



Buttrick (Wallace) papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
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Biographical/Historical note

Wallace Buttrick was born on October 3, 1853, on a farm in Potsdam, New York. In 1857, his family moved to Madrid, New York, and later to Ogdensburg where he spent most of his youth.

Mr. Buttrick attended the Ogdensburg Academy and later the Potsdam Normal School. His education was interrupted when his father became ill, and he then secured a job as a messenger in the State Capitol at Albany. This proved unsuitable, and in 1875 he took a position as railroad mail agent between Rome, New York, and Ogdensburg.

In 1880, Mr. Buttrick moved to Rochester where he entered the Divinity School. His first pastorate was the First Baptist Church of New Haven. He was always interested in the West, and he moved to the First Church of St. Paul, Minnesota in 1890. While in Minnesota, Mr. Buttrick engaged in lively controversies with the city administration. In 1892, he moved east to the Emmanuel Church of Albany where he stayed for nearly 10 years.

In 1902, Mr. Buttrick joined the General Education Board as Secretary.

Wallace Buttrick died on May 27, 1926.

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Scope and Contents note

The Wallace Buttrick collection covers the period from 1888 to 1926.

This collection contains material on the Buttrick family history, Wallace Buttrick's several pastorates, his early work with the China Medical Board, and a trip to England in 1917.

Materials included are two unidentified manuscripts, resolutions, clippings, and a pamphlet.

Important subjects include family history; organization of the China Medical Board; trip to England in 1917; church interests; St. Paul, Minnesota, controversies; education; and Henry Lyman Morehouse.

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Arrangement note

The material in this collection is arranged chronologically, with the clippings and the scrapbooks at the end.

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File Plan note

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

The papers of Wallace Buttrick were deposited with the Rockefeller Foundation Archives in July 1967 by Mrs. Charles Merrill.

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Processing Information note

Processing was completed as of April 29, 1969. Processing Level 3: Standard Processing. All material is available in acid free manuscript boxes and folders.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances
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Genealogy, 1616-1895	box 1	folder 1
Scope and Contents note		
5 x 8 index card with handwritten genealogy of the Buttrick family.		
Family History, 1616-1836	box 1	folder 2
Scope and Contents note		
Five page typescript family history of the Buttrick family.		
Wallace Buttrick, 1853-1902	box 1	folder 3
Scope and Contents note		
Thirty-nine page typescript history of Wallace Buttrick and immediate family.		
Emmanuel Church Resolution, 1902	box 1	folder 4
Scope and Contents note		
Resolution adopted by the Church Board on the occasion of Mr. Buttrick's departure from the Albany church.		
China Medical Board, undated	box 1	folder 5
Scope and Contents note		
Wallace Buttrick's recollections on his service with the China Medical Board.		
England, 1917	box 1	folder 6
Scope and Contents note		
Recollection of Wallace Buttrick's trip to England at the request of the American ambassador to England.		
"What is Education" by Wallace Buttrick, 1925	box 1	folder 7
Scope and Contents note		
Reprint from "The Peabody Journal of Education," vol. 3, no. 3, November 1925. States what education is "in the form of five propositions" I. All Education is Self-Education II. Capacity for Intelligent Self-Direction III. Trained Capacity for Sustained Attention IV. Education is Never Finished; It Is As Long As Life V. The Object of Education is Character, Not Efficiency		
"The Tribute Beautiful" by Wallace Buttrick, undated	box 1	folder 8

Scope and Contents note

Excerpt from a biography of Henry Lyman Morehouse, in which Buttrick recalls Morehouse.

Miscellaneous Clippings, 1891

box 1

folder 9

Scope and Contents note

Clippings primarily dealing with Buttrick's tenure in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miscellaneous Clippings, 1925-1926

box 1

folder 10

Scope and Contents note

Clippings consist primarily of obituaries and testimonials of Buttrick, who died May 27, 1926.

Scrapbook, 1888-1902

box 1

folder 11

Scope and Contents note

Articles/contributions by Buttrick to various newspapers.

Scrapbook, undated

box 1

folder 12

Scope and Contents note

Articles concerning St. Paul, Minnesota controversy.

Scrapbook, undated

box 1

folder 13

Scope and Contents note

Articles and publications on the General Education Board.