

Guide to the Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection

Collection Overview:

REPOSITORY: Westport Museum for History and Culture, 25 Avery Place, Westport, CT

CALL NUMBER: RG 8

TITLE: Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 59 boxes; 12 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 - (Box 1: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Letter related to purchasing timber from estate trustee, S. W. Olmstead (1909); letter from M. F. Sanford re. sale of timber (1910)

Adams, Jane - (Box 1: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Letter from her sister Elizabeth Goodbar concerning a visit and relatives

Adams, Willard Sumner and wife - (Box 1: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident, ancestor of Donald Walsh

Contents: Dance card from wedding (1866); Saugatuck Historical Society document (1894); catering invoice (1906); William Hart letters (1924)

Adams, Zalman and family - (Box 1: 3 folders)

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

Contents: Documents and correspondence re. settlement of estate of Zalman Adams (1846); correspondence between his heirs and H. M. Coley, Trustee (1871-1878)

Albin, William (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Certificate of military service, 1865

Allen, Isaac - (Box 2: 3 volumes)

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

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

Allen, Walter and David B. - (Box 2: .5 linear ft.)

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

Contents: CT Shellfish Commission leases, artifacts

Allen, William - (Box 56)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Account book, ca. 1807

Anderson, Isaac – (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Resident of Lyons Plain, Weston

Contents: Certificate of military service, 1865; military pension records, 1898-1904

Antoniazzi, John - (Box 3: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Memoir re. life of his mother, Irene McNally of Westport 1890-1920

Backus, Jabez - (Box 3: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Clergyman, resident of Westport

Contents: Letter to "My dear Julie," 1948 July 21

Backus, Margaret - (Box 3: 3 folders)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Papers related to Colonial and Revolutionary houses in Westport, read before the Historical Society, 1900, 1901

Baker, Adelaide - (Box 3: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Poet and author, Westport resident

Contents: Letter to "Gladys," 1945 August 4

Baker, Richard - (Box 3: 2 folders)

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

Contents: Photographs and clippings related to Westport

Baldwin, Herbert E. - (Box 50: 3 folders)

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.

Banks, David (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: (1718-1791) Resident of Fairfield; Revolutionary War soldier

Contents: Proclamation from Jonathan Law, Governor of Connecticut Colony to David Banks of Fairfield as Ensign in charge of Trainband, 1747

Belden, H. H. - (Box 3: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident; owned dry goods store

Contents: Two letters, 1865

Betts, Helen - (Box 4: .25 linear ft.)

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

Betts, Joseph Elwood - (Box 5: .5 linear ft.)

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).

Birge, Edward Coley - (Box 6: .25 linear ft.)

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).

Borden, Hope Lewis and William Alanson Borden (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Hope Lewis Borden (1869-1955) was a Westport resident; 79 Myrtle Ave. was built for her. William Alanson Borden was a librarian who founded libraries in India.

Contents: Invoices for purchases (groceries, hardware, etc.), 1915-1916; correspondence from Arthur Sherwood, 1901; correspondence with Westport Water Co., 1915-1916; tax assessment for Compo Mill cottage, 1916

Boyer, Ralph - (Box 7: .5 linear ft.)

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

Bradley family - (Boxes 8, 9: .75 linear ft.)

Biographical info: includes David Bradley, Eliza Bradley, Gershom Bradley, Mary Bradley, Platt family members and others

Contents: Includes genealogical material, wills and related documents (Bradley and Platt), deeds, correspondence (1832-1890s), photographs, newspaper clippings, books belonging to Gershom Bradley. Inventory available in Box 8.

Bulkley, Eleanor and Hezekiah - (Box 52: 1 folder)

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. Material received with two portraits in 2022.

See additional Bulkley material in the Adams Family Papers, RG 9.

Bulkley, Francis – (Box 52: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: photocopies of documents, 1807-1880s

Bulkley, John F. - (Box OV8-10)

Biographical info: Shipper, owner of "Middletown" and "None Such" ships

Contents: Account book, 1847

See also shipping records in RG 5 for these ships.

Burr family - (Box 10: .5 linear ft.)

Biographical info: William H. Burr (1930-2018) was the son of Morris Lyon Burr (1891-1963) who was the son of William H. Burr Jr. (1854-1933) who was the son of William Hanford Burr (1808-1880). The Burr family had a fruit and vegetable growing business in Westport. William H. Burr Jr. was an expert on Revolutionary War events in Fairfield County and was instrumental in the installation of Westport's Minute Man statue. Additional papers of the Burr family are held at Fairfield Museum and History Center - <https://www.fairfieldhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/06/Burr-W.-H.-Jr.-MS-B115.pdf>.

Contents: Includes:

Account books: of Capt. A. Burr (1800-1804); of Aaron Burr Inn (1824-1828)

Genealogical material re. Burr family

Letters: Captain Henry P. Burr, Edward Burr, Harriet Burr (1850s-1880s)

William H. Burr and William H. Burr, Jr. material: letter and will (1850); receipts and invoices (1812-1880, 1918-1926); "Revolutionary Days in Westport" (1928), "Decoration Day speech" (1931), material re. Minuteman statue and Sherwood Island controversy.

Campbell, Ed - (Box 11: .5 linear ft.)

Biographical info: Architect in Westport

Contents: Photographs, architectural drawings, slides

Chapman family - (Box 12: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Includes Laura, George, Charles Chapman

Contents: Includes genealogical documentation, Bill of Sale of personal property to Ebenezer Gilbert (1884)

Cholmeley-Jones, Henrietta – (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Henrietta Cholmeley-Jones (1896-1985) was an American author and artist. In June 1920, she married E.O. Nigel Cholmeley-Jones, former lieutenant in the American Expeditionary Forces and advertising representative for *Current Literature*, *McClure's Magazine*, Paul Block and Associates, and the *National Geographic*. For most of her life she and her husband lived in Westport and Norwalk, Connecticut. For five years Cholmeley-Jones was a supervisor of the WPA Westport Art Project. She was co-chairman of the Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection.

Contents: Awards and certificates, correspondence; 2 poems written by HC-J; articles about her

Clark, Mrs. John Maurice - (Box 52: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Letter to "Sally," 1972

Clear family – (Box 12: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Anne and Mary Clear

Contents: Insurance and land ownership document (1898), grape conserve recipe, M. Adams (ca. 1840s)

Couch family - (Box 12: 2 folders)

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

Contents: Estate inventory of Eleanor and Gideon Couch estate (1770s), deeds, genealogical material, correspondence.

Coyle, Rose - (Box 57: 2 folders)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: First date of issue stamps on empty envelopes, 1935-1971

Cutler, Amelia (Mrs. Charles)

Biographical info: Westport resident; d. 1947

Contents: "Lost Landmarks" columns from *Westporter Herald*, 1939-1940; Conservation report – Victory Garden program, 1942-1943

Day, L. T. - (Box 52: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Medical doctor, Westport resident

Contents: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, ca. 1876-1887

De Coppet, Carlene "Dick" - (Box 52, 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Memorabilia re. Westport Golf and Country Club and biographical documentation, 1939, n.d.

Dickson, William D. - (Box 13: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Documents related to property in Westport owned by Dickson, 1931-1944

Dikeman, Eliphalet – (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Weston resident

Contents: Sheriff's document re. Dikeman's recovered judgement from William Green- payment of debt, 1790

Dolan, John A. - (Box 13: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Chief of Police in Westport

Contents: Membership cards, letter, mileage ration stamps, 1928-1956

Donovan, Helen McArdle - (Box 13: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: "Our Roots: A Family History," 1991

Dunnigan, Michael J. – (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Bill of sale to Thomas Glynn for various items, 1893

Ellis, Venora and Leroy - (Box 14: 2 folders)

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

Elwood, James S. - (Box 52, 1 folder)

Biographical info:

Contents: Account of expenses for trip to Lake Placid, 1880 July 13 – October 15

Eno, William Phelps - (Box 49)

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)

Fillow, Stanley - (Box 14: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Scrapbook with clippings, list of wedding gifts, notes related to ships

Fisher, Leonard Everett - (Box 15: .25 linear ft.)

Biographical info: Fisher was born in 1924, 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

Gagg, Marie Saxonmeyer - (Box 52, 1 folder)

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

Gault family - (Boxes 16, 17, OV8-1: 1 linear ft. + 1 oversize box)

Biographical info: Business owners in Westport. The L. H. Gault and Son company was founded in 1863. Material included for Robert Gault, Nellie Gault, Georgina Taylor, W. G. Taylor, Helen Taylor.

Contents: Inventory available in Box 16. Material includes genealogical information, accounts, receipts, autograph book of Nellie Gault, newspaper clippings, photographs, re. 150th anniversary of Gault Energy & Stone, 100th anniversary of L. H. Gault and Son Co., diary of Helen Taylor (1833), material related to Gault exhibit at Westport Historical Society.

Geraghty, James and Eva - (Box 48: 3 folders)

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

Gibson, Orremel - (Box OV8-10)

Biographical info: merchant?

Contents: Ledger, 1808

Godfrey, Martin - (Box 18: .25 linear ft.)

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

Goldsmith, Yvonne – (Boxes 54, 55 – 1 linear ft.)

Biographical info: Yvonne Clementine Boisseau was born February 4, 1910 in Illinois. She was an advertising publicist, dog breeder, and art dealer, and was active in the CT Republican Party. She successfully popularized the Weimaraner dog breed and was a crusader against cruelty to dogs. She was married in 1941 to Harold Goldsmith and they had two children, Peter (b.1943) and Christine (b.1945). Harold Goldsmith bred Holstein dairy cattle, which he pastured and raised on his estate in Ridgefield, CT. In 1960 the Goldsmiths sold their property in Ridgefield and moved to Westport, CT, where they lived at 131 West Compo Road. In 1964 Yvonne Goldsmith, wrote the newspaper column "Pets and People" for *The Bridgeport Post*.

Contents:

Personal correspondence, 1945-1965 (**Box 54**, Folders 1-3)
Correspondence and documents related to Long Lane School, 1954-1964 (**Box 54**, Folder 4)
Correspondence related to political activities and CT Republican Party (**Box 54**, Folders 5-6)
Correspondence, clippings, writings related to dogs, 1948-1954, n.d. (**Box 54**, Folders 7-10)
Correspondence related to business activities, 1954-1981 (**Box 55**, Folders 1-3)
Material related to Amcana Farm, Holstein-Friesian dairy cattle farm (**Box 55**, Folder 4)
Diary and journal of Yvonne, 1965, n.d. (**Box 55**, Folder 5)
Biographical documentation, including note re. discovery of papers (**Box 55**, Folder 6)
Photographs of family and dogs (**Box 55**, Folders 7-9)

Gray, Henry - (Box 56: 1 volume)

Biographical info: Gray was a shoemaker
Contents: Account book

Gross, Eleanor – (Box 57: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident
Contents: Letter requesting first day covers of John F. Kennedy Aerogramme and three envelopes, 1965

Guyer family - (Box 52)

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

Haskins, Caryl Parker - (Box 19: .25 linear ft.)

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

Hayden, George W. - (Box 20: .25 linear ft.)

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.

Held, John - (Box 52 – 1 folder)

Biographical info: Artist

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

Helm, Alberta L. - (Box 21: .5 linear ft.)

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.

Hitchcock, Nevada Davis - (Box 22: 1 folder)

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)

Holde, Heida Hermanns - (Box 22: 1 folder)

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

Hull, Henry - (Box 22: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Businessman

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

Hurlburt, Thomas - (Box OV8-10)

Biographical info: merchant?

Contents: "Day book" 1792-1821

Hyde / Hide family - (Boxes 23, 24: .75 linear ft.)

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.

Jennings, Aaron (Box 58: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport or Weston resident (one of two Aaron Jennings from this era)

Contents: Letter from Jennings in Cochranville to "My friend" – includes mention of political matters, elections, Snyderites, military battle; names Joseph Adams, 1809 September 30

Jennings, Joshua (Box 58: 8 folders)

Biographical info: The Jennings family was prominent in the Westport area. These documents likely refer to more than one person named Joshua Jennings.

Contents:

- Deed of sale from John Bennitt to Joshua Jennings [Jennings], for land, 1695 September 6
- Bill of sale from Thomas Desborough to Joshua Jennings, 1703 November 17
- Deed of sale from Peter Burr to Joshua Jennings, 1704 December 2
- Bill of sale from Joseph Smith to Joshua Jennings, 1709 November 21
- Deed of sale from Samuel Sturgis to Joshua Jennings, 1749/50 February 23
- Deed of sale for Joshua Jennings from Samuel Sturgis, 1749/50 February 20
- Bill of sale of enslaved person: "J. Sam'le Sherwood in consideration for two hundred and ten... sell, make over, convey and confirm unto him Joshua Jennings a certain negro man nam'd Jack, to have and to hold", 174? (1749?) December 19
- Deed of purchase from Ebenezer Hinman by Joshua Jennings [Jennings], 1792 April 12

Jennings, Peter (Box 58: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Payment receipt for services in the Revolutionary War, 1778 March 31

During the conflict in Westport—which was part of Fairfield at the time—locals were used for their knowledge of the area and for movement of supplies. British troops hoped to press colonists into labor to move the provisions in Danbury but were surprised to find little sympathy. Patriots did employ Peter Jennings and his horse wagon "for Service done in the Carting in the Danbury Expedition" moving ammunition and cannon to Compo and Saugatuck. Brigadier General GS Silliman issued this receipt for the payment of 4 pounds 10 shillings—roughly \$700 today—as payment.

Jesup, Morris Ketchum - (Box 52: 1 folder)

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"

Ketchum, Morris - (Box 25: 1 folder)

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 Hokanum Herd of Pure Bred Short Horns – Property of Morris Ketchum, Westport, CT”

Kirk family - (Box 25: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport residents [?]

Contents: Enclosures removed from 1856 Kirk family Bible – poem, glove, decorative paper doilies.

Land, Shirley and Alexander (Box 58: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport residents Shirley was chairperson of Westport’s Bicentennial Committee, appointed in 1974.

Contents: Letters, writings, newspaper columns, some related to Friends of the Library

Landry, John Henry - (Box 25: 1 folder)

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

Lees, Anna - (Box 25: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Will, 1915; newspaper clipping, recollections of Westport by Lees

Lubrecht, Dr. Charles A. - (Box 25: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Poems by Lubrecht

Lusk, Martha - (Box 25: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Letter to cousin Isaac Cea [?], March 14, 1818

Mackenzie, Caroline Weeks - (Box 25: 1 folder)

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

Main, William J. Sr. and Mary - (Box 51: 6 folders)

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

Marvin family - (Box 52: 1 folder)

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

Masiello family - (Box 25: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport store owners

Contents: Photographs of 10-15-25 cent store; mortgage deeds of Virginia Massillo

Mason, Myron L. - (Box 25: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Photocopy of writing incl. description of Westport, September 13, 1866

Morehouse, Ebenezer - (Box OV8-10)

Biographical info: merchant?

Contents: Account book, 1768-1785

Muller, Theodor Carl - (Boxes 26, 27, 28: 1.5 linear ft.)

Biographical info: Westport architect and designer

Contents: Architectural plans for houses

Murray, William B. – see: Putney

Nash family - (Box 29: .25 linear ft.) See also RG 5: Business and Commerce

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:

Daniel Nash: booklet of work and expenses (1809); deed and bills related to Christ Church Episcopal Church, Westport (1833);

Dennis Nash: invoice and receipt for church bell (1839)

Ebbie, Amelia, and William Nash: The Nash Family play by Ed Bryce, Westport Historical Society (1976)

Edgar Nash: Abstract to Wright Street property, Obediah Wright (1901)
Frederick Nash: Invoices and receipts from saw mill (1822-1859); 1 letter (1870); ledger from sawmill (1830s-1860s)
Harold Nash: (1985)
Genealogical material (1744-1970s); family and mill history
Timeline and history of Nash's mills by Franklin P. Mason.

Nevas, Alan - (Box 30: .25 linear ft.)

Biographical info: Judge, Connecticut General Assembly State Representative from Westport
Contents: Material related to Westport and his election.

Noyes, John - (Box 53: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Noyes (1762-1846) was the longest serving minister at Norfield Church in Weston, CT.

Contents: Sermon delivered in Weston and Greens Farms, CT, 1788; printed sermon, 60th anniversary of his ministry

O'Neill, Rose - (Box 31: .5 linear ft.)

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*

Osborn, Hannah - (Box 32: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Fairfield resident

Contents: Deed of sale of an enslaved person, "a certain Negro man named Cesar," to Ebenezer Banks, October, 1761.

Osborn, William F. - (Box OV8-2: oversize)

Biographical info: Osborne was a realtor.

Contents: Receipts, letters, scrapbook of clippings

Pearsall, Samuel - (Box OV8-10)

Biographical info: merchant?

Contents: "Day book" 1792

Peck, Hattie - (Box 32: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Handwritten essay on cows; notebook recording expenses 1891-1893

Peters, Frazier Forman - (Boxes 33, OV8-3: (.5 linear ft. + oversize box)

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"

Peterson (Sutphen), Greta – (Boxes 46, 47, OV8-9)

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. Kornrumpf

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 OV8-9 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.

Price, Garrett

Biographical info: Westport resident Garrett Price (1896-1979) was an artist, cartoonist and illustrator.

Content: Calendar sketchbook, 1978

Putney, Irving - (Box 32: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Photographs, memorabilia, genealogical info re. Putney, Murray, and Allen families

Raymond, Morris - (Box 32: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Account book that relates to agriculture, 1880s

Rebay, Hilla – (Box 59 – 6 folders)

Biographical info: Baroness Hilla Rebay von Ehrenwiesen (1890–1967) was an abstract artist in the early 20th century and co-founder and first director of the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation and Museum. She was born in the Alsace-Lorraine region and immigrated to the United States in 1927, settling in New York City. She became friends with Solomon R. Guggenheim and encouraged him to purchase non-object art by Rudolf Bauer and Wassily Kandinsky. Following Rebay's death in 1967, part of her extensive personal collection of art was given to the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum. Rebay purchased a house in Westport in 1937 and moved there after Solomon Guggenheim's death, when she had a falling out with the Guggenheim family.

Contents:

Biographical information

Reproductions and exhibitions of her art

Regarding the Rebay estate and house in Westport

Photographs of Rebay, Solomon Guggenheim, and Frank Lloyd Wright

Related to the art of Rudolf Bauer

Related to the art of Wassily Kandinsky, from Hilla von Rebay Foundation

Related to the art of Laszlo Moholy-Nagy

Remlin, Joseph F. – (Box 56: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Carpenter, builder

Contents: Statements (1908, 1918)

Richards, William - (Box 32: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Notebook – “A Moral Diary 1833-1834” – handwritten, mentions Saugatuck

Rose, Robert – (Box 53: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Inscribed leatherbound notepad give to Rose by President Bill Clinton; Menu for Presidential Luncheon hosted by Robert and Yvette Rose, 1998

St. John family - (Box 34: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Genealogical information; Recollections of Mrs. Parnell Sidway 1876-1877

St. Marie, Satenig - (Box 34: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Memorabilia

Sanford, Zalmon - (Box 53, 1 folder)

Biographical info: (1833-1882) Westport resident

Contents: Record of payment for goods, 1852; Genealogical information

Scribner, James - (Box 34: 4 folders)

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.

Scribner, Jesse B. - (Box OV8-7)

Biographical info: Tanner

Contents: Ledger, 1809-1823; Account book, 1815-1819; Scribner & Platt account book, 1816-1819

Scully, Albert T. - (Box 34: 2 folders)

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

Seaver, Romaine W. - (Boxes 36, 36a, 36b, OV8-4: 1.5 linear ft. + oversize box)

Biographical info: Romaine Wright Seaver (1898-1978), Westport resident, son of David Walton Seaver and Asenath Romaine Seaver. Writer, book collector/dealer

Contents: Announcement and correspondence re. wedding of David Seaver and Asenath Wright (1897). Correspondence (1897-1960) – personal and family, Christmas cards, letters written while RWS in U.S. Army (1942). Diaries of RWS, 1910-1929. Scrapbook of articles written by Seaver (1921), memorabilia, genealogical information.

Selleck, Charles (Box 58: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Rev. Charles M. Selleck published a history of Norwalk in 1896.

Contents: Note to “Captain” regarding Selleck’s book on Norwalk, 1901

Shepard, Betty (Box 58: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident and writer

Contents: “Landmarks from the Past” columns written by Shepard for the *Town Crier*, 1965

Simonds, Anna Elfrieda - (Box 37: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: Handwritten book, “Two Pigs” – written when she was 13 years old.

Sipperley family - (Box OV8-5)

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 Sipperly 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, account book of Mrs. E. Sipperley (formerly Addie Nash, 1876).

Smith, Katharine - (Box 37: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident [?]

Contents: 4 composition books containing school notes and exercises: 2 Latin, 1 French, 1 history

Sprague - (Box 53: 1 folder)

Biographical info:

Contents: Dinner invitation to Mr. Sprague, dated December 10, 1790, and signed on the back "G. Washington, Pres."

Staples, Horace and Charrey (Couch) Staples (Box 58: 3 folders)

Biographical info: Westport resident Horace Staples (1802-1897) was a businessman, banker, philanthropist, and founder of Staples High School. He outlived his wives Eliza Ann Hull (1804-1832) and Charrey Couch (1802-1881), his daughter Mary E. (1829-1880), and son William C. (1832-1891).

Contents: Letters to Mrs. Charrey Staples from her stepdaughter Mary, 1876; letters to Charrey from H. Staples, 1876; paper read by H. Staples to Westport Historical Society, "Recollections of Saugatuck", 1889; Bank notes, including from First National Bank, 1867.

Staples, Mrs. W. G. - (Box: OV8-2 – 1 volume)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Scrapbook of clippings related to Westport, 1875-1908

Stone, Effie - (Box 37: 1 folder)

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

Sturges, Jonathan

Biographical info: Sturges (1740-1819) was a resident of Fairfield.

Contents: Deed for land give to Trinity Church of Fairfield, 1767

Sugarman, Tracy - (Box 38: .25 linear ft.)

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*

Taylor, L. E. – (Box OV8-10: 1 volume)

Biographical info: Cobbler / shoemaker

Contents: Account book, 1841-1843

Taylor family - (Box 39: .25 linear ft.)

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

Contents: Includes genealogical information, funeral expenses and estate appraisals, letters and photos of Laura G. Taylor. See also Gault family papers.

Thomas family - (Box 37: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Stock certificates, will, distribution of estate, baptism certificate, 1832-1901

Thorpe family - (Box OV8-6)

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

Contents: Photographs, family Bible

Toquet family - (Box 40: .25 linear ft.)

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.

See also RG 5, Business and Commerce, for additional records related to the Toquet company.

Van, Frank J. - (Box 41: .25 linear ft.)

Biographical info: Westport police officer

Contents: Membership cards, licenses, clippings

Wakeman, Burritt Nash "Lofty" - (Box 42: .25 linear ft.)

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

Wakeman, H. B. - (Box 53: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport resident

Contents: Receipts for goods purchased, 1873-1876

Wakeman, Pearl and Isaac - (Box 53: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport residents involved in farming

Contents: Two surveys of property, 1955

Wald, Lillian - (Box 53 – 1 volume, 1 folder)

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

Washington, William Lanier - (Box 53: 1 folder)

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

Contents: Letter to "Mr. Stowe," 1931

Williams, Margaret Spicker (Maggie) - (Box 43: .5 linear ft.)

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

Wilson, Marie Humphrey - (Box 44: .25 linear ft.)

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

Contents: Typescript autobiography

Winslow, Richard Henry - (Box 45: 1 folder)

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.

Wood, George W. and Minnie - (Box 45: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Westport residents [?]

Contents: Genealogical information, dog license, concert program, item re. 24th St. Sunday School, 1863

Wright, George - (Box 53: 1 folder)

Biographical info: Artist

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

Yates, Bill - (Box OV8-12)

Biographical info: Floyd Buford "Bill" Yates (1921-2001) drew gag cartoons and comic strips and was a comics editor. He lived in Westport for 50 years and drew twice-weekly editorial cartoons for the *Westport News*.

Contents: Printed cartoons by Yates

Unidentified

Contents: 2 ledgers (Box OV8-11)

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

Brown, Cyrus (buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Gorham family plot)
Land records from Stamford

Bryce, Dorothy and Ed

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

Burrow, Trigant

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

Frost, Oren Sayles "Jack"

Gagg, Marie

Godfrey Family (see also Martin Godfrey in Series 1)

Goodsell / Grammon Family

Gorham Family

Gould Family

Graham, Red

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, including Morris Ketchum Jesup

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

Wynkoop, Susan Walton

Young, John Orr

Zeoli, Nick