

**A Sampling of Religious Studies Materials in the Special Collections Research Center,
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Rare Book Collections:

- American Bible Union Collection (not shelved as a separate collection): For more information on this collection, see Paul M. Cairns, *The American Bible Union Library*, A.M. Thesis, University of Chicago, Graduate Library School, 1976. Regenstein, A-level Dissertations, Z10999 Cairns.
- Maurice T. Grant Collection of English Bibles (not shelved as a separate collection): Acquired in the 1940s, this collection includes 191 folio editions and 106 smaller editions of English Bibles ranging in date from 1537 to 1835.
- Berlin Collection (not shelved as a separate collection):
<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/excat/berlin/>
- Ernst Wilhelm Hengstenberg Collection (not shelved as a separate collection): for more information see, *Catalogue of the Hengstenberg Collection*, Special Collections, Codex Manuscripts, Ms987
- Ludwig Rosenberger Collection of Judaica (shelved as separate collection):
<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/rosen.html>
- Emma B. Hodge Collection of Reformation Imprints (not shelved as a separate collection): “Knowing of the strong tradition of biblical study at the University, Chicago collector Emma B. Hodge made a series of gifts between 1912 and 1920 of early printed books and manuscripts of the Renaissance and Reformation period, so that they would be available to students and scholars. Her gifts included works written or containing commentary by Erasmus, Luther, and Philip Melancthon”
(<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/excat/donors3.html> accessed January 4, 2007)
- Richard McKeon Collection of Aristotle and Medieval and Renaissance Philosophy (not shelved as a separate collection): <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/mckeon.html>
- Sunday School Union pamphlets and tracts (not shelved as a separate collection; some are in SCRC, some are in bookstacks, others are available on microfilm). To locate, search library catalog keyword (anywhere) “American Sunday School Union,” or just “Sunday School Union.”
- Jernegan-Littlefield Collection of Early Textbooks (not shelved as a separate collection):
<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/jerlit.html>

- Encyclopedia Britannica Collection of Literature for Children (shelved as separate collection): <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/encycbr.html>

Manuscript Collections:

- Edgar J. Goodspeed New Testament Manuscript Collection: Consists of 65 early Greek, Syriac, Ethiopic, Armenian, Arabic, and Latin manuscripts ranging in date from the 7th to the 19th centuries. <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/goodspeed.html>
- The Library has numerous late medieval and Renaissance secular and religious texts. Search the codex manuscript catalog: <http://www1.lib.uchicago.edu/cgi-bin/nand/search/stc>. You can also search the archives and manuscripts finding aids: <http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/> or browse all finding aids: <http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/browse-all.xqy>

Archival Collections:

- Baptist Union Theological Seminary Collection (books and archives): for more information, see *A Sketch of the History and Work of the Baptist Theological Union, Located at Chicago, and the Baptist Union Theological Seminary*. Regenstein Bookstacks, BV4070.B24A6A3; Conant, Thomas Jefferson. *Catalogue of the T.J. Conant Library*, Original typescript copy of the catalog of the library that was sold to T. M. Colwell and then given to the Baptist Union Theological Seminary; the catalog lists 1442 works. Special Collections, Codex Manuscripts Ms463. Later published as *Catalogue of the Library of the American Bible Union*. Regenstein Bookstacks, BS444.A1A5. Online finding aid for archival collection: <http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/view.xqy?id=ICU.SPCL.BTUBUTS&c=b>
- Reuben T. Durrett Collection on Kentucky and the Ohio River Valley (acquired in 1913, includes 20,000 bound volumes; 250 files of pamphlets; 200 volumes of atlases and loose maps; 249 newspaper titles; 50,000 pages of handwritten, typed, or photocopied transcripts; magazines; clippings; and photographs, all bearing on the history of the exploration and settlement of the trans-Appalachian west): <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/durrett.html>
- The William E. Barton Collection of Lincolniana (includes books and archives): <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/barton.html>. Online finding aid: <http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/view.xqy?id=ICU.SPCL.LINCOLNMSS&c=1>
- Church history document collection: Primarily transcripts and photocopies of record books, journals, minutes, and other documents from early frontier churches. Also includes diaries, correspondence, notebooks, sermons, and miscellaneous notes of individuals important in frontier religious history. Original material includes papers relating to Benjamin Lakin and Edwin Clark's correspondence. Most of the material relates to activity in Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and several of the original thirteen colonies. Well-known names represented include Stephen Peet, Joshua

Lacy Wilson, Wilhelm Loehe, and George Whitefield. The documents were collected under the auspices of the Church History Research Fund and in conjunction with the writing of William Warren Sweet's four-volume Religion on the American Frontier.

Online finding aid:

<http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/view.xqy?id=ICU.SPCL.CHURCHHISTORY&c=c>

- For specific collections, see Religion and Theology: Selected Modern Manuscript and Archival Collections: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/divtheo.html>
- Search archives and manuscripts finding aids: <http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/> or browse all finding aids: <http://ead.lib.uchicago.edu/browse-all.xqy>
- Other collections of archives and manuscripts in the United States and worldwide: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/linkwrlld.html>