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University, 1859-1952**



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## Introduction

This collection is comprised of obituary records and biographical sketches of graduates of Yale University from 1701 to 1952. An excellent resource for genealogical research, these obituaries and sketches contain valuable biographical information, including the graduate's date and place of birth and death, educational background, vocations, as well as names of parents, spouses, and children, and occasionally names of relatives who also graduated from Yale.

For the *Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College with Annals of the College History*, compiled by Franklin Bowditch Dexter, entries are arranged by class year and alphabetically thereunder. The annals provide a brief context of Yale history during the fourth year of the class. Following almost every entry, Dexter includes an "Authorities" section that lists his sources.

The one-volume *Biographical Notes of Graduates of Yale College, Including Those Graduates in Classes Later than 1815, Who Are Not Commemorated in the Annual Obituary Records* include alumni who died after the completion of Dexter's six-volume work and before the first volume of the *Obituary Record*. . . . An index is available for this volume as well.

In the *Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale College . . .*, first published in 1860, entries are arranged by class year and alphabetically thereunder. Indexes exist for these volumes. In some cases, an index may be for a single volume year and in other instances the index may cover several years (up to a decade). In later years, nongraduates may be listed but only with class year and date of death. Beginning with the 1949-1950 volume, obituaries were only published for graduates of the Yale College, Sheffield Scientific School, and School of Engineering. For the graduate school and professional schools, names of deceased alumni are arranged alphabetically with date of degree and of death. Some volumes also may include lists of deceased honorary degree recipients with dates of death.

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