

## NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Manuscripts

No. B72

Date processed: November, 1985

- I. Title Saunders, Frederick, b. 1853. Papers, 1878-1911.
- II. The papers of Frederick Saunders deposited in the Library on Oct.17,1985, by Sandy Switaj ~~to~~ as ~~converted the deposit to~~ a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1/2  
Approximate number of items: 1,600, including unnumbered pages in 8 volumes
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: Frederick Saunders was born in England July 10, 1853, the son of Joseph, n.d., and Elizabeth, n.d., Saunders. From a newspaper article published in the Berkhamstead Times in England in 1881 when he was visiting his homeland, it was learned that he had been a working wheelwright and a local preacher on the Primitive Methodist Plan in England before he left for America. The first of his eight diaries in the collection, written in Bakersville, Connecticut in 1878, has almost daily references to his studying. At that time he was also preaching and holding prayer meetings in Bakersville and Burrville. In 1881 he was pastor in West Suffield, where he was so popular with his parishioners that they agreed to pay his expenses to England for a vacation if he would keep his charge there for another year.

In 1882 he was ordained at the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Waterbury, Conn., when he was appointed to his first charge at Essex and Saybrook. Subsequently he held charges in Milford, Thomaston, Hamden, Northport, N.Y., Brooklyn, N.Y., and New Haven, where he was pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church from 1908 to 1913.

His wife's name is not known; he always refers to her simply as "wife". He had four children; Lawrence (1875-1893), Frederick, Alice and Carrie Nell (Mrs. Herbert Chase.) The dates of the last three children are not known, though it is known that Lawrence was the eldest.

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VIII. Analysis: This collection is housed in one box and consists of eight volumes of handwritten diaries which are filed in chronological order. Loose materials found in the diaries were placed in the folder following the diary in which they had been found.

The eight diaries chronicle the years 1878-1911, but are not complete. The years they cover and Mr. Saunders' location at that time are listed in the Table of Contents.

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	<u>No. of items</u>
Folder A: Diary, January-December 1878, Bakersville, Connecticut	1 v.(375 p.)
Diary, January, 1881 - April 15, 1882, West Suffield, Connecticut	1 v.(110 p.)
" B: Loose material from diaries in Folder A, consisting of notes, booklet on New York East Conference, Methodist Epis- copal Church, Waterbury, Conn., 1882.	(7)
" C: Diary, January, 1885-March, 1886, Milford	1 v.(134 p.)
Diary, April, 1886-April, 1887, Milford	1 v.(116 p.)
" D: Loose material from diaries in Folder C; newspaper clippings and quarterly reports of Preacher in Charge of Milford to the Quarterly Conference, April 1885 and April 1886.	(4)
" E: Diary, April, 1888-April, 1890, Thomaston	1 v.(212 p.)
" F: Loose material from diary in Folder E; includes quarterly report to second Quarterly Conference at Thomaston, September, 1888.	(2)
" G: Diary, April, 1890-November, 1892 (Hamden 1890-91, Northport, 1892)	1 v.(250 p.)
" H: Loose material from diary in Folder G; letter to his sister Emily, 1891	(2)
" I: Diary, November 1892-March 1895, Northport, N.Y.	1 v.(180 p.)
" J: Diary, September 1907-January 1, 1911 (Brooklyn, September 1907-April, 1908; April 1908-January 1, 1911 - New Haven)	1 v.(194 p.)
" K: Loose material from diary in Folder J; newspaper clipping about Centennial Celebration of South Second Street M.E. Church in Brooklyn, 1906; letter from Mrs. L. A. Huntley, New Haven, resigning from Grace M.E. Church, 1910.	(7)