

Guide to the Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection

Collection Overview:

REPOSITORY: Westport Historical Society, 25 Avery Place, Westport, CT

CALL NUMBER: RG 8

TITLE: Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 53 boxes; 6 oversize boxes

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection contains documentation of Westport-related individuals and families.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: See below for available biographical information about individuals represented.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: The Miscellaneous Personal Papers collection includes individuals and families for which the repository holds relatively small amounts of material. Series 1 contains original documents created by or curated by the individuals in question. Series 2 is a reference file of biographical and genealogical information about additional individuals - generally clippings, articles and genealogical research notes. In cases where original documentation was available for individuals, any collected biographical or genealogical information has been added to their material in Series 1 and they are not listed in Series 2.

The following individuals and families have separate record groups:

- RG 9 Adams Family (descendants of Nathaniel Adams)
- RG 10 Davies Family
- RG 11 Jennings Family
- RG 15 Coley Family
- RG 16 Sigrid Schultz
- RG 17 Sherwood Family

ARRANGEMENT: Material is arranged alphabetically by name in each series.

Series 1:

Adams, George

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Unsorted (Box 1: 1 folder)

Adams, Jane

Biographical info: Mrs. E. F. Adams, Norwalk

Contents: Unsorted (Box 1: 1 folder)

Adams, Willard Sumner

Biographical info: Westport resident, ancestor of Donald Walsh

Contents: Dance card from wedding, 1866 (Box 1: 1 folder)

Adams, Zalman and family

Biographical info: Westport family including Zalman, Susan, David, John, Aaron, and Lewis Adams

Contents: Documents and correspondence re. settlement of estate of Zalman Adams (Box 1: 3 folders)

Allen, Walter and David B.

Biographical info: Westport family involved with clam and oyster fishing and Allen's Clam House

Contents: CT Shellfish Commission leases, artifacts (Box 2: .5 linear ft.)

Allen, Isaac

Biographical info: [1812-1900? Buried in Willowbrook Cemetery?]

Contents: 3 handwritten "cipher books" containing math exercises: word problems and figures, n.d. (Box 2) – Material was previously filed with shipping records (RG 5)

Antoniazzi, John

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Memoir re. life of his mother, Irene McNally, Westport 1890-1920 (Box 3: 1 folder)

Backus, Jabez

Biographical info: Clergyman, resident of Westport

Contents: Letter to "My dear Julie," 1948 July 21 (Box 3: 1 folder)

Backus, Margaret

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Papers related to Colonial and Revolutionary houses in Westport, read before the Historical Society, 1900, 1901 (Box 3: 3 folders)

Baker, Adelaide

Biographical info: Poet and author, Westport resident

Contents: Letter to "Gladys," 1945 August 4 (Box 3: 1 folder)

Baker, Richard

Biographical info: Westport resident; owner of Baker Graphics (?)

Contents: Photographs and clippings related to Westport (Box 3: 2 folders)

Baldwin, Herbert E.

Biographical info: Herbert Baldwin established an apple orchard in Westport in 1919. In 1935, he was elected to the Connecticut House of Representatives, where he served three terms,

followed by two terms in the Senate, ending in 1945. He was elected first selectman of Westport five times, from 1957 to 1967, when he retired. He was a founder of the Westport Arts Center in 1969 and was on its board for many years and was its president in 1971 and 1972. He died in 1990 at age 96. May Smith Baldwin was his wife

Contents: Typescript book by Herbert Baldwin: "Greener than Grass – an amazing, yet true, account of a successful farming venture in Connecticut, 1920-1957" (105 pp.); Penmanship book and two art instruction books containing pencil sketches belonging to HEB; marketing material related to the Baldwin apple orchard; clippings related to HEB's civic work and the Baldwin family. (Box 50: 3 folders)

Belden, H. H.

Biographical info: Westport resident; owned dry goods store

Contents: Two letters, 1865 (Box 3: 1 folder)

Betts, Helen

Biographical info: Helen Jennings Betts (1924-2015) worked as a clerk for the Westport Bank & Trust Co. and a coder at Trendex, Inc. Helen was the U.S. High School Duckpin Bowling Champion in 1939-1940.

Contents: Scrapbook and clippings (Box 4: .25 linear ft.)

Betts, Joseph Elwood

Biographical info: Westport resident related to Sherwood family.

Contents: Writings by Betts, including "The Sherwood-Elwood Connection," "The Saugatuck Congregational Church," "Uncle Harry Brown Fairchild," and documentation related to the Evergreen Cemetery (registry of plots). (Box 5: .5 linear ft.)

Birge, Edward Coley

Biographical info: Edward Coley Birge (1855-1955) was an active political figure in Westport, with his first office as the Assessor in 1893, followed by serving as First Selectman in 1903, 1904 and 1906. He was appointed as Town Clerk in 1915 and held that post until he moved to Florida in 1934. He was a school teacher and author.

Contents: Writings by Birge, including "The Swamp," "Evolution," and his book "Westport CT: The Making of a Yankee Town" (printer's copy, index, drafts). (Box 6: .25 linear ft.)

Boyer, Ralph

Biographical info: Artist Ralph Ludwig Boyer (1879-1952) was a Westport resident from 1923. Boyer was elected a Fellow at the Pennsylvania Academy. By the Great Depression, he was known for his etchings, murals, and stained glass art as well as for his book and magazine illustrations.

Contents: Writings, sketches, correspondence, diary of D. Warren Boyer (Box 7: .5 linear ft.)

Bradley family

Biographical info: [needs investigation] – possibly including Burr Bradley, David Bradley

Contents: Unsorted (Boxes 8, 9: .75 linear ft.)

Bulkley, Eleanor and Hezekiah (see additional Bulkley material in the Adams Family Papers, RG 9)

Biographical info: Westport area residents, related to Mary Anna Bulkley Adams

Contents: Statement re. payments due to Eleanor Bulkley signed by Hezekiah Bulkley, Seth Bulkley, Timothy Bulkley, Joseph Osborn, Esther Bulkley, Bradley Ogden, 1851 March 29
Receipt for H. Bulkley, 1844 (Box 52: 1 folder)

Burr family

Biographical info: [needs investigation] – includes William H. Burr: farmer horticulturist, member of State Legislature (additional papers of William H. Burr held at Fairfield Museum and History Center - <https://www.fairfieldhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Burr-W.-H.-Jr.-MS-B115.pdf>).

Contents: Unsorted (Box 10: .5 linear ft.)

Campbell, Ed

Biographical info: Architect in Westport

Contents: Photographs, architectural drawings, slides (Box 11: .5 linear ft.)

Chapman family

Biographical info: [needs investigation] Includes George, Charles Chapman

Contents: Unsorted, includes genealogical documentation (Box 12: 1 folder)

Clark, Mrs. John Maurice

Biographical info: Mrs. Clark was the wife of prominent economist John Maurice Clark, Westport residents

Contents: Letter to "Sally," 1972 (Box 52: 1 folder)

Couch family

Biographical info: Family members include Rufus, Catherine, Simon, Gideon

Contents: Estate inventory, deeds, genealogical material, etc. (Box 12: 2 folders)

Day, L. T.

Biographical info: Medical doctor, Westport resident

Contents: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, ca. 1876-1887 (Box 52: 1 folder)

De Coppet, Carlene "Dick"

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Memorabilia re. Westport Golf and Country Club and biographical documentation, 1939, n.d. (Box 52, 1 folder)

Dickson, William D.

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Documents related to property in Westport owned by Dickson, 1931-1944 (Box 13: 1 folder)

Dolan, John A.

Biographical info: Chief of Police in Westport

Contents: Membership cards, letter, mileage ration stamps, 1928-1956 (Box 13: 1 folder)

Donovan, Helen McArdle

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: "Our Roots: A Family History," 1991 (Box 13: 1 folder)

Ellis, Venora and Leroy

Biographical info: African American Westport residents

Contents: Biographical documentation, family photos, clippings, recipes, postcard collection (scenic, humorous, floral, friendship, Valentine's Day, Christmas – many addressed to Miss Irene Gooden of Mississippi), 1914-1930s (Box 14: 2 folders)

Elwood, James S.

Biographical info:

Contents: Account of expenses for trip to Lake Placid, 1880 July 13 – October 15 (Box 52, 1 folder)

Eno, William Phelps

Biographical info: Eno (June 3, 1858 – December 3, 1945) was an American businessman responsible for many of the earliest innovations in road safety control. He is sometimes known as the "Father of traffic safety", despite never having learned to drive a car himself. Among the innovations credited to Eno are traffic regulations, the stop sign, the pedestrian crosswalk, the traffic circle, the one-way street, the taxi stand, and pedestrian safety islands. In 1921 Eno founded the Eno Foundation for Highway Traffic Control in Westport, Connecticut, today known as the Eno Center for Transportation.

Contents:

Correspondence: Letter to Eno from J. V. Dillon, Brigadier General, Office of the Provost Marshal General, North African Theater re. use of Eno's book (1943 Oct); correspondence of Eno Foundation for Transportation with Westport Historical Society (1988)

Writings: By Eno: "Street Traffic Regulation as it was, is, and ought to be" (1915)

Biographical/historical information: "Eno: The Man and the Foundation, A Chronicle of Transportation" by John A. Montgomery (1988, two copies); "The First Traffic Man" by David Witheford (Yankee Magazine, 1971 Sep); newspaper articles and biographical sketches (1963-1988, n.d.); articles re. moving Eno House (1996-1997); brochures about Eno Foundation for Transportation, Inc., commemoration of 50 years (1971) (Box 49)

Fillow, Stanley

Biographical info: Florist in Westport. Married Grace Bannon in 1899.

Contents: Scrapbook with clippings, list of wedding gifts, notes related to ships (Box 14: 1 folder)

Fisher, Leonard Everett

Biographical info: Fisher was born in 1924. He is an artist known for illustrating children's books.

Contents: Correspondence related to projected art museum for Westport; collected material related to Westport Arts Center and Westport Arts Council (Box 15: .25 linear ft.)

Gagg, Marie Saxonmeyer

Biographical info: Westport resident, born and raised on the family farm in what is now Longshore Park

Contents: Printed booklet: "Marie: Autobiography of a Westport Native," 1979 (Box 52, 1 folder)

Gault family

Biographical info: Business owners in Westport. The L. H. Gault and Son company was founded in 1863.

Contents: Unsorted. Includes account books, photographs, biographical documentation (Boxes 16, 17, OV1: 1 linear ft. + 1 oversize box)

Geraghty, James and Eva

Biographical info: James Geraghty was art editor of *The New Yorker* from 1939 to 1973.

Contents: Employment contract, Brendan Gill speech, miscellaneous cover artist material, exhibits, press coverage, Eva's social calendar and list of Westport artist friends; family history, retirement correspondence; memorial service, condolence letters (Box 48: 3 folders)

Godfrey, Martin

Biographical info: Godfrey (1835-1920) was a Westport resident. He married Martha Ann

Contents: Eight datebook-type diaries record weather and daily activities, including regarding agriculture and clamming, 1870, 1880, 1883, 1884, 1886, 1890, 1892-1893, 1911, 1917 (Box 18: .25 linear ft.)

Gray, Mrs. J. H.

Biographical info: Mrs. Gray founded a school in Westport in 1866. The school was originally for girls but later also included boys, from prominent Westport families.

Contents: Program from Reunion of Mrs. J. H. Gray's School, 1883; School essays by Florence and Lilly Bradley and Clara Brown, 1880-1888 (Box 52)

Guyer family

Biographical info: The Guyers ran a dairy in Westport

Contents: Ledger of accounts, letter to Katherine Guyer enclosed; Miscellaneous receipts and notes related to John Guyer, dealer in Pure Milk and Cream, 1895; Material related to Eunice Guyer, 1829, G. B. Guyer, Gorham Guyer, Stephen Guyer (Box 52)

Haskins, Caryl Parker

Biographical info: Scientist, world authority on ants. He established Haskins Laboratories, which had programs in biophysics and microbiology and was President of the Carnegie Institute 1956-1971.

Contents: Bio-bibliography of Haskins; scrapbook presented to him upon retirement from Carnegie Institute; information related to Land Trust donation (Box 19: .25 linear ft.)

Hayden, George W.

Biographical info: Westport resident who was an anti-tank unit commander in the Army during World War II

Contents: Documents related to his service in the U.S. Army 1942-1945 and in the Reserve Corps. (Box 20: .25 linear ft.)

Held, John

Biographical info: Artist

Contents: Illustrated map of Westport, cover of program for "An Historical Pageant," 1921; Map of CT with illustrations by Held, 1935 (Box 52)

Helm, Alberta L.

Biographical info: Graduated from Staples High School in 1925, worked as a secretary in Bridgeport and Fairfield until retirement around 1973.

Contents: Autograph book; postcards; genealogical information about mother's family; school papers and notebooks from 1919-1925; issues of *The Gregg Writer*, issues of *Current Events* newspaper. (Box 21: .5 linear ft.)

Hitchcock, Nevada Davis

Biographical info: Home economics journalist who moved to Westport 1920 and founded the Westport Garden Club in 1929.

Contents: Book by Hitchcock *The Philadelphia Record War-time Cook Book* (1918); reprint of book; reprint of pamphlet "What a Reporter Must Be" (1900) (Box 22: 1 folder)

Holde, Heida Hermanns

Biographical info: Holde (1922-1995) was a pianist and philanthropist who moved to Westport in the 1940s

Contents: Memoirs as told to Joanna Foster in 1991 (Box 22: 1 folder)

Hull, Henry

Biographical info: Businessman

Contents: Telegrams to his wife while traveling, 1914, n.d.; Telegram from Joan to Mrs. Henry Hall, 1927

Hyde / Hide family

Biographical info: John Hyde (formerly Hide) was born August 17, 1755 in Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, son of Joseph (Hyde) Hide and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Hide. His siblings were Elizabeth (Hide) Andrews, Salome (Hide) Adams [half], Joseph (Hyde) Hide and Rachel (Hyde) Wakeman [half]. He married Abigail (Jennings) Hide on April 7, 1776. Their children were Eunice (Hide) Coley, Abigail (Hide) Burr, and Betty (Hide) Couch. John Hyde died 14 January 14, 1836 in Westport.

Contents: Unsorted. Includes deeds, correspondence, biographical documentation, financial records. (Boxes 23, 24: .75 linear ft.)

Jesup, Morris Ketchum

Biographical info: Banker and philanthropist (1830-1908), Westport native

Contents: Letter from MKJ to "My old friend Harry," 1903; Memorial tribute to MKJ by Warren Landers, 1908; "Order of Exercise of the Dedication and Presentation of the Westport Library, gift of MKJ" (Box 52: 1 folder)

Ketchum, Morris

Biographical info: Ketchum (1796-1880) was a financier and locomotive manufacturer who brought the railroad to Westport.

Contents: Photocopies of probate records and property distribution; pamphlet: "Catalogue of Animals in the Hohanum Herd of Pure Bred Short Horns – Property of Morris Ketchum, Westport, CT" (Box 25: 1 folder)

Kirk family

Biographical info: Westport residents [?]

Contents: Enclosures removed from 1856 Kirk family Bible – poem, glove, decorative paper doilies. (Box 25: 1 folder)

Landry, John Henry

Biographical info: Monsignor Landry was pastor of Assumption Parish in Westport [?]

Contents: Certificate of service with U. S. Armed Forces in World War I, certificate issued by the State of CT, 1919 (Box 25: 1 folder)

Lees, Anna

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Will, 1915; newspaper clipping, recollections of Westport by Lees (Box 25: 1 folder)

Lubrecht, Dr. Charles A.

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Poems by Lubrecht (Box 25: 1 folder)

Lusk, Martha

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Letter to cousin Isaac Cea [?], March 14, 1818 (Box 25: 1 folder)

Mackenzie, Caroline Weeks

Biographical info: Wife of Kenneth Mackenzie who was Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Westport from 1891 to 1926.

Contents: Line-a-day type diaries recording activities, 1906-1910, 1914, 1916, 1925 (Box 25: 1 folder)

Main, William J. Sr. and Mary

Biographical info: Engineer/designer/inventor – including of folding and printing machines; lived on Cross Highway

Contents:

Family correspondence 1940-1941, n.d – primarily with daughter Mildred

Business correspondence 1906-1944, n.d.

Notes, designs, agreements re. inventions

Financial records – ledger of Mrs. Mary Main 1907-1908

Financial records – receipts, banking records

Personal items and memorabilia, including passport, insurance documents (Box 51: 6 folders)

Marvin family

Biographical info:

Contents: Printed booklet: “Genealogical Sketch of the Descendants of Reinold and Matthew Marvin by T. R. Marvin,” 1848; Associated handwritten and typescript genealogical notes (Box 52: 1 folder)

Masiello family

Biographical info: Westport store owners

Contents: Photographs of 10-15-25 cent store; mortgage deeds of Virginia Massillo (Box 25: 1 folder)

Mason, Myron L.

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Photocopy of writing incl. description of Westport, September 13, 1866 (Box 25: 1 folder)

Muller, Theodor Carl

Biographical info: Westport architect and designer

Contents: Architectural plans for houses (Boxes 26, 27, 28: 1.5 linear ft.)

Murray, William B. – see: Putney

Nash family

Biographical info: Nash family descended from Daniel Nash who in 1835 helped incorporate Westport as a town separate from Norwalk, Fairfield and Weston.; owners of grist- and sawmill and ice houses.

Contents: Unsorted. Material includes: Daniel Nash - deed and bills related to Episcopal Church, 1833; Dennis Nash – bill for church bell, 1839; ledger from sawmill, 1866; timeline and history of Nash's mills by Franklin P. Mason. See also RG 5: Business and Commerce (Box 29: .25 linear ft.)

Nevas, Alan

Biographical info: Judge, Connecticut General Assembly State Representative from Westport

Contents: Material related to Westport and his election. (Box 30: .25 linear ft.)

Noyes, John

Biographical info: Clergyman

Contents: Sermon delivered in Weston and Greens Farms, CT, 1788 (Box 53: 1 folder)

O'Neill, Rose

Biographical info: O'Neill (1874-1944) was an artist, cartoonist, illustrator, and writer best known as creator of the Kewpie characters on which a line of popular dolls was based. She lived in Westport from around 1922 to 1941.

Contents: Biographical documentation, clippings, Kewpie postcards, books - *The Loves of the Edwy; The Kewpies Their Book* (Box 31: .5 linear ft.)

Osborn, Hannah

Biographical info: Fairfield resident

Contents: Deed of sale of "a certain Negro man named Cesar" to Ebenezer Banks, October, 1761. (Box 32: 1 folder)

Osborn, William F.

Biographical info: Osborne was a realtor.

Contents: Receipts, letters, scrapbook of clippings (Box OV2: oversize)

Peck, Hattie

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Handwritten essay on cows; notebook recording expenses 1891-1893 (Box 32: 1 folder)

Peters, Frazier Forman

Biographical info: Peters (1895-1963) was a builder and architect who specialized in stone houses and also wrote on the subject. His granddaughter, architect Laura Blau, co-authored a book, "*Frazier Forman Peters; Westport's Legacy in Stone*", (2014) with Robert Weingarten. The book, supported and published by the Westport Historical Society, catalogs the known Peters houses in Westport.

Contents: Includes two unpublished manuscripts - "All Kinds of People" and untitled; book – *Buying a House Worth the Money*; notes; photographs of houses he designed in Westport; contents notebook labeled "Memories from Frazier Peters Built Homes – The House in Imperial Park – 1949" (Boxes 33, OV3: (.5 linear ft. + oversize box)

Peterson (Sutphen), Greta

Biographical info: Greta May Peterson Sutphen (1928-2020) resided at 476 Riverside Avenue in Westport during the 1940s. She won the Yankee Doodle Pin-up Contest in 1944 and thereafter was contacted by numerous servicemen who had seen her photo published in the newspaper and wanted to communicate with her. Peterson married Harold A. Sutphen, Jr. in 1950.

Contents: The letters, clippings, and other documentation in this collection provide an interesting snapshot into American life and the lives of servicemen during the Second World War.

Box 46 contains more than 70 letters and cards written by seven servicemen: Paul J. Carey, M. E. Clark, Ralph Colangelo, Carl DiMaio, Forest Emery, William Kimball, Ralph E. Kornrumph

Box 47 contains more than 75 letters and cards from miscellaneous servicemen, including: Donald T. McGuire, Anthony Merlino, Henry A. Skau, Joseph F. Souza, George Story and his sister Shirley, Warren B. Talbot.

Box OV9 contains a scrapbook covering the years 1944 to 1947 that includes numerous newspaper articles about the Yankee Doodle pin-up contest and the follow-up attention that Peterson received, as well as photographs of several of the soldiers who wrote to her and additional letters and other materials that they sent her. The scrapbook also includes photographs of Greta's husband Harold A. Sutphen from his childhood through the 1940s, telegrams and cards that he sent Greta, and a photograph of Greta.

Putney, Irving

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Photographs, memorabilia, genealogical info re. Putney, Murray, and Allen families (Box 32: 1 folder)

Raymond, Morris

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Account book that relates to agriculture, 1880s (Box 32: 1 folder)

Richards, William

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Notebook – “A Moral Diary 1833-1834” – handwritten, mentions Saugatuck (Box 32: 1 folder)

Rose, Robert

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Inscribed leatherbound notepad given to Rose by President Bill Clinton; Menu for Presidential Luncheon hosted by Robert and Yvette Rose, 1998 (Box 53: 1 folder)

St. John family

Biographical info: Descended from Gamaliel St. John (1766-1813) of Buffalo, NY

Contents: Genealogical information; Recollections of Mrs. Parnell Sidway 1876-1877 (Box 34: 1 folder)

St. Marie, Satenig

Biographical info: Businesswoman; Divisional Vice-President and Director of Public Issues and Consumer Programs for J. C. Penney Co.

Contents: Memorabilia (Box 34: 1 folder)

Sanford, Zalmon

Biographical info: (1833-1882) Westport resident

Contents: Record of payment for goods, 1852; Genealogical information (Box 53, 1 folder)

Scribner, James

Biographical info: Scribner (1813-1880) lived in Lockport, NY. His father Jesse Bunce Scribner (1780-1844) and mother lived in Westport.

Contents: 10 letters to Scribner from his father Jesse, 1837-1843; 1 letter from mother, 1838; 3 letters from sister Jane, 1838-1843; 1 letter from brother, 1844; 1 letter from cousin George Bradley; 8 letters from others including W. Nichols, Edson Bradley, 1837-1839; genealogical information and re. Scribner house. (Box 34: 4 folders)

Scully, Albert T.

Biographical info: Coach and Selectman in Westport

Contents: Letters from Westport WW2 servicemen who had been coached by Scully at Bedford Junior High School, 1942-1944; clippings, 1949 (Box 34: 2 folders)

Seaver, Romaine W.

Biographical info: Romaine Wright Seaver (1898-1978), Westport resident. Book collector/dealer [?]

Contents: Unsorted correspondence, 1897-1942; diaries, 1910-1929, scrapbook, memorabilia, genealogical information (Boxes 35, 36, OV4: 1 linear ft. + oversize box)

Simonds, Anna Elfrieda

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Handwritten book, "Two Pigs" – written when she was 13 years old. (Box 37: 1 folder)

Sipperley family

Biographical info: Elbert N. Sipperley was a successful Westport businessman who was involved in various industries, including operating the Sipperley's Mill and drilling artesian wells. The well drilling business continues on today as the Sipperley Artesian Well Co.. His wife was Adelaide Nash Sipperley. Their daughter Christabel Sipperley (1886-1974) graduated from Staples High School. From a young age, Christabel was interested in fashion and she gained a Certificate in Dressmaking from the Pratt Institute in 1907. Christabel was married to Frank M. Nichols in 1907, but their marriage was dissolved in 1918 in a scandal involving a clergyman who had boarded at their home. Christabel supported herself and her mother with her dressmaking. They eventually relocated to Norwalk where her mother passed away in 1954. In her later life, Christabel followed her youngest brother, Elliot, to Vermont where they operated the Westminster House.

Contents: Business records and biographical information related to E. N. Sipperley. Sketches from Christabel's time learning to make women's fashions of the day. Her daybook from 1908 includes an accounting of the sales she made in her fledgling business. Issues of *Godey's Lady Book*, 1894-1897. (Box OV5)

Smith, Katharine

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: 4 composition books containing school notes and exercises: 2 Latin, 1 French, 1 history (Box 37: 1 folder)

Sprague

Biographical info:

Contents: Dinner invitation to Mr. Sprague, dated December 10, 1790, and signed on the back "G. Washington, Pres." (Box 53: 1 folder)

Staples, Mrs. W. G.

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Scrapbook of clippings related to Westport, 1875-1908 (Box: OV2)

Stone, Effie

Biographical info: Effie Jeanette Stone (ca. 1878-1955) was the widow of Irving B. Stone. She was involved in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) group.

Contents: Tributes, collected genealogical information and notes re. Westport families, correspondence (Box 37: 1 folder)

Sugarman, Tracy

Biographical info: Tracy A. Sugarman (1921–2013) was an artist who illustrated hundreds of books and record covers in a career lasting over 50 years. He authored an annotated work on his sketches from World War II.

Contents: Lecture notes, programs, thank you notes, clipping, writings, incl. book *My War* (Box 38: .25 linear ft.)

Taylor family

Biographical info: [?] Descended from Jabez Davis Taylor (1799-1853); names include Davis, Jabez, Dan, Francis, John, Edward, Laura

Contents: Unsorted; includes genealogical information (Box 39: .25 linear ft.)

Thomas family

Biographical info: [?] Westport residents: names include William, William Marvin, Lizzie, Harriet, Carrie

Contents: Stock certificates, will, distribution of estate, baptism certificate, 1832-1901 (Box 37: 1 folder)

Thorpe family

Biographical info: Jennie Sherwood Thorpe (1869-1960) was the daughter of George Frederick Thorpe

Contents: Photographs, family Bible (Box OV6)

Toquet family

Biographical info: Benjamin H. Toquet (1834-1913) was born in Paris and came to America in 1845. He served in the Civil War, then returned to Westport. His wife was Ann Taylor Toquet (1834-1902). His son Benjamin Louis Toquet (1864-) was an inventor and entrepreneur. He started out making boats and boat motors but in the 1880s became interested in automobiles. The Toquet Motor Company produced a few cars three years ahead of the rollout of Henry Ford's Model T. Unable to compete with Ford on car production Toquet specialized, changed the name of the company to Toquet Motor and Carburetor Co. and produced carburetors for use in Ford cars. The wife of Benjamin Louis Toquet was Nellie Wheeler Bradley Toquet.

Contents: Letters written by Benjamin H. Toquet while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War, 1862, n.d., including some written aboard *Planter*, a former Confederate sea mining ship commandeered by its enslaved crew and sailed north where the crew was emancipated. Toquet's letters from aboard *Planter*, and while stationed at a New Orleans plantation, offer a first-hand account of slavery in the South, and his own state of mind regarding relations between White and African Americans.

Also included in the collection are correspondence related to the Toquet business, receipts, a dance program, and genealogical information. (Box 40: .25 linear ft.)
See also RG 5, Business and Commerce, for additional records related to the Toquet company.

Van, Frank J.

Biographical info: Westport police officer

Contents: Membership cards, licenses, clippings (Box 41: .25 linear ft.)

Wakeman, Burritt Nash "Lofty"

Biographical info: Wakeman (1908-1994) was a Westport resident who served in the Navy during World War II. He was a surveyor and local authority on local history.

Contents: Biographical information; collected local history material, including regarding Westport World War II soldiers, Hi-Y Club, Westport artists (Box 42: .25 linear ft.)

Wakeman, H. B.

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Receipts for goods purchased, 1873-1876 (Box 53: 1 folder)

Wakeman, Pearl and Isaac

Biographical info: Westport residents involved in farming

Contents: Two surveys of property, 1955 (Box 53: 1 folder)

Wald, Lillian

Biographical info: Wald (1867-1940) was a nurse, humanitarian and author. She founded the Henry Street Settlement in New York City.

Contents: Book by Wald "The House on Henry Street" and brochure about the Henry Street Settlement; biographical documentation; material related to WHS exhibit on Wald (Box 53)

Washington, William Lanier

Biographical info: George Washington's great-great-great-nephew

Contents: Letter to "Mr. Stowe," 1931 (Box 53: 1 folder)

Williams, Margaret Spicker (Maggie)

Biographical info: Westport resident from 1958, Williams (1920-2012) as an actress and writer. She founded The Theater Artists Workshop of Westport in 1983.

Contents: 5 diaries covering the years 1984-1986, 1988, 1996; biographical information (Box 43: .5 linear ft.)

Wilson, Marie Humphrey

Biographical info: Westport resident, Mrs. Forrest Wilson (1900-)

Contents: Typescript autobiography (Box 44: .25 linear ft.)

Winslow, Richard Henry

Biographical info: Winslow (1806-1861) was a New York banker, owner of Compo House in Westport

Contents: Register of visitors to Compo House, Winslow Park, 1854-1866. (Box 45: 1 folder)

Wood, George W. and Minnie

Biographical info: Westport residents [?]

Contents: Genealogical information, dog license, concert program, item re. 24th St. Sunday School, 1863 (Box 45: 1 folder)

Wright, George

Biographical info: Artist

Contents: Letter to "Mrs. Foster"; announcement of exhibits, 1937, 1942; postcard with sketch of Compo Beach; newspaper clipping about Wright (Box 53: 1 folder)

Series 2: Biographical Reference Files

Box 1:

Adams, Ebenezer (see also Adams Family Papers, Record Group 9)

Adams, Edward

Albin, William E.

Allen, Gideon

Allen, Theodore

Baker, John and Adelaide

Banks, Benjamin (see also Adams Family Papers, Record Group 9)

Banks, Talcott

Beasley, Janet and Albert

Bedford Family

Beers Family

Belaga, Julie

Bennett Family

Bennett (Joy Schuler branch)

Bennett, Thomas B

Bloom, John and Lillie

Boeckeler, Elizabeth H. and Henry A.

Bouton, Dr. George

Brower Family

Bryce, Dorothy and Ed

Bulkley Family (see also Adams Family Papers, Record Group 9)

Cable Family

Carver Family

Chandler, Vivian Toquet

Claar, Brian

Clark, John Maurice

Cornell, Edward S.

Coyle, Rose

Crawford, Sarah

Crawford-Tible Family

Cuseo Family

Dohanos, Steven

De Coppet, Corlene

Eby, Kerr

Einsel, Walter and Naiad

Elwood Family

Fable Family

Fairchild Family

Fairchild, George

Farnham, Dwight

Farrell, Diane

Ferns, Roger

Fillow Family (see also Stanley Fillow in Series 1)

Fitch Family

Fitzgerald, F. Scott and Zelda

Fraser, James

Gagg, Marie

Godfrey Family (see also Martin Godfrey in Series 1)

Goodsell / Grammon Family

Gorham Family

Gould Family

Gramatky, Hardie

Hanford

Harding

Harris and Goodsell

Hart, Willa

Hart, William S.

Havoc, June

Hayden, Michael

Hogennauer, Margaret

Holden

Hole, George and Grace

Interland

Jackson

Jesup family

Klein, Woody

Kramer, Esther

Lawson, John

Leaf, Munro

Lehn, Edward

Leonard, Stew

Levitt, Arthur, Sr.

Lichtenauer, Joseph Mortimer

Linde, Margaret Roper Aline

Lofting, Hugh,

Lorenzen, Dorothy and Emily

Lortel, Lucille

Lyon, David

Malloy, Susan

Malm, Dorothea

Mansir, Gladys

Mazzonovich, Lawrence

McAbee, France R. Shongood

McCready, William R.

McLaury, Emily – See RG 3

Meeker, Burr

Mellor, Shirley

Melton, James

Merrilee, Rebecca

Meyer, Bill

Mills, Corrine and George (owners of horse-drawn trolley)

Mills family

Milne, Bea

Mitchell, Ed

Morehouse

Moyer, George

Munce, Howard

Munrowe family

Newman, Paul

Nickols

O'Donnell, Patricia

Parcell, Alan K.

Patchen, Farman

Partrick family

Perry, John

Phelps, Jonas

Plantinga, John

Platt family

Poole, Arthur French

Powers, James (Chickie)

Prince, William Meade

Punzelt, Phil and Jennie

Quinn, Bula Kites, Mary Helen

Rabinowitz

Raymonds, Jabez

Ripley, Hezekiah – See also RG 18

Ripley family

Robbins, Guy

Roberts, Elliott J.

Roberts family

Roosevelt, Franklin D. – visit to Westport

Rosenbush

Rudkin

Salmon, Frederick M.

Schlaet, Arnold

Shilespsky, Lee

Sloan, Hedwig

Smith, John Eaton – Rector of Memorial Church of the Holy Trinity

Staples family

Staples, Samuel

Staples, Thomas

Stewart, Martha

Street, Eleanor

Sturges family

Squires

Taylor, Noah

Thew, Robert Garret

Thorp family

Tierney, Gene

Tilbe-Hendricks

Treadwell

Von Schmidt, Harold and Eric

Ward family

Warren, Dorothy Lenn

Warren, George

Welch family

Wheeler, E. S. Edwin

Wheeler, William

Whitehead

Whitney

Williams family

Williams, John Milton

Wilmott, Al

Wilson, Helen Van Pelt

Winslow family

Wolrad

Wood family

Woodward, Joanne

Wright family

Young, John Orr

Zeoli, Nick