

Jonathan Wallace Papers
Mss. Collection #38

Rev. Jonathan Wallace, M.D., was born in Peterboro, N. H., March 20, 1784, and died in Potsdam, N. Y., April 6, 1873. He was of Scotch descent. With his father, Matthew Wallace, he went to Berlin, Vt., in 1795, where he received a good common-school education, and for several years was engaged in teaching. He was naturally studious, a close, original thinker, and very tenacious of his opinions. In early manhood he studied medicine, and for a while practiced as a physician, and so got the title of "doctor" by which he was familiarly designated by his friends in after-years. He soon abandoned the healing art, however, after his attention had been turned to religious subjects, and embraced with enthusiasm the Universalist doctrine, which, it is said, he always held and preached on the ground of "the vicarious atonement" of Jesus Christ, in accordance with the theory of Reily; though he did not accept the doctrine of the Trinity, nor the supreme Deity of Christ, but regarded him as properly the Son of God. He commenced preaching in 1815, laboring for the most part in Richmond, Williston, Jericho, and other towns in that part of Vermont. In March, 1820, he was married to Miss Lucy Brownson, daughter of Judge Brownson of Richmond. In the winter of 1822-3 he moved to Potsdam, N. Y., where for several years he stood almost alone as a preacher of Universalism, his circuit reaching from Ogdensburg on the west as far as Chateaugay on the east, and preaching more or less in Potsdam, Canton, Madrid, Pierrepont, Hopkinton, Malone, Bangor, and other places in that region. He was pastor in Potsdam over twenty years. In 1837 he commenced, in Potsdam, the publication of a semi-monthly Universalist paper, but at the end of six months, as it did not pay expenses, the subscription list was transferred to the Evangelical Magazine and Gospel Advocate, at Utica, and for a time he was an associate editor of that paper. In 1828, he went to Boston to be treated for epilepsy, to which he had long been subject, remaining there about a year, and preaching in the meanwhile for Rev. Paul Dean in the Bulfinch Street Church. After the death of his wife, which took place some half dozen years ago, he lived with his son in Potsdam, where he died at the time above mentioned.

Dr. Wallace left many MSS. behind him. Besides sermons, there is a volume of miscellany in prose and verse, written in 1811; also a volume of original hymns (402 in number) designed for use in public worship. Among them are many good hymns, a few of which have appeared in print, as for example the 12th, 273d and 437th in Streeter's Collection. For the last 20 years Dr. Wallace has preached but seldom on account of feeble health. From early manhood he had been subject to a falling sickness, which would sometimes come upon him in the pulpit, but he would generally quickly recover himself and resume the thread of his discourse at the precise point where he dropped it.

Quite a number of preachers prepared themselves for their work under his guidance, and they bear testimony to the native strength of his intellect, the earnestness and firmness of his religious convictions and the excellence of his heart.

<http://www.uua.org/uuhs/duub/register/1874.html>

Note: A card with collection read: "Sermons, Poems, and Letters of Johnathan Wallace, Potsdam, New York, 1837-1855". Items have been moved into acid-free boxes. Scroll and rolled materials have not been flattened.

Box 1 Scrolls:

1855	The Apostacy	
1855	Praise God For His Name is Excellent in All the Earth	
1855	The Resurrection	The Ransom
1855	The Writings	The Rock
November 1855	Harmony of Truth	Rational Reflections
November 22, 1855	All Nations of One Blood	
November 20, 1855	America	
November 22, 1855	The Word	Of Grace
November 23, 1855	The Laboring	Heavy Laden
November 30, 1855	The Priest	The Physician
December 1855	The Royal Arch	
December 1855	The Things That We See	
December 7, 1855	To You Is Born A Savior	
December 12, 1855	Seventeen Hundred and Seventy Six	
December 12	What is Truth	
1855, December 15	The Last Trumpet	
[n.d.]	Revelation	A Lamentation
[n.d.]	Services Reflections on the New Year	

Box 2

1846-1847	Account Record
[n.d.]	Algebra Book
1826, April 11	Brief Review of a Sermon delivered by Wallace at the funeral of Silas Bradley
[n.d.]	Bill
[n.d.]	Booklet of 18 Prayers
[n.d.]	Carriers address to the Patrons of the Courier and Journal
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[n.d.]	Concordance (24 pages)
1854	Musical Gazette page 3-6
[n.d.]	Musical Review and Gazette - "The Singer" Watchworld
[n.d.]	Prayer
1840, Nov. 23	Record
1850, January 2	St. Lawrence Mercury
1851, January 8	St. Lawrence Mercury
1847, Oct. 12	St. Lawrence Republican - Eulogy on the Death of Silas Wright
1845	Speakers Guide Booklet by Thomas Smith
1839, March 14	Letter to Anna Thomson of Richmond, Vt. from Wallace
1865-1866	World Club Listing
[n.d.]	Miscellaneous: 25 page article or sermon?? Pages 26-33 ???? Poem??? "Martha my blooming youthful friend" 1853, June 1 "To the Council of the Saint Lawrence Association of Universalists assembled at Potsdam...." 1853, June 1 other miscellaneous pages that can not be identified

Box 3 **Poems:**

4th of July 1845
Agriculture
The Ballot Box
The Bed Spread
The Bench
The Campaign or Presidential Election
Creation
The Electioneering Campaign
Gospel Prayer
The Last Trumpet
Measures and Men - Party and Politics
Mexican War 1849
New Years ??
The ?? ?? [Rich Nick???)
Sacred Poem
What's Truth (John 18:38)
Wish

Box 3 **Speeches/Articles:**

1826 Examination of Pamphlet "A Brief Review of a Sermon delivered by J. Wallace at the
Funeral of Silas Bradley
Address to the Choir of Singers
Ascription, Confession, supplication, Thanksgiving, Petition, General Blessings,
Morning, Evening, Grace
March 9, 1813 "Preceptor's Valedictory Address to His Scholars - Montpelier
Brethren of the Mystic ?Ye
November 7, 1843 Election Address
March 3, 1847 Catherine Bixby by request on the death of her 1 1/2 year old Alfred Morris
Bixby
Brethren of the Fraternity's of the Faith, Citizen, Fathers.....
Gentlemen
Heaven and Earth
The Holy War
The Inauguration James Buchanan
Independent Republican Citizens
Montpellier Village
My Birth Day
1863 My Pilgrimage
My Young Friends
1844 New Years Address
Parents and Patrons
Popularity Displayed - A Modern Revival Meeting
Thinks I to Myself
United States Secession War
University of Vermont commencement Program (William Henry Wallace gave speech)
The White Office Regency

Miscellaneous [n.d.] [no title]

Box 3 Sermons: 1845-1858

Genesis 1:27	Genesis 1:27
Genesis 2:21, 22	Genesis 4:7
Judges 16:29,30 (3/27/1837)	Job 5:8,9
Psalms 100	Proverbs 4:7
Proverbs 8:4	Proverbs 14:14
Solomon 11:12	Isaiah 1:17
Isaiah 29:24	Isaiah 30:21
Isaiah 35:4	Isaiah 35:10
Isaiah 42:6	Isaiah 45:22
Ezekiel 16:6	Daniel 7:14
Hosea 6: 1,2,3	Joel 2:28
Zachariah 6:1	Matthew 9:16
Matthew 9:16	Matthew 11:29
Matthew 11:29	Matthew 13:1,2
Matthew 13:42	Matthew 22:29
Matthew 25:46	Mark 6:42
Mark 7:7	Mark 9:50
Mark 11: 13 & 12:10	Mark 12:10
Luke 6:36	Luke 10:19
Luke 10:36,37	Luke 14:28,29,30
John 1:29	John 1:29
John 5:8	John 5:28,29
John 5:28,29	John 12:31
Acts 24:15	I Corinthians 2:2
I Corinthians 6:9,10	I Corinthians 15:21
I Corinthians 15:22	I Corinthians 15:22
I Corinthians 15:53	II Corinthians 5:14,15
Galatians 3:21	I Thessalonians 4:16
I Timothy 1:15	Hebrews 1:12
Hebrews 11:27	Hebrews 12:22
I Peter 3:18,19,20	I John 2:1
I John 2:12	I John 4:20
Revelations 3:1	Revelations 4:11
Revelations 5:5	Revelations 15:3
Revelations 21:5	Revelations 21:8