



# Guide to the Edward Norris Kirk Papers, 1829-1865

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Edward Norris Kirk papers, 1829-1865

**Creator:**

Kirk, Edward Norris, 1802-1874; Finney, Charles G, 1792-1875; Hastings, Thomas, 1784-1872; Jenks, William, 1778-1866; King, Jonas, 1792-1869; Leavitt, Joshua, 1794-1873

**Abstract:**

Collection comprises one letter written by Kirk in 1861 to reject an invitation, and six letters written to him. Correspondents include abolitionist editor Joshua Leavitt; musician and hymn composer Thomas Hastings; missionary Jonas King; minister, abolitionist, and "Father of Modern Revivalism" Charles Grandison Finney; clergyman and author William Jenks; and a neighbor, G. R. Buckland. Topics include a sermon by Finney on "true" Christian belief and Kirk's evangelistic plans; a request for Kirk's appearance at a benefit; an introduction for a Greek revolutionary, Michael Kalopothakes; the mission to the Armenians; and placement of two young people.

**Extent:**

0.1 Linear Feet (7 items)

**Language:**

English

**Language:**

Materials in English

**Collection ID:**

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## Background

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### Scope and Content

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### Biographical/Historical

Edwar Norris Kirk was a Christian missionary and evangelist in the Presbyterian, Congregational, and revivalist traditions who resided in Boston.

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### **Processing Information**

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- Missions -- Armenia
- Evangelistic work
- Sermons, American
- Kirk, Edward Norris, 1802-1874
- Finney, Charles G, 1792-1875
- Hastings, Thomas, 1784-1872
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