



BHC-MSS 0214
Guide to the Papers of the Hewit Family
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Hewit family

Title: Papers of the Hewit family

Dates: 1810-1839

Quantity: 1 manuscript box

Abstract. Primarily containing correspondence from Rev. Nathaniel Hewit to family members or else on the topics of his duties as a pastor, this collection focuses on life in the early 1800s. Topics include bible groups, the early Temperance movement, and personal correspondence.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

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Biographical History:

Rev. Nathaniel Hewit was born in New London, Conn., graduated from Yale College and studied theology at Andover. He was minister at the Presbyterian Church in Plattsburg, NY, 1815-1817; the Congregational Church in Fairfield, CT, 1818-1827; the 2nd Congregational Church in Bridgeport, CT 1830-1853; and the Presbyterian Church in Bridgeport, CT which he and 78 members organized in 1853.

He lectured at home and abroad for the American Temperance Society, 1827-1930.

He was married to Rebecca Hillhouse of New Haven who died January 4, 1831; Miss Susan Eliot of Fairfield who died May 1, 1857, His children by his first marriage were Henry S. Hewit, M.D., Army Surgeon; Rev. Augustus F. Hewit, Paulist Father; and Sara, widow of William S. Bowen, M.D.

Scope and Content note:

The letters to Rebecca Hillhouse are personal. Rev. Nathaniel Hewit's papers deal with his pastor ships, Temperance, Bible societies, and a few legal papers. Some of the papers are photocopies and many received by the library were previously backed with rice paper.

Arrangement Note:

Material is arranged chronologically with printed material placed at the end.

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1979.18, accession record missing

Preferred Citation:

Papers of the Hewit Family (BHC-MSS 0214), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings*Personal names*

Hillhouse, Rebecca

Hewit, Nathaniel

Eliot, Susan

Hewit family

Subject tracings

Correspondence

Temperance societies

Ministers

Detailed box/folder listing

Box 1

1. Correspondence, 1810-1818
2. Correspondence, 1819-1828
3. Correspondence, 1829
4. Correspondence, 1830
5. Correspondence, 1831
6. Correspondence, 1833-1839
7. Correspondence, 1830 and undated
8. Correspondence, undated
9. Additional papers
10. History of church of Fairfield and bible passages, undated