. Lucia Jane Wakeman (widow) May 22, 1947 at a WCTU Silver Tea
- Folder 10 Lecture notes (76 pages) entitled "In Whittier's Land," undated

Separated Materials:

The following genealogical material was moved to the library.

[Wakeman family records, including vital records, manuscript copy of will of John Wakeman of New Haven, etc.], 929.2 W14958

Glass lantern slides accompanying the lecture have call number 1976.35.11 and 1976.35.12.

The following broadside was moved to the Broadside Collection – Entertainment: No Town Named.

“In Whittier’s Land” A Ramble Over the Lower Merrimac Valley and the New Hampshire Sea Coast Visiting places and scenery celebrated in the Narrative and Legendary Poems of John G. Whittier Illustrated with the Stereopticon by William Walter Wakeman, circa 1900, S 1997.556.68

Subject Terms

People:

Wakeman, Lucia Jane, 1868-
Wakeman, William Walter, 1860-1935
Whittier, John Greenleaf, 1807-1892

Organizations:

Woman’s Christian Temperance Union

Subjects:

Lectures and lecturing
Photography
Poetry

Occupations:

Lecturers