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Summary Information

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Language of the Material:	English.
Abstract:	<p>This collection documents the Adams family descended from Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784) from the late 18th century to the mid 20th century. The Adams family settled in Fairfield in the 1650s and later moved to the Green's Farms and Westport area. They were landowners and farmers in the early days with later generations were involved in education, commerce, and the church. Regular detailed letters between parents and children, siblings, aunts, uncles, and cousins show how this New England family stayed in close touch even as branches of the family moved to the Midwest or California. The Adamses were pillars of Westport area society and the collection shows their interconnectedness with other area families, including the Davies, Jennings, Wakeman, and Hyde families. From 1837 until his retirement due to ill health in 1867, Ebenezer Banks Adams Sr. was head of the Adams Academy, which had been built by his future father-in-law Thomas F. Davies, Pastor of the Green's Farms Congregational Church. Adams Academy was a successful college preparatory school that played a major role in Westport. Writings from various generations of the Adams family, legal and property documents, financial records, biographical documentation and collected memorabilia are a treasure trove of detailed information about civic and family life in the Westport area.</p>

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Biography

Seven generations of the Adams family are represented in the collection.

First generation represented in the collection:

Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784) was born in Fairfield on January 12, 1710 and died on March 29, 1784, the son of Nathan Adams (1694-1724) and Rebecca Clapham (1695-1759). He married Ann Silliman (1719-1748) in 1739 and their children were Ann, Rebecca, Mary, Nathaniel, and Abigail.

Second generation:

Nathaniel Adams (1746-1801) was born in Fairfield on March 2, 1746 and died in Westport on October 9, 1801, the son of Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784) and Ann Silliman Adams. He married Salome Hyde (1757-1802) in 1775 and their children were Rebekah, Joseph, Salome, Ann, Nathaniel, Abigail, Dorcas, and Miranda.

Third generation:

Captain Joseph Adams (1779-1872) was the son of Nathaniel Adams (1746-1801) and Salome Hyde Adams. He was commissioned as a Captain in 1806 and was a member of the 3rd troop of horse, 4th Regiment Connecticut Cavalry. He served in the Connecticut militia at Groton, CT in July 1813 during the War of 1812. Joseph Adams married Sarah Banks (1782-1853) in 1807, the daughter of Ebenezer Banks and Huldah Sherwood Banks. Their children were Nathaniel Adams (1808-1809), Ebenezer Banks Adams (1810-1877), and Harriet Louisa Adams (1814-1901).

Fourth generation:

Harriet Louisa Adams (Hyde) (1814-1901) was the daughter of Joseph and Sarah Banks Adams. She married John Hyde and had two daughters, Mary Louisa Hyde and Harriet Eleanor Hyde.

Ebenezer Banks Adams (1810-1877) was the son of Joseph and Sarah Banks Adams. He was born December 23, 1810 in Westport and died June 12, 1877 in Westport. He graduated from

Yale College in 1835 and taught for two years (1835-1837) at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum in Hartford. In 1837 Adams purchased a school that had been established by his future father-in-law Thomas F. Davies, Green's Farms Academy, also known as Maple Grove Academy, and referred to colloquially as Adams Academy. Ebenezer married Mary Sanford Davies in 1839. The Adams Academy, a respected school for boys (high school level), was run by Adams from 1837 until his retirement in 1867 and had 637 students during that time period. In 1868, Adams sold his academy and its 1-acre property to the Green's Farms Association.

Mary Sanford Davies Adams (1818-1890), wife of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr., was the daughter of Rev. Thomas F. Davies (1799-1865) and Julia Sanford Davies (1797-1858). After the death of his first wife, Thomas F. Davies married Elizabeth Joyce Merriman. The siblings of Mary Sanford Davies Adams were Lemuel Sanford Davies (1823-1897), Thomas F. Davies, Jr. (1831-1905), Julia Davies, and Mary Davies. Thomas F. Davies, Sr. was a clergyman in Green's Farms and in New Haven. Thomas F. Davies, Jr. was an Episcopal clergyman and served as Bishop of Michigan from 1889-1905. Substantial additional documentation related to the Davies family, which had been in the possession of Mary Sanford Davies Adams, has been separated into a separate record group, the Davies Family Papers, Record Group 10.

Fifth generation:

Ebenezer Banks Adams (1849-1889) was the only child of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary Sanford Davies Adams. He was born July 24, 1849 in Westport and died June 4, 1889 in Westport. He married Mary Anna Bulkley in 1873 and they had six children.

Mary Anna Bulkley Adams (1848-1933), wife of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr., was born in Stamford on November 3, 1848 and died May 29, 1933 in Westport. She was the daughter of Hezekiah Bulkley (1809-1859) and Dolly Bartlett Bulkley (1807-1855). Her siblings were Hezekiah Ripley Bulkley (1835-1863) and Alethea Bulkley (Knapp) (1836-1859).

Sixth generation - children of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. and Mary Anna Bulkley Adams

Joseph Adams (1876-1968) was born in Westport on August 1, 1876 and died there on August 21, 1968. He was married to Bertha Wakeman (1876-1916) in 1901 and they had four children: Joseph Carleton Adams, Lewis Wakeman Adams, Earle Chetwood Adams and (Esther) Ruth Adams (1913-2003). Ruth was a librarian in Westport and cared for her father and her aunt Dorothy Ripley Adams for many years. Joseph was a civic leader and Judge in Westport.

Edward Bradford Adams (1878-1972) was born in Westport on July 28, 1878 and died in Pasadena, CA on January 12, 1972. Edward graduated from Yale College in 1901 and Yale Divinity School in 1904. He was an ordained minister, authority on the history of hymns, and prominent chess player.

Dorothy Ripley Adams (1879-1967) was born on December 25, 1879 in Westport and died there on July 3, 1967. Dorothy graduated from the New Haven Normal School and was a teacher and principal in Westport for many years.

Thomas Davies Adams (1881-1939) was born on July 27, 1881 and died on February 1, 1939 in New York City. He married Minnie May Sherwood in 1906 and they had three children: Thomas Davies Adams, Jr., Mary Sherwood Adams, and (Dorothy) Elizabeth Adams.

Julia Sanford Adams (Davis) (1883-1981) was born in Westport on June 10, 1883. She married Thomas Carroll Davis in 1912 and they had four children: Thomas Carroll Davis, Jr, John Alden Davis, Edward Bradford Davis, and William Clayton Davis.

Mary Bulkley Adams (Disbrow) (1886-1949) was born on March 8, 1886 in Westport and died on March 12, 1949 in Los Angeles. She married Frank Herbert Disbrow in 1906 and they had four children: Frank Herbert Disbrow, Jr, Grace Adams Disbrow, Dorothy Elizabeth Disbrow, and Mary Priscilla Disbrow.

Seventh generation represented in the collection:

(Esther) Ruth Adams (1913-2003), daughter of Joseph and Bertha Adams; (Dorothy) Elizabeth Adams (Daniels) (1920-2014) daughter of Thomas Davies Adams

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Scope and Content of Collection

The Correspondence of Series 1 is arranged according to generation. The correspondence of each individual or couple is arranged chronologically with family and general correspondence separated.

Series 2, Writings / Diaries / Notes, contains valuable journals with daily entries that document local everyday life in the Westport area during the 19th century. These journals provide glimpses of the household responsibilities of women (Mary Anna Bulkley Adams and Bertha Wakeman Adams) and their activities for entertainment and social life, activities of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr., Principal of Adams Academy, and the agricultural activities of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. and his son Joseph Adams. Also of interest are a set of essays and debate arguments written by Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. while he was a student at Yale College 1832-1835 that touch on issues like the treatment of Native Americans and "colored people" in the United States. A large section of school papers of Dorothy Ripley Adams from 1890 to 1896 provide insight in the curriculum and content of secondary education in the Westport area during the late 19th century.

Series 3 documents the school known colloquially as Adams Academy of which Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. was Principal from 1837 to 1867. Various writings and newspaper articles provide historical information about the school and the Adams family. Lists of pupils and notebooks indicating studies pursued, tuition received, expenses of the school, etc. provide an overview of its work. Correspondence between Ebenezer B. Adams and various parents of students and students illustrates the administrative side of operating the school.

Series 4, Legal Documents and Deeds, contains documents relating to various generations of the Adams family as well as other documents of individuals not connected with the Adams family. It is likely that the Adams family's active involvement in civic life and their strong interest in local and family history led to these historical documents becoming part of their collected papers. Among this collected material is the earliest dated original document in the collection, a repayment notice to Hannah Smith from Joseph Wakeman dating from May 1699. Records for Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784) include a Bill of sale of an enslaved girl named Cate from Jacob Cadwell, 1745, and his estate information contains reference to two enslaved girls who will be inherited by his daughters. Abigail Adams Bradley, daughter of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr., is recorded as receiving an enslaved girl circa 1767-1772.

Series 5, Financial Records, contains documents dating to the earliest generation of the Adams family represented in the collection, a receipt for 20 sheep transferred to the care of Richard Partrack by Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784) in 1748. This series also includes tax receipts, household accounts, agricultural accounts, and miscellaneous other financial records that provide interesting insight into daily life in the Westport area.

Series 6, Biographical Documentation / Personal Memorabilia, includes genealogical information, obituaries, and various scattered traces of the lives and activities of members of the Adams family. Newspaper clippings, collected poems and sayings, advertisements, flyers, certificates, photographs, and so forth provide glimpses of the various facets of the individuals documented. Of interest for the study of elementary school curricula during the early 20th century are files of material collected by Dorothy R. Adams for her teaching. The series concludes with documents and artifacts that were received with the Adams papers but cannot be attributed to a specific individual.

Series 7, Books Belonging to the Adams Family, contains books with inscribed ownership by members of the Adams family, primarily Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. Some of the books date from Adams' days as a student at Yale College. Others are from the time when Adams was head of the Adams Academy. These books provide insight into the breadth of Adams' interests and are examples of 19th century core texts in the fields of history, religion, science, mathematics, geography, classics, etc. Books belonging to Adams' wife Mary Sanford Davies Adams and his daughter-in-law Mary Anna Bulkley Adams indicate the reading material of women of their status at this time.

The Adams Family Papers are complemented by the Davies Family Papers also held at the Westport Museum for History and Culture. Mary Sanford Davies Adams was the keeper of her family papers and the families were in close contact.

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Arrangement

The material is arranged in seven series: Series 1: Correspondence; Series 2: Writings / Diaries / Notes; Series 3: Adams Academy; Series 4: Legal Documents and Deeds; Series 5: Financial Records; Series 6: Biographical Documentation / Personal Memorabilia; Series 7: Books Belonging to the Adams Family.

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- Westport (Conn.)--History.

- Genealogies (histories).
- Newspaper clippings.

General

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Collection Inventory

Correspondence

Nathaniel Adams (1746-1801)

Title/Description	Instances	
To Nathaniel Adams from Obed Wright , [1786?]	Box 1	Folder 1

Joseph Adams (Captain) (1779-1872)

Scope and Contents

See also letters to/from son Ebenezer Banks Adams in Box 1, Folder 9.

Title/Description	Instances	
To Captain Joseph Adams and Mrs. Sally Adams from uncle, John Noyes, bereavement letter following death of child , 1809	Box 1	Folder 2
To Captain Joseph Adams from brother Nathaniel, 1816	Box 1	Folder 2
To / from Captain Joseph Adams including re. military matters , 1804-1808	Box 1	Folder 3
Scope and Contents		
Including re. fines failure to appear for Josiah Sherman, R. Banks, Timothy Banks; To James Winton, Weston – order to assemble by law from Commanding Officer Joseph Adams, Capt. Troop 4th Regiment Cavalry; Order for volunteers		
To / from Captain Joseph Adams including re. financial matters and from brothers of Dr. Lewis Belden asking JA to be executor of will, 1820-1842, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 4

Sarah Banks Adams (1782-1853) and her extended family

Title/Description	Instances	
To Sarah (Sally) Banks Adams from sister Eunice and brother-in-law Lewis Belden. , 1812-1820, n.d	Box 1	Folder 5
Scope and Contents		
14 letters, primarily written by Eunice Banks from New York where she is staying with their sister Rachel and Rachel's husband Lewis Belden, who was a doctor, to help care for their child. Letters contain family news, discussion of Rachel's illnesses, exchange of food items, etc.		
To Ebenezer Banks (father of Sarah Banks Adams) from Lewis Belden (his son-in-law) and other relatives, 1818-1839	Box 1	Folder 6
To Eunice Banks (sister) from sister Rachel and brother-in-law Lewis Belden , 1820, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Eunice is in Connecticut caring for the Beldens' child due to high rate of illness in New York City during summer. Dr. Belden suggests remedy for mosquito bites.		

Harriet Adams (Hyde) (1814-1901)

Title/Description	Instances	
To Harriet Adams (Hyde) from S. Purdy, 1831	Box 1	Folder 8

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. (1810-1877)

Family correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. to/from his parents Joseph and Sarah , 1840	Box 1	Folder 9
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. to/from Mary Sanford Davies Adams (his wife) , 1840-1877, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 10-16
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. to/from cousins , 1839-1884, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 17
Scope and Contents		
Includes: letters from C. B. Adams discussing politics, including Bill before Congress to establish pension for heirs of Revolutionary War; opinions		

regarding Kansas Free State and President
Buchanan

General correspondence		
Title/Description	Instances	
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. - general correspondence , 1837-1867, n.d.	Box 1	Folder 18-20
Scope and Contents		
Includes: letters from Lewis Weld re. Deaf and Dumb Asylum where EBA taught; from William J. Jennings re. Wisconsin property; re. Yale College Class of 1835 reunion; 1865 April letter from friend in Ohio infantry re. Civil War Other correspondents include: C. Stone, L.W. Nichols, Elbart White, Bradley Meeker, H. W. Ripley, R. K. Diossy, James G. Rumsey		
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary Sanford Davies Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Mary Sanford Davies (Adams) to her parents Thomas F. and Julia Davies before her marriage, 1825, 1833	Box 2	Folder 1
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary S. Davies Adams to her parents Thomas F. and Julia Davies , 1839-1859, n.d.	Box 2	Folder 2-15
Scope and Contents		
Some letters contain sections from Mary's brother Thomas F. Davies, Jr. who was living with them for a period.		
Mary Sanford Davies (Adams) from her parents Thomas F. and Julia Davies, 1828-1837	Box 2	Folder 16-17
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary S. Davies Adams from her parents Thomas F. and Julia Davies , 1839-1840	Box 2	Folder 18-19
Scope and Contents		
Letters occasionally contain sections from other Davies children.		
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary S. Davies Adams from her parents Thomas F. and Julia Davies, 1841-1850	Box 3	Folder 1-15
Scope and Contents		
Letters occasionally contain sections from other Davies children.		
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary S. Davies Adams from her parents Thomas F. and Julia Davies, 1851-1860, n.d.	Box 4	Folder 1-9

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary S. Davies Adams from her stepmother Elizabeth M. Davies, 1864-1879, n.d.	Box 4	Folder 10-14
Mary Sanford Davies Adams		
Family correspondence		
Title/Description	Instances	
Mary S. Davies Adams from her sister Julia Davies , 1831-1844, n.d.	Box 5	Folder 1-2
Scope and Contents		
Some letters also addressed to Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr.		
Mary S. Davies Adams from her brother Lemuel Davies and his wife Stella, 1842-1877	Box 5	Folder 3-8
Mary S. Davies Adams from her brother Lemuel Davies and his wife Stella and children, 1878-1890, n.d.	Box 5	Folder 9-11
Mary S. Davies Adams from her brother Thomas F. Davies, Jr. , 1847-1868	Box 5	Folder 12-19
Scope and Contents		
Includes letters written by Thomas while he was at seminary in Middletown, CT.		
Mary S. Davies Adams from her brother Thomas F. Davies, Jr. , 1869-1886	Box 6	Folder 1-12
Scope and Contents		
Includes letters written by Thomas while traveling in Italy, France, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom (1883, 1886)		
Mary S. Davies Adams from her brother Thomas F. Davies, Jr., 1887-1893, n.d.	Box 7	Folder 1-6
Mary S. Davies Adams from cousin Thomas Sanford, 1865-1871, n.d.	Box 7	Folder 7-8
Mary S. Davies Adams from various Sanford cousins, 1865-1889, n.d.	Box 7	Folder 9
Mary S. Davies Adams from cousin Sarah Perry Ruggles , 1849-1890, n.d.	Box 7	Folder 10-12

Scope and Contents

Includes 1873 letter written from Barcelona, Spain during revolutionary times between Republicans and Carlists

Mary S. Davies Adams from cousin Margaret Judd, 1854-1865, n.d.	Box 7	Folder 13
Mary S. Davies Adams from various cousins and extended family, 1868-1890	Box 7	Folder 14

General correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
Mary S. Davies (Adams) from H. D. Cole, 1834-1836	Box 8	Folder 1
Mary S. Davies Adams from Mary (Drew) Mygatt, 1858-1890	Box 8	Folder 2-3
Mary S. Davies Adams from Margaret Grey, 1851-1854	Box 8	Folder 4
Mary S. Davies Adams from various friends and acquaintances, 1864-1889, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 5

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. (1849-1889)**Family correspondence**

Title/Description	Instances	
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. to/from his grandparents, Thomas F. and Julia Davies , 1856-1859, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 6
Scope and Contents		
Including from grandfather while on business trip in Ohio; letters describe his travels by train and other observations.		
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. from his step-grandmother, E. M. Davies , 1872-1875	Box 8	Folder 7
Scope and Contents		
Letter from 1875 mentions EBA Jr.'s wife's confinement and loss of baby.		
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. from his father E.B. Adams, Sr. and from his father-in-law W. H. Bulkley , 1858, 1887-1889	Box 8	Folder 8
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. to Mary Anna Bulkley (Adams) , 1873, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 9
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. from cousins, uncle , 1859-1889, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 10-11

Scope and Contents

Includes letters from cousin Willie B. Davies re. 4th of July events and Civil War soldier companies in Waterbury, CT; includes letter from E. B. Adams to cousin M. Louisa Hyde re. Hulls Farms property left to them in will.

General correspondence		
Title/Description	Instances	
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. – general correspondence, 1869-1889, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 12-13
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jrs. – postcards, 1877-1889	Box 8	Folder 14
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams		
Family correspondence		
Title/Description	Instances	
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams to grandmother, 1866	Box 8	Folder 15
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from step-grandmother-in-law, E.M. Davies, 1875	Box 8	Folder 16
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from brother Hezekiah Bulkley, 1860	Box 8	Folder 17
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams to/from son Joseph Adams and his wife Bertha , 1900-1907, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 18
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from son Edward Bradford Adams , 1899-1916, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 19
Scope and Contents		
Includes letters from Edward when he was a student at Yale College and Yale Divinity School 1899-1904.		
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams to/from daughter Dorothy Ripley Adams, 1898-1916, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 20
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from son Thomas Davies Adams, 1905-1910, n.d	Box 8	Folder 21
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from daughter Julia Sanford Adams , 1900-1917, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 22-23
Scope and Contents		
Includes letters from Julia when she was a student at Mt. Holyoke College 1903-1907.		
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from daughter Mary Bulkley Adams, 1916, n.d.	Box 8	Folder 24

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Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from Davies relatives, 1866-1916, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 1
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from Bartlett relatives, 1860-1902, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 2
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams from Bulkley relatives , 1889-1916	Box 9	Folder 3
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes letters from W. H. Bulkley and Bessie Bulkley to others.</p>		
Family of Mary Anna Bulkley Adams: Hezekiah Bulkley to others , 1853-1858	Box 9	Folder 4
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams to/from various cousins, relatives, 1872-1903, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 5
<p>General correspondence</p>		
Title/Description	Instances	
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams – general correspondence , 1864-1889	Box 9	Folder 6-7
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes letters of condolence after death of her husband (1889).</p>		
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams – general correspondence , 1890-1896	Box 9	Folder 8
<p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>1896 letter from Mary Keeler includes enclosures of program from Home Missionary Field Day, Congregational Church, Oxford, NY and a letter to Mary Anna Bulkley Adams' daughter from Alice C. Keeler</p>		
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams – general correspondence – copy of letter re. missionary work in girls school in Greece, 1891	Box 9	Folder 9
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams – general correspondence , 1893-1896, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 10
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Mary Anna Bulkley Adams – general correspondence, 1901-1916	Box 9	Folder 12

Mary Anna Bulkley Adams – undated, fragments, postcards, 1880-1916, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 13
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Children of Ebenezer and Mary Anna Bulkley Adams

Joseph Adams (Judge)

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From sister, cousins, aunt, 1889-1916	Box 9	Folder 15
Correspondence and postcards, including to wife Bertha, from daughter Ruth, from son Carleton , 1888-1968, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 16
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Edward Bradford Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
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Dorothy Ripley Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
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Family correspondence, including from brother Edward, 1939-1944, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 20
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General correspondence – related to her teaching, school, 1933-1936, n.d.	Box 9	Folder 22
From Helen Hahn re. Hyde family history, 1937	Box 9	Folder 23
General correspondence – miscellaneous, 1890-1959	Box 9	Folder 24
Postcards, 1896-1950	Box 10	Folder 1

Julia Sanford Adams (Davis)

Title/Description	Instances	
General correspondence, [1904?], n.d.	Box 10	Folder 2

Miscellaneous correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
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Unidentified and fragmentary letters requiring further investigation for attribution to specific Adams family members	Box 10	Folder 3
Letter written from Paris, author and recipient unknown, describes French customs, compares to England and America, 1837	Box 10	Folder 4
To "dear cousin" – re. Dr. Jesup, surgeon in a colonial war, 1896	Box 10	Folder 5
Letters of W. Elwood, missionary in South India describing his work and the climate and customs in Kodaikanal, Diudigul, Coonoor, 1909-1910	Box 10	Folder 6
Letter of Frank Bourque re. World War I experience as ambulance man, chief mechanic, 1918	Box 10	Folder 7
Miscellaneous envelopes not associated with letters	Box 10	Folder 8

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Writings / Diaries / Notes

Harriet Adams (Hyde)

Title/Description

Instances

Poem: "The Child's Experience", 1823

Box 10

Folder 9

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr.

Title/Description

Instances

"Omnibus" journals (notebooks with daily entries) #1 March 1838; #2 November 1838; #3 March 1840; #4 October 1840 , 1838-1840

Box 10

Folder 10

Scope and Contents

These journals mention the Adams Academy but deal mainly with Adams' daily activities, the weather, local politics, etc.

"Omnibus" journals: #1 July 1864; #2 August 1876; #3 January 1877; #4 August 1877, 1864, 1876-1877

Box 10

Folder 11

Essays written while at Yale College: "The Love of Approbation"; "A Spirit of Candor" , 1832

Box 10

Folder 12

Address, essays, debate arguments written while at Yale College , 1833 March

Box 10

Folder 13

Scope and Contents

"A Farewell Address to Debating Society"; "Literature is the Only Sure Foundation of National Fame"; "The Importance of Fixed Principles"; "Have the United

States a Right to Export Its Colored Population to Africa, Contrary to Their Will?"; "Have the United States a Right to the Lands They Now Occupy?"

Essays, debate arguments written while at Yale College , 1833 Jun-Oct	Box 10	Folder 14
Scope and Contents		
"Ought the Indians in the U.S. to be Removed Beyond the Mississippi?"; "Genius"; "The Ingratitude of Republics"; "Which is the Best Field for Eloquence: the Bar or the Pulpit?"		
Essays, debate arguments written while at Yale College , 1834	Box 10	Folder 15
Scope and Contents		
"Dangers to America"; "Is it Proper for a Student to Enter into Matrimonial Engagements Previous to the Completion of his Education?"; "Is the Origin of Language Divine or Human?"; "Is a Republican or Monarchical Form of Government Best Adapted for the Promotion of Learning?"; "Ought the Law of Imprisonment for Debt to be Abolished?"; "Is Christianity Favorable to the Spirit of Poetry?"		
Essays, debate arguments written while at Yale College , 1835	Box 10	Folder 16
Scope and Contents		
"Is Utility the Foundation of Right?"		
Notes on lectures at Yale, 1834-1835	Box 10	Folder 17
Notebook containing copies of lectures and poems, 1834, 1838, 1865	Box 10	Folder 18
Notebook: "Catalogue of Pamphlets in the Library of E. B. Adams", undated	Box 11	Folder 1
Notebook: "Arborical Record of Fruit Trees and Ornamentals", 1844	Box 11	Folder 2
Notes and drawing labeled "An Occultation" – calculation of position of star Spica on December 12, 1808 , undated	Box 11	Folder 3
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Three pocketsize diaries with short daily entries describing activities and weather, 1866-1868	Box 11	Folder 4-6
Paper read before the Westport Historical Society, undated	Box 11	Folder 6a

Mary Anna Bulkley Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
Poem: "Oh What Consequences of Jack's Hill" – poem about Slave Jack, life and burial, 1873	Box 11	Folder 7
Journals (unsigned but likely MABA) , 1873 May; 1874 Jan-May; 1876	Box 11	Folder 8-10
Scope and Contents		
Four notebooks with daily entries providing detailed accounts of activities, household responsibilities, entertainment, visits, etc.		

Judge Joseph Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
"Ownership of Real Estate in Westport: 100 or more years ago and sidelights" -typescript, 1951	Box 11	Folder 11
Annotated draft ms. of "Ownership of Real Estate in Westport" – 2 copies, 1951	Box 11	Folder 12-13
Notebook: contains 11 pages of translation of Caesar followed by notes on agricultural activities (crops planted, etc.) , 1891-1896	Box 12	Folder 1
Essays: "Farming -1890" – describes historical agricultural activities in Westport (typescript); "Southport - some of its activities in the 1880s and 1890s", undated	Box 12	Folder 2
Essay: "Costs of Government" – in Westport (typescript), undated	Box 12	Folder 3
School essays, papers; radio show script ("The Jennings Family" - with co-author E.C. Birge), undated	Box 12	Folder 4

Bertha Wakeman Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
Diary describing daily activities, 1896 Aug-Oct	Box 12	Folder 5

Dorothy Ripley Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
School papers of DRA include essays on various topics, math, grammar, spelling, and German exercises, 1890-1896, undated	Box 12	Folder 6-11

Earle Chetwood Adams, E. Ruth Adams and Thomas Davies Adams, Jr.

Scope and Contents

(son/daughter of Joseph Adams and son of Thomas Davies Adams; niece/nephews of Dorothy Ripley Adams)

Title/Description	Instances	
School papers of Earle and Thomas; writings by Ruth: "My Family Tree," "An Afternoon in 516", 1918, undated	Box 12	Folder 12

Miscellaneous unattributed writings

Title/Description	Instances	
Poem: "July 8, 1793 Birthday Ode"	Box 12	Folder 13
Miscellaneous unidentified poetry	Box 12	Folder 14
Essays, including "Is it Desirable to Erect Public Monuments?", 1813-1865	Box 12	Folder 15
Essays, including biographical writing about George Washington , undated	Box 12	Folder 16
Essays, including report on trip, viewing of steamship, 1838	Box 12	Folder 17
Writings on religious themes, including notes for sermons, undated	Box 12	Folder 18
Copy of sermon delivered by Lemuel Haynes in West Rutland, VT, 1805	Box 12	Folder 19
Copy of sermon delivered by Lemuel Haynes in West Rutland, VT, 1805	Box 12	Folder 19
Miscellaneous notes, including regarding a boat voyage from Saugatuck to New London (1785), a laundry list, a list of men engaged in work on a highway, a list of men's names, and a note related to the church of Dr. Shipley (1820), 1785, 1820, undated	Box 12	Folder 20

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Adams Academy**History**

Title/Description	Instances	
Survey of Academy Land; Deed for purchase of land and Academy, 1834, 1837	Box 13	Folder 1
Announcements re. Adams Academy / Greens Farms Academy, 1841, undated	Box 13	Folder 2
"The Adams Academy – a History" by Joan L. Ross, 1961	Box 13	Folder 4

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Biographical and historical information re. Ebenezer B. Adams and the Academy, 1877, 1958, undated	Box 13	Folder 3
Westport Advertiser – announcement of school closure, 1867 Nov 16	Box 13	Folder 5
Article, drawing and photo of Academy, letterhead with photo, unidentified photo of man and car, 1935, undated	Box 13	Folder 6
Typescript article re. addition to Greens Farms School, incl. historical info re. Academy, 1950	Box 13	Folder 7
Adams Academy Restoration Committee – minutes, correspondence, 1958	Box 13	Folder 8
Adams Academy Restoration Committee – minutes, correspondence, 1961-1963	Box 13	Folder 9
Newspaper articles to promote restoration of Academy and re. Adams family , 1961-1968	Box 13	Folder 10-12
Article: "Lost – One Little Red Schoolhouse" and copies of documents re. Academy history, undated	Box 13	Folder 13
Articles and letter to Ruth Adams re. use of Academy building, 1983, 1984, 1987	Box 13	Folder 14

Students

Title/Description	Instances	
"A Record of Greens Farms Academy" - original notebooks containing lists of pupils, studies pursued, tuition received, etc., 1837-1838, 1838-1842, 1846-1847	Box 13	Folder 15
"List of pupils of Maple Grove Academy, Greens Farms, E. Adams Principal, 1837-1867" Typed and handwritten lists of pupils by chronology and surname , undated	Box 13	Folder 16
Compiled lists of Academy pupils, with some biographical information, undated	Box 13	Folder 17
Compiled lists of prominent people who were students at the Academy, undated	Box 13	Folder 18

Financial records

Title/Description	Instances	
4 original notebooks listing expenses, tuition received, etc., 1838-1840, 1840, 1840-1841, 1841	Box 13	Folder 19
Original notebook: "Daybook" listing accounts for 1864	Box 13	Folder 20

Scope and Contents

Cover of notebook notated "H. Bulkley
Administration Acct."

Receipts for Academy expenses, 1838, 1857-1861, 1866, undated	Box 13	Folder 21
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Correspondence of Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. regarding Adams Academy

Title/Description	Instances	
Invitation to attend Common School Convention, 1838	Box 14	Folder 1
Letters from parents re. school payments and attendance , 1839	Box 14	Folder 2

Scope and Contents

Including from T. F. Davies re. son Lemuel, Alva
Gray, Jesup Jennings

Letter from Mr. Howe, tutor at Yale, re. EBA tutoring a suspended Yale student, 1839 Nov 1	Box 14	Folder 3
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Letters from parents, students, including from B. R. Wood, D. Blakeman , 1840	Box 14	Folder 4
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Letters from parents, students , 1950s	Box 13	Folder 5
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Scope and Contents

Includes petition from students asking for Christmas
holiday, signed by 29 students

Letters from parents, students, including letter from William J. Jennings , 1860s	Box 14	Folder 6
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Letters from parents, students, undated	Box 14	Folder 7
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Miscellaneous

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter to Dorothy Adams with list of books, textbooks that belonged to her grandfather, EBA; additional partial list of books, undated	Box 14	Folder 8
Blank report card form, undated	Box 14	Folder 9
Ledger containing student essays (from Academy?), 1871-1873	Box 14	Folder 10

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Legal / Estate Documents and Deeds

Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784)

Title/Description	Instances	
Bill of sale of "negro girl named Cate" from Jacob Cadwell, 1745	Box 15	Folder 1
Daybook (used by Nathaniel, 1716-1784 and Nathaniel, 1746-1801) , 1760-1801	Box 15	Folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Estate planning information for Nathaniel, 1716-1784 includes: to daughter Ann Wakeman "1 negro girl"; to daughter Rebecca Wakeman "1 negro girl." Book also includes genealogical information		

Nathaniel (1746-1801) and Salome Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
Daybook (used by Nathaniel, 1716-1784 and Nathaniel, 1746-1801), 1760-1801	Box 15	Folder 1
Quit Claim for parcel of land in Greens Farms, 1794	Box 15	Folder 2
Will of Nathanael Adams, 1801	Box 15	Folder 2
Survey of tract of land belonging to estate of NA, 1802	Box 15	Folder 3
Documents related to distribution of estate of NA, 1802-1803	Box 15	Folder 3
Inventory and distribution of estate of Salome Adams, 1803	Box 15	Folder 4

Captain Joseph Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
2 documents related to legacies received from Adams ancestors , 1806, 1810, undated	Box 15	Folder 5
Scope and Contents		
Bond for payment to Yale College by Joseph Adams and Aaron Sherwood for student Nathaniel Adams		
Instructions for assessing and collecting taxes, 1812	Box 15	Folder 5
Agreement re. transfer of grain with Jonathan Ogden; Court order re. estate of Coley Hyde, of which JA was executor , 1817, 1818	Box 15	Folder 6
Land agreement, 1827	Box 15	Folder 7
Deed for transfer of land to his son Ebenezer B. Adams; Agreement re. debt held by Samuel S. Adams , 1841, 1847	Box 15	Folder 8

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Document re. guardianship for Abigail S. Adams, 1834 or 1838	Box 15	Folder 9
Map / survey of land from estate of Ebenezer Banks, grandfather of EBA, Sr., 1838	Box OV-1	
Contract for construction of house, 1841	Box 15	Folder 10
Last will and testament of EBA, Sr., 1865	Box 15	Folder 10
Land distributed by Joseph Hide, undated	Box 15	Folder 10
Abigail Adams Bradley (daughter of EBA, Sr.)		
Title/Description	Instances	
Estate dispersal document of unidentified individual includes dispersal to Abigail Adams Bradley of "negro girl" , circa 1767-1772	Box OV-1	
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr.		
Title/Description	Instances	
EBA appointed attorney for E.B. Belden, re. land and buildings at Hulls Farms, 1888	Box 15	Folder 11
Warranty deed Harriet L. Hyde to EBA ; Quit Claim deed EBA to Lousia Hyde et al , 1888	Box 15	Folder 12
Judge Joseph Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Draft of will of Sereno Bradley Bulkley, JA executor, undated	Box 15	Folder 13
Other documents in the possession of the Adams family		
Title/Description	Instances	
Copy of will and inventory of estate of Peter Colley, 1690 Mar	Box 15	Folder 14
Repayment note Hanah Smith from Joseph Wakeman; return note, 1699 May	Box 15	Folder 15
Court record: David Bradley sentenced to gaol for debt, 1752	Box 15	Folder 16
Survey of Long Lots property signed by J. G. Selleck Silliman, 1759	Box 15	Folder 17
Document re. division of land between Jeremiah and Samuel Sherwood, 1768	Box 15	Folder 18

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Solomon Morehouse bond Deed to Joseph Goreham; Deed for purchase of a slip of common lands, with reference to reign of King George III, signed by Justice of the Peace David Coley and Justice of the Peace Ebenezer Banks , 1775	Box 15	Folder 19
Documents re. estates of Jonathan and Abigail Ogden, 1776, 1781, 1783	Box 15	Folder 20
Summons re. mishandling of school funds John Hide vs. Nathan Godfrey, 1782 Apr	Box 15	Folder 21
Various deeds and notes related to Greens Farms Church including from Thomas Nash, Moses Sherwood, Daniel Burr, 1783-1890	Box 15	Folder 22
Summons to testify, Fairfield County; Land deed: John and Daniel Duncan to Joseph Hide , 1806	Box 15	Folder 23
Document re. debt collection – Joseph Downs vs. Daniel Meeker and Jonathan Ogden, 1807 Mar	Box 15	Folder 24
Miscellaneous deeds , 1807-1828	Box 15	Folder 25
Scope and Contents		
Including Joseph Hide from Abel Bradley, Daniel Sherwood from Daniel Bradley, Daniel Sherwood from Samuel Coley, David Burr from Jane Sherwood, Zalmon Bulkley from Samuel Chapman, Daniel Sherwood from Samuel Chapman, Daniel Sherwood from Talcott Banks		
Deeds related to Bulkley family , 1816-1849	Box 15	Folder 26
Scope and Contents		
Including to Timothy Bulkley from Benjamin Hull, Simon Sherwood, John Hull, Gershom Wakeman, Amelia Bulkley, Charles Perry, Sarah Hull, etc.		
Wills of William Heron and his wife Mary, 1818	Box 15	Folder 27
Agreement between Ephraim Sanford and Jesse Gilbert re. apprenticeship of Jonathan Gilbert, 1828 Apr	Box 15	Folder 28
Military command to report to 3rd company of 4th Regiment of Connecticut Infantry , 1831 Apr	Box 15	Folder 29
Scope and Contents		
Names on document include Moses Taylor, Wakeman Bulkley, and Commanding Officer Wallace Sherwood.		
Abstract of title for land on Martin St., 1836-1842	Box 15	Folder 30
Quit claim deed: Horace Banks to Joseph Hyde, 1845	Box 15	Folder 31
Land deed: Wm. Bulkley to Eleanor Bulkley, 1848		

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Inventory of estate of H. Bulkley , circa 1860	Box 15	Folder 33
Map of land owned by Saugatuck Bank; Summons to court for Thomas Disbrow re. debt , 1863	Box 15	Folder 34
Last will and testament of Frances E. Miles , 1909	Box 15	Folder 35
Scope and Contents		
Heirs mentioned include Mary, Edward, Julia, and Dorothy Adams		
Copy of military act re. official exemptions, undated	Box 15	Folder 36
Documents related to estate of Gershom Bulkley, undated	Box 15	Folder 37
List of compensation paid to individuals for damages made by the Assemblies Committee laying the road from Judge Sturgis to Byram River through the town of Fairfield, undated	Box 15	Folder 38
Inventory of estate of Ebenezer Banks, undated	Box 15	Folder 39
List of land distributed by Joseph Hide, undated	Box 15	Folder 40

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Financial Records

Nathaniel Adams (1716-1784)

Title/Description	Instances	
Receipt for 20 sheep sent by NA to Richard Partrack , 1748	Box 16	Folder 1
Scope and Contents		
Sheep to be returned in 4 years / 20 lbs of wool to be paid yearly.		
Two receipts for sums received from NA, by Parish Committee and by Joseph Wakeman, 1753, 1755	Box 16	Folder 1

Nathaniel Adams (1746-1801)

Title/Description	Instances	
Fragment of tax bill receipt; Receipt from John Morehouse; Account book showing transactions for goods and services, 1774, 1785, 1784-1796	Box 16	Folder 2

Nathaniel Adams (son of Nathaniel Adams 1746-1801?)

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Title/Description	Instances	
Bill for educational services and tuition (?); Bill from B. A. Raymond , 1805, undated	Box 16	Folder 3
Captain Joseph Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1806-1822	Box 16	Folder 4
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1831-1838	Box 16	Folder 5
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1841-1862, undated	Box 16	Folder 6
Tax receipts, Town of Westport, 1812-1872	Box 16	Folder 7
List of U.S Bonds held by JA, 1861-1864	Box 16	Folder 8
Sarah Banks Adams and family		
Title/Description	Instances	
Bill for repair of shoes, 1830	Box 16	Folder 9
Bill and receipts of Ebenezer Banks (father of Sarah), 1777-1838	Box 16	Folder 10
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Two "Daybooks" containing accounts, 1861-1871, 1877-1879	Box 16	Folder 11
Miscellaneous bills and receipts , 1845-1855	Box 16	Folder 12
Scope and Contents		
Some may relate to Adams Academy.		
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1856-1870s	Box 16	Folder 13
Correspondence related to financial matters, 1840-1871	Box 16	Folder 14
Mary Sanford Davies Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Bills and receipts, 1843-1890, undated	Box 16	Folder 15
Correspondence related to stocks held by MSDA, 1869-1873, 1904	Box 16	Folder 16
Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr.		
Title/Description	Instances	
Two "Daybooks" containing accounts , 1875-1876, 1879-1881	Box 16	Folder 17

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See other account books in Series 3: Adams Academy.

Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1872-1889, undated	Box 16	Folder 18
Mary Anna Bulkley Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Account book - household accounts , 1900	Box 16	Folder 19
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1873-1903	Box 16	Folder 20
Judge Joseph Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Account book - small notebook related to agricultural business , 1891-1895	Box 17	Folder 1
Two notebooks with accounts of farm products and sales, 1922-1925, 1936-1929	Box 17	Folder 2
Bertha Wakeman Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Account book - household accounts , 1910	Box 17	Folder 3
Other than Adams family		
Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous bills and receipts, 1782-1913, undated	Box 17	Folder 4

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Biographical Documentation / Personal Memorabilia**Nathaniel Adams and others**

Title/Description	Instances	
Handwritten listing of deaths with tribute verses , undated	Box 18	Folder 1

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Noted are Nathaniel Adams (1784), Nathaniel Adams (1801), Salome Adams (1802), Joseph Hyde (1814), Huldah Banks (1833)

Captain Joseph Adams and family of Sarah Banks Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
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Items found in box containing Joseph Adams material: Lottery ticket, Scripture quotations; Merchant's Calendar and Memorabilia Book , 1898-1899, undated	Box 18	Folder 2
Catalogue of Picture Gallery of NY Crystal Palace, circa 1853	Box 18	Folder 3
Handwritten obituary of Huldah Banks, mother-in-law of Joseph Adams, 1833	Box 18	Folder 4
Notice of Revolutionary War pension for Ebenezer Banks, father-in-law of Joseph Adams, 1835	Box 18	Folder 5

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. and Mary Sanford Davies Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
EBA, Sr.: notice of appointment to Sunday School Committee; note related to Committee of Supply for church, 1838, 1839	Box 18	Folder 6
EBA, Sr. and MSDA: invitation from Henrietta Baldwin; wedding invitation, 1840, undated	Box 18	Folder 7
Obituary and memorial of EBA, Sr., 1877	Box 18	Folder 8
Bound volume of issues of The Illustrated London News labeled "Gems of Wood Engraving, Selections from the Illustrated London News" - owned by EBA, Sr., 1851	Box OV-1	

Ebenezer Banks Adams, Jr. and Mary Anna Bulkley Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
EBA, Jr: Scrapbook of newspaper clippings	Box 23	Folder 1
Advertisement for Bickford Knitting Machine, for which EBA, Jr. was an agent, undated	Box 18	Folder 9
Collected newspapers: Westport Advertiser (1867, 1868, 1869, 1873, 1877), The Hour (1873), 1867-1877	Box 18	Folder 10
MABA: three monthly report cards from Greens Farm Academy, 1862-1864	Box 18	Folder 11
MABA: 3 issues of Godey's Lady's Book and Magazine, one annotated - magazine includes colored fashion plates, articles, craft ideas , 1866	Box 18	Folder 12
MABA: Teacher certificates, note regarding appointment to teach, 1866, 1870, 1871	Box 18	Folder 13
MABA: Catalogue of Binghamton Normal Music School where she attended summer of 1873	Box 18	Folder 14
MABA: Miniature calling card of General Tom Thumb, with note regarding provenance, undated	Box 18	Folder 15
MABA extended family: Material related to Sereno Bradley Bulkley, 1842-1942 (cousin) , 1942	Box 18	Folder 16

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Includes obituary and memorial poem written by Edward B. Bulkley (son of MABA).

MABA extended family: Memorabilia of Esther Bulkley, undated	Box 18	Folder 17
Children of Ebenezer and Mary Bulkley Adams		
Joseph Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Fragment of newspaper clipping relating to marriage to Bertha Wakeman; clipping re. Adams family reunion, 1901, undated	Box 18	Folder 18
Forms and envelopes related to JA's business as "Grower of Choice Vegetables", 1920s	Box 18	Folder 19
Regarding JA's appointment and activities as Associate Judge (1923) and Judge (1929) for town court of Westport, 1923-1929	Box 18	Folder 20
World War II ration book, 1942	Box 18	Folder 21
Regarding JA's work as Westport town assessor - Includes photograph , 1946, 1958, undated	Box 18	Folder 22
Certificate of appreciation from YMCA, 1953	Box 18	Folder 23
Newspaper clipping regarding JA's book on history of real estate in Westport; diagram of property of JA, undated	Box 18	Folder 24
Certificate presented to JA by Green's Farms Congregational Church, 1966	Box OV-2	
Edward Bradford Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Calling card, undated	Box 18	Folder 24
Dorothy Ripley Adams		
Title/Description	Instances	
Souvenir of Bend School, District 3, Lisbon, CT presented by DRA as teacher there, 1899	Box 18	Folder 26
Two notebooks from art course taken by DRA with Prof. Marshall Fry, 1907-1908	Box 18	Folder 27
Notebook containing notes on education and child psychology, undated	Box 18	Folder 28

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Material related to reunions of class of 1898 at New Haven State Normal School (later New Haven State Teachers College) and alumni newsletters, 1940-1949	Box 18	Folder 29
Certificate from Elementary School Principals Association of CT; Teacher Efficiency Evaluation, 1948	Box 18	Folder 30
Newspaper article about DRA, including regarding her teaching career, 1952	Box 18	Folder 31
List of contributors to Dorothy Adams Scholarship Fund, 1955	Box 18	Folder 32
Material related to Daughters of the American Revolution including button with ribbon for Dorothy Ripley Chapter and yearly program for Compo Hill Chapter, 1907, undated	Box 18	Folder 33
Memorabilia related to Greens Farms Congregational Church, 1932-1963	Box 18	Folder 34
Material related to stamp collecting, 1962, undated	Box 19	Folder 1
Medical bills; note related to lost stock certificates, 1966, undated	Box 19	Folder 2
Poem related to teaching sent to DRA by W.F. Keene, 1928	Box 19	Folder 3
Photographs: DRA with two women, in long dresses; Mrs. Simpson; still life, circa 1900, undated	Box 19	Folder 4
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings and pamphlets, likely compiled by DRA, including re. Westport town news obituaries, 1919-1951	Box 19	Folder 5
Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, likely compiled by DRA, including re. town news, obituaries, school news, 1930-1935	Box 19	Folder 6
Newspaper clippings collected by DRA	Box 19	Folder 7-9
Materials used in teaching related to religion, including clipping from magazines, poems, pamphlets, 1922-1939, undated	Box 19	Folder 10
Songbook to be used with students	Box 19	Folder 11
Materials used in teaching related to civics and history, including cards of American presidents, Connecticut state publications, cut out figures of pirates, 1914-1940, undated	Box 20	Folder 1
Materials used in teaching related to civics and history, including re. World War I, address of President Theodore Roosevelt, 1903-1936, undated	Box 20	Folder 2-3
Materials used in teaching related to history and geography, including regarding Canada, Connecticut schools, Congressional Record, 1915-1935, undated	Box 20	Folder 4

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Materials used in teaching related to literature, including plays and stories	Box 20	Folder 5
Materials used in teaching, from National Geographic Society	Box 20	Folder 6
Illustrations and photographs used in teaching, including illustrations of "The Night Before Christmas," colored illustration of Chinese boy	Box 20	Folder 7
Miscellaneous clippings and articles from educational journals, curriculum ideas, including regarding Abraham Lincoln, applied art, visit to Washington, D.C., 1901-1943, undated	Box 20	Folder 8-9
Miscellaneous clippings and articles from educational journals, curriculum ideas, teachers guides, 1901-1918, undated	Box 21	Folder 1
Classroom display items	Box 21	Folder 2
2 small American flags with 48 stars	Box 21	Folder 3
Bulletin of the Department of Elementary School Principals, 1932	Box 21	Folder 4
Handwritten notebook: "Mottoes, Songs and Memory Selection" - West Long Lots School; clippings and notes, writings by students, 1902, undated	Box 21	Folder 4a
Teacher planning materials, undated	Box 21	Folder 4b
Portrait of DRA	Box OV-2	

Thomas Davies Adams

Title/Description	Instances	
Announcement of marriage to Minnie May Sherwood and handwritten list of names; obituary, 1906, 1939	Box 21	Folder 5

Julia Sanford Adams (Davis)

Title/Description	Instances	
Calling card, Sunday School form, poem, note, newspaper clipping regarding marriage to Dr. T. Carroll Davis , undated	Box 21	Folder 6

Mary Bulkley Adams (Disbrow)

Title/Description	Instances	
Newspaper clipping regarding marriage to Frank Disbrow, 1906	Box 21	Folder 7

(Esther) Ruth Adams (daughter of Judge Joseph Adams)

Title/Description	Instances	
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Miscellaneous notes, cards, clippings; Certificate from Town of Westport – Citizen for more than 75 years , 1968, 1985, undated	Box 21	Folder 8
Certificate presented to RA by Green's Farms Congregational Church, 1985	Box OV-2	
Decorated scripture verse sent to RA by Doughertys	Box OV-2	
(Dorothy) Elizabeth Adams (Daniels) (daughter of Thomas Davies Adams)		
Title/Description	Instances	
Genealogical material	Box OV-1	
Unattributed memorabilia / collected material		
Title/Description	Instances	
Miscellaneous greeting cards, facsimile of saying of Theodore Roosevelt, souvenir of train route Utah to California in shape of an orange, 1906, undated	Box 21	Folder 9
Related to schools – Wolfe Hall (Denver, CO), Oberlin Conservatory of Music, New York Central College, Applied Arts course catalogue , 1906-1909, undated.	Box 21	Folder 10
Report of Superintendent of Connecticut schools, 1865	Box 21	Folder 11
Miscellaneous printed poems and religious theme publicationis, including Ode sung at meeting of alumni of Yale College '1848, undated	Box 22	Folder 1
Bulletin, flyers from American Geographical Society, Children's Aid Society, 1866, 1874	Box 22	Folder 2
Material related to agriculture, including seed packets, advertisement from fertilizer company, notes from meeting of Greens Farms Farmers Club, 1892, undated	Box 22	Folder 3
Subscription renewal for The Tribune with Horace Greeley signature, undated	Box 22	Folder 4
Advertisements for food products, including ad for Armour's Beef Extract on soft paper with colored designs , undated	Box 22	Folder 5
Business-related advertisements, flyers, calling cards, undated	Box 22	Folder 6
Medical-related advertisements, flyers, Physician's Bedside Record with one entry, calling card of Dr. C.S. Robert, Westport, 1895, undated	Box 22	Folder 7
Materials related to home entertainment, including "Napoleon's Oraculum and Book of Fate" (re. palmistry)	Box 22	Folder 8
Materials related to transportation, including Erie Canal directory (1828), St. Mary's Falls Canal, Naugatuck Railroad Co., 1828-1896	Box 22	Folder 9

Book: Mackenzie's 5000 Receipts (possibly owned by E. B. Adams), 1829	Box 22	Folder 10
Booklet: "The Bible Recommended to Young People" – published by American Sunday School Union, 1829	Box 22	Folder 11
Leather bound notebook and notepad	Box 22	Folder 12
Leather wallet	Box 22	Folder 13
Two long hatpins	Box 22	Folder 14
"Personal Folio" – elaborately bound accordian filing system (empty)	Box 22	Folder 15
Notes related to Adams family genealogy and listing of Adams family papers available at the Fairfield Museum and History Center	Box 22	Folder 16

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Books Belonging to the Adams Family

Scope and Contents

More than 40 archival boxes of books owned by the Adams family have been retained in order to provide a sense of the family's range of interests. The majority of the books were owned by Ebenezer Banks Adams, Sr. but other family members are also represented. In most cases the books are inscribed with the owner's name. Consult with the repository for more detailed information and a listing of sample titles.

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