



## New England Society records, 1819-1995 SCHS 209.00

**Creator:** New England Society of Charleston, S.C.

**Description:** 8.75 linear ft.

**Biographical/historical note:** Founded in January, 1819, this organization was formed by "a number of gentlemen, natives of New England, for the purpose of keeping alive in their minds the memory of the land of their birth, and the institutions handed down from their fathers. Another, higher object with them, was to organize an efficient system of relief for such of the sons of New England as might be arrested by the hand of disease or chill penury in this city."

**Scope and content:** Records consist of correspondence, financial records, minutes, pamphlets and other printed material, speeches, and other items. Included are papers (1915-1952) of Rev. William Way.

Early correspondence (1819-1890s) includes letters of application for membership in the New England Society; letters of resignation; letters declining an invitation to dine with the Society; letters concerning charity cases, mostly native New Englanders who were in need of passage money home or other assistance; and miscellaneous correspondence. Later correspondence (bulk 1960s-1990s) chiefly consists of letters concerning membership matters.

Early financial records (1819-1893) include vouchers and orders to pay pertaining to charity efforts and other expenditures; and treasurers' accounts. Additional financial records consist of accounts, investment records, invoices, and checking records.

Miscellaneous items include eulogies, resolutions, Committee on Charity reports (1858-1893), lists of members, papers pertaining to various New England Society dinners and meetings (1967-1995), clippings, and membership certificates. Printed material includes editions (1830-1885) of the Rule Book of the New England Society; constitutions and by-laws in bound and pamphlet form (1876-1939); editions (1967-1991) of a pamphlet entitled New England Society of Charleston, S.C.; mortuaries (1874-1875); and pamphlets and a book (1859-1894) pertaining to New England Congregational churches. Speeches include manuscripts of addresses (1832-1850s) by Samuel Gilman.

Papers (1915-1952) of William Way consist of clippings, including reviews of his History of the New England Society; correspondence, including letters of appreciation concerning his book; and papers pertaining to the New England Society.

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New Englanders -- South Carolina.  
Charleston (S.C.) -- History.  
South Carolina -- History.  
Clippings.  
Eulogies.  
Financial records.  
Letters (correspondence)  
Lists.  
Minutes.  
Pamphlets.

**Series Outline:**

209.01 New England Society papers  
209.01.01 (C) Correspondence  
209.01.02 (F) Financial Records  
209.01.03 (M) Minutes  
209.01.04 (Misc.) Miscellaneous Records  
209.01.05 (P) Printed Material  
209.01.05 (S) Speeches, addresses, etc.  
209.02 William Way Papers

**Container listing:****BOX 1**

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**BOX 2**

209.01.01 (C) 01 Letters of application for membership, 1841-1893

**BOX 3**

209.01.01 (C) 02 Letters declining an invitation to dine with the N.E. Society, 1819-1828  
209.01.01 (C) 03 Letters of resignation of membership in the N.E. Society, 1819-1844

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209.01.01 (C) 03 Letters of resignation, 1845-1980s (bulk 1845-1893)  
209.01.01 (C) 04 Charity appeals and related letters, 1820s-1890s  
209.01.01 (C) 05-01 Caroline Gilman letters concerning her financial need, 1867; 1878 (2 items)  
209.01.01 (C) 05-02 Samuel Gilman letters, 1849; n.d., concerning charity cases

BOX 5

209.01.01 (C) 05      Miscellaneous correspondence, 1820s-1990s

BOX 6

209.01.06 (C) 06      Correspondence regarding membership, 1960s-1989; blank stationery

BOX 7

209.01.02 (F) 01      Financial records: chiefly vouchers, invoices, orders to pay, etc., 1819-1844

BOX 8

209.01.02 (F) 01      Financial records: chiefly vouchers, invoices, orders to pay, etc., 1845-1879

BOX 9

209.01.02 (F) 01      Financial records: chiefly vouchers, invoices, orders to pay, etc., 1880-1893

BOX 10

209.01.02 (F) 02      Financial records: treasurers' records, including accounts and reports, 1845-1856

BOX 11

209.01.02 (F) 02.05 (1819-1835)      Treasurer's account book (bound volume), 1819-1835

209.01.02 (F) 02.05 (1835-1872)      Treasurer's account book (bound volume), 1835-1872

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209.01.02 (F) 03.01 (1866-1913)      New England Society account book, 1866-1913 (bound vol.)

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209.01.02 (F) 03.02 (1966-1978)      Ledger (disbound), 1966-1978

209.01.02 (F) 03.02 (1978-1988)      Ledger (disbound), 1978-1988

209.01.02 (F) 03.03 (1966-1986)      Dues account book, 1966-1986

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209.01.02 (F) 04.01 (1819-1869)      Miscellaneous accounts, 1819-1869

209.01.02 (F) 04.01 (1870-1892)      Miscellaneous accounts, 1870-1892

209.01.02 (F) 04.02 (1839-1890)      Stock accounts, 1839-1890

209.01.02 (F) 04.03 (1868-1875)      Tax records, 1868-1875

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209.01.02 (F) 04.03 (1970s)      Tax records, 1970s

209.01.02 (F) 04.03 (1980s)      Tax records, 1980s

209.01.02 (F) 04.04 (1980s)      Investment records, 1980s

209.01.02 (F) 04.04 (1990) Investment records, 1990  
209.01.02 (F) 04.04 (1991) Investment records, 1991  
209.01.02 (F) 04.04 (1992) Investment records, 1992  
209.01.02 (F) 04.04 (1993) Investment records, 1993  
209.01.02 (F) 04.05 (1965-1991) William Way Fund records, 1965-1991  
209.01.02 (F) 04.06 (1975-1991) Miscellaneous financial statements, 1975-1991

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209.01.02 (F) 04.07 (1981-1992) Committee on Charities records, 1981-1992  
209.01.02 (F) 04.08 (1971) Invoices, etc., 1971  
209.01.02 (F) 04.08 (1972) Invoices, etc., 1972  
209.01.02 (F) 04.08 (1973) Invoices, etc., 1973  
209.01.02 (F) 04.08 (1974) Invoices, etc., 1974  
209.01.02 (F) 04.08 (1978) Invoices, etc., 1978  
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209.01.02 (F) 04.08 (1993) Invoices, etc., 1993

#### BOX 17 (Access restricted)

209.01.02 (F) 05.01 (1980s) Certificates of deposit records, 1980s  
209.01.02 (F) 05.02 Checking records, 1969-1973; 1978-1981; 1987-1993

#### BOX 18

209.01.03 (M) 01 (1836-1872) Minute book, 1836-1872 (bound volume)

#### BOX 19

209.01.03 (M) 01 (1872-1911) Minute book, 1872-1911 (oversz. book located w/ Box 19A)  
209.01.03 (M) 01 (1911-1933) Minute book, 1911-1933 (bound volume located in Box 19)

#### BOX 19A

209.01.03 (M) 01 (1952-1961) Minute book, 1952-1961 (disbound volume)  
209.01.03 (M) 01 (1961-1970) Minute book, 1961-1970 (disbound vol.)  
209.01.03 (M) 01 (1970-1979) Minute book, 1970-1979

#### BOX 20

209.01.04 (Misc.) 01 Papers concerning Plymouth monument subscription, 1853-1860  
209.01.04 (Misc.) 02 Papers concerning a portrait of Doddridge Crocker, 1835-1837  
209.01.04 (Misc.) 03 Eulogies, tributes, etc.  
209.01.04 (Misc.) 04 Resolutions  
209.01.04 (Misc.) 04-01 Committee on Charity reports, 1858-1893

- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 04-02 Stewards' committee reports, 1824-1834
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 04-03 Miscellaneous committee reports, 1820-1884
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 05-01 Miscellaneous lists, etc., 1819-1880s; n.d.
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 05-02 List of members, 1819-1855 (bound volume)
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 05-03 Waiting lists, mailing lists, etc.
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 06 Constitution and by-laws, revisions, etc.
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1967) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1967
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1978) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1978
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1981) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1981
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1982) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1982
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1983) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1983
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1984) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1984
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1986) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1986
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1990) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1990
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1991) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1991
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- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1995) Papers pertaining to N.E. Society dinners and meetings, 1995

#### BOX 21

- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 07 (1975-1993) Programs for annual dinners, 1975-1993
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 08 Miscellaneous items
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 09 Clippings, 1824-1871
- 209.01.04 (Misc.) 10 Membership certificates and template, [1820?], located in Oversized box
- 209.01.05 (P) 01 (1830) Pamphlet: Rules of the New England Society of Charleston, S.C.
- 209.01.05 (P) 01 (1842)-01 Pamphlets: Rules of the N.E. Society of Charleston, S.C., 1842
- 209.01.05 (P) 01 (1842)-02 Booklet: Rules of the N.E. Society of Charleston, S.C.,(bound vol.)
- 209.01.05 (P) 01 (1850) Booklets: Rules of N.E. Society of Charleston, S.C. (bound vols.)
- 209.01.05 (P) 01 (1867) Pamphlets: Rules of the N.E. Society of Charleston, S.C., 1867
- 209.01.05 (P) 01 (1885) Booklet: Rules of the N.E. Society of Charleston, S.C. (bound vol.)
- 209.01.05 (P) 02 (1876) Pamphlet: Constitution and By-Laws of the N.E. Society..., 1876
- 209.01.05 (P) 02 (1939) Pamphlets: Constitution and By-Laws of the N.E. Society..., 1939
- 209.01.05 (P) 03 Pamphlet: New England Society of Charleston, S.C., 1967
- 209.01.05 (P) 04 Pamphlets: New England Society of Charleston, S.C., 1980
- 209.01.05 (P) 05 Pamphlet: New England Society of Charleston, S.C., 1991
- 209.01.05 (P) 06 Pamphlets: The Day We Celebrate: An Address..., 1952
- 209.01.05 (P) 07 Program: Third Annual Celebration of the N.E. Society of St. Louis, 1887
- 209.01.05 (P) 08-01 Pamphlets: Constitution and By-laws of the N.E. Society of Orange, N.J., 1872; 1873
- 209.01.05 (P) 08-02 Programs: Forefathers' Day, Middlebury, Vermont, 1886;1887

#### BOX 22

- 209.01.05 (P) 09 (1874)-01 Mortuary, 1874 (bound volume: Benjamin F. Dunkin, Benjamin J. Howland, E. Mills Beach)
- 209.01.05 (P) 09 (1874)-02 Mortuary, 1874 (bound volume: Dunkin, Howland, Beach)
- 209.01.05 (P) 09 (1875) Mortuary, 1875 (pamphlets: Frederick Richards, James B. Betts)
- 209.01.05 (P) 09 (1884) Pamphlets: In Memoriam, 1884 (James B. Campbell, Wm. S. Hastie)
- 209.01.05 (P) 10 (1859-1861) Pamphlets: annual reports of the Ministry at Large in the City of Providence [R.I.]..., 1859; 1861
- 209.01.05 (P) 10 (1870-1890) Pamphlets: annual reports of the Ministry at Large in the City of Providence [R.I.]..., 1870; 1890
- 209.01.05 (P) 10 (1891) Pamphlet: 38th Annual Report of the Directors of the American Congregational Association, 1891
- 209.01.05 (P) 10 (1893) Pamphlet: 40th Annual Report of the Directors of the American Congregational Association, 1893
- 209.01.05 (P) 10 (1894) Pamphlet: 41st Annual Report of the Directors of the American Congregational Association, 1894
- 209.01.05 (P) 11 (1861) Book: New England Congregationalism in Its Origin and Purity; illustrated by the Foundation and Early Records..., 1861
- 209.01.06 (S) 01 (1820)-01 Pamphlet: Address Delivered before...the N.E. Society..., 1819
- 209.01.06 (S) 01 (1820)-02 Pamphlet: Address Delivered before the N.E. Society..., 1820
- 209.01.06 (S) 01 (1820)-03 Pamphlets: Address Delivered before the N.E. Society..., 1820
- 209.01.06 (S) 02-01 Samuel Gilman addresses and related notes and clipping, 1832-1850s, n.d.
- 209.01.06 (S) 02-02 Miscellaneous speeches, addresses, and related notes

### BOX 23

- 209.02 William Way Papers, 1915-1952
- 209.02 (C) 01-01 Clippings, ca. 1925-1936
- 209.02 (C) 01-02 Clippings concerning Calvin Coolidge, 1922
- 209.02 (C) 01-03 Clippings concerning Way's History of the New England Society, 1920-1921
- 209.02 (C) 02 (1915-1917) Correspondence, 1915-1917
- 209.02 (C) 02 (1920)-01 Letter of thanks from Gov. Calvin Coolidge (photocopy; original in safe), 1920
- 209.02 (C) 02 (1920)-02 Letters, 1920, mostly letters of appreciation concerning Way's book
- 209.02 (C) 02 (1921) Correspondence, 1921
- 209.02 (C) 02 (1922) Correspondence, 1922
- 209.02 (C) 02 (1951) Correspondence, 1951
- 209.02 (Misc.)-01 Papers concerning Pilgrim memorials, 1934, n.d.
- 209.02 (Misc.)-02 Papers concerning the New England Society, 1919-1952