
Guide to the Carl French Henry Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Carl French Henry collection

Dates: 1892-1957

Collection number: GTU 89-10-09

Creator: Henry, Carl French

Collection Size: 2 boxes

.5 linear ft.

Repository: The Graduate Theological Union. Library.

Berkeley, CA 94709

Abstract: This small collection consists of biographical materials of the Henry family (C.F. Henry, Rena M. Henry, his wife, Helen Henry, daughter and other family members), and Henry's records of marriages, correspondence, sermons, class lectures and information on Throop Memorial Universalist Church, Pasadena, CA. etc.

Physical location: 4/B/3

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

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Biography / Administrative History

Carl French Henry, 1867-1929, was born in Ohio. He grew up on a farm going to school first at a local district school, later to a near-by town high school. He attended Buchtel College, a Universalist institution, graduating in 1891. He earned the money to attend college by teaching high school, and running a boarding club furnishing meals to students. He attended Tufts College divinity school graduating in 1894. Tufts later granted him the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity in 1924. He served the Universalist Church in Cleveland until 1905. It was there he married Rena M. Lathrop and their only child Helen was born. Feeling the need for training in Sunday School work, he then attended the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, receiving his degree in 1905.

He was called to the pastorate of the Universalist Church, Bangor, Maine, 1906, then to North Attleboro, Massachusetts in 1911. In 1915, he accepted the call to Throop Memorial Universalist Church, Pasadena, CA. He was well liked in the church and the community. The major accomplishment of his time at Throop was the construction of the church, dedicated in 1923. He became ill in the summer of 1928 and died in January 1929, greatly mourned in the church and wider community leaving behind "a large company of devoted friends".

In the memorial booklet published after his death, *Carl French Henry, A Memorial*, which can be found in the Graduate Theological Union Library Rare Books collection, it is said that he "was a devoted Universalist, - proud of his church, its doctrines and its history. Yet he had no quarrel with the churches of the older faith. Life was too short and there was too much to be done to waste time in fruitless controversy over doctrines and dogmas. He counted among his closest friends numerous ministers of orthodox churches, who were prompt to testify to his worth when the end came to him."

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Universalist churches--Clergy--Biography

Marriage records--Maine

Marriage records--Massachusetts

Marriage records--California

Throop Memorial Universalist Church (Pasadena, Calif.)--History--Sources

Henry, Carl F. (French)

Henry, Rena M.

Henry, Helen

Note

Books transferred to the Graduate Theological Union Rare Books:

- *History of Throop Memorial Universalist Church, Pasadena, California, 1886-1961*, by William Wallace Wilcox.
- *Carl French Henry, A Memorial*. Privately Published, 1930
- *Seven Steps to Spiritual Construction*, by Bernard C. Ruggles (The Kennedy Company: Oakland, Calif., 1909)

Note

Returned to the Throop Unitarian-Universalist Church, Pasadena, CA:

- Picture: Carl F. Henry, ca. 1893
- Picture: Throop Church, ca. 1924
- Duplicate copies of Sermons by Henry, ca. 1923: "Mr. Burbank's Religion and Where He Fails; and "Religion and Science"
- Duplicate copy of Church Dedication booklet, 11/18/1923
- Church Newsletters: ca. 1914-1957

Box:folder 1:1-2, **Photographs**

- Box:folder 1:1 **Carl French Henry, ca. 1927-28, can be found in the book, Carl French Henry, A Memorial, in the Graduate Theological Union Library Rare Books collection ca. 1927-1928**
- Box:folder 1:2 **Rena M. Henry (wife) ca. 1930**
- Box:folder 1:4 **Helen Henry (daughter) 6/11/1921**
- Box:folder 1:6 **Throop Memorial Church, Pasadena, CA ca. 1924**

- Box:folder 1:3 **Rena M. Henry, In Memoriam ca. 1956**

- Box:folder 1:5 **Baptism Certificate, Helen Henry, born 8/6/1903, baptized 6/9/1904 1904**

- Box:folder 1:7 **Record of Marriages performed by Henry (Book lists marriages in Maine, Mass., and California.) 1906-January 1929**

- Box:folder 1:8 **Letter to Henry: The call to pastor Throop Church 9/1/1915**

- Box:folder 1:9 **Sermons by Henry: "Mr. Burbank's Religion and Where He Fails"; and "Religion and Science". ca. 1923**

- Box:folder 1:10 **Throop Memorial Universalist Church, Pasadena, CA. 1923-1928**
- Box:folder 1:10 **Directory 1925**
- Box:folder 1:10 **Worship Bulletin 10/21/1928**
- Box:folder 1:10 **Church Dedication booklet 11/18/1923**

- Box:folder 1:11 **Honorary Degree, D.D.: Tufts College 1924**

- Box:folder 1:12 **Resolutions in Memoriam, Carl F. Henry, passed by Throop parish meeting 1/30/1929**

- Box:folder 1:13 **Henry Family Record, by Fredrick Augustus Henry 1905**

- Box:folder 1:14 **Telegrams to Helen announcing deaths of family members 1948-1957**

- Box:folder 1:14 **Newsclippings and obituaries of family members 1929 1939 1955**

- Box:folder 1:15 **Death of Ernest B. Merrel brother-in-law) 1938**

- Box 2 **Notes on class lectures made by Henry (13 volumes) ca. 1891-1905**