



Guide to the Westport Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection RG 8

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Summary Information

Repository:	Westport Museum for History & Culture
Title:	Westport Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection
ID:	RG 8
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/36/resources/1216
Date [inclusive]:	1700s to present
Physical Description:	27 Linear Feet (64 boxes, 13 oversize boxes)
Physical Location:	Westport Museum for History and Culture Archives Room.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains documentation of Westport-related individuals and families.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item],[Box no],Westport Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection,
Westport Museum for History and Culture

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Biographical / Historical

The individuals represented in this collection were primarily Westport residents. Available biographical information is noted under the name of each individual or family.

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Scope and Contents

The Westport Miscellaneous Personal Papers collection includes individuals and families for which the repository holds relatively small amounts of material. Series 1-3 contain original

documents created by or curated by the individuals in question. Series 4 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.

Notable individuals included in the Miscellaneous Personal Papers Collection include Herbert E. Baldwin (farmer and politician), Venora and Leroy Ellis (African American Westport residents), William Phelps Eno (businessman), Yvonne Goldsmith (publicist, art dealer and dog breeder), Heida Hermanns Holde (pianist and philanthropist), the Hyde family, Joshua Jennings (early settler), William J. Main, Sr. (engineer and inventor), Rose O'Neill (creator of Kewpie characters), Hannah Osborn (early settler), Frazier Forman Peters (architect and builder), Greta Peterson Sutphen (pin-up model, recipient of World War II letters from soldiers), Romaine W. Seaver (book dealer), and the Sipperly family.

The following Westport 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

The collection includes deeds for enslaved persons owned by Westport residents, including Joshua Jennings, Hannah Osborn, and the Hyde family.

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Arrangement

Material is arranged in four series arranged alphabetically by name in each series.

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Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Materials in the collection were donated to the Westport Museum for History and Culture by various individuals over a number of years.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Westport (Conn.)--History.
- Commerce
- Artists
- African Americans
- Diaries.
- Ledgers (account books)

Collection Inventory

Individuals and families A - H

Title/Description	Instances
<p>Adams, George</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Westport resident.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Letter related to purchasing timber from estate trustee, S. W. Olmstead (1909); letter from M. F. Sanford re. sale of timber, 1910.</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>Adams, Jane</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Mrs. E. F. Adams, resident of Norwalk.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Letter from her sister Elizabeth Goodbar concerning a visit and relatives, undated.</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>Adams, Willard Sumner and wife</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Westport resident, ancestor of Donald Walsh.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Dance card from wedding (1866); Saugatuck Historical Society document (1894); catering invoice (1906); William Hart letters (1924)</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>Adams, Zalman and family</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Westport family including Zalman, Susan, David, John, Aaron, and Lewis Adams.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Documents and correspondence re. settlement of estate of Zalman Adams (1846); correspondence between his heirs and H. M. Coley, Trustee (1871-1878) (3 folders)</p>	<p>Box 1</p>
<p>Albin, William</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Westport resident.</p>	<p>Box 57</p>

Scope and Contents

Certificate of military service, 1865.

Allen, Alzida L.

Box 64

Biographical / Historical

Alzida Allen (1894–1988) was a Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Autograph album signed by friends

Allen, Isaac

Box 2

Biographical / Historical

[1812-1900? Buried in Willowbrook Cemetery?]

Scope and Contents

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

Allen, Walter and David B.

Box 2

Biographical / Historical

Westport family involved with clam and oyster fishing and Allen's Clam House.

Scope and Contents

CT Shellfish Commission leases, artifacts.

Allen, William

Box 56

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Account book, circa 1807.

Anderson, Isaac

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Resident of Lyons Plain, Weston.

Scope and Contents

Certificate of military service in Civil War (1865);
military pension records (1898-1904)

Antoniazzi, John

Box 3

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Backus, Jabez

Box 3

Biographical / Historical

Clergyman, resident of Westport.

Scope and Contents

Letter to "My dear Julie," 1948 July 21.

Backus, Margaret

Box 3

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Baker, Adelaide

Box 3

Biographical / Historical

Poet and author, Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Letter to "Gladys," 1945 August 4.

Baker, Richard

Box 3

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident; owner of Baker Graphics [?]

Scope and Contents

Photographs and clippings related to Westport, undated.

Baldwin, Herbert E.

Box 50

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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, circa 1957, undated.

Banks, David

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Banks (1718-1791) was a resident of Fairfield and Revolutionary War soldier.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident; owned dry goods store.

Scope and Contents

Two letters, 1865.

Betts, Helen

Box 4

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook and clippings.

Betts, Joseph Elwood

Box 5

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident related to Sherwood family.

Scope and 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 (see also RG 15 Coley Family Papers)

Box 6

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Writings, sketches, correspondence, diary of D. Warren Boyer.

Bradley family

Box 8

Biographical / Historical

Box 9

includes David Bradley, Eliza Bradley, Gershom Bradley, Mary Bradley, Platt family members and others.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport area residents, related to Mary Anna Bulkley Adams.

Scope and 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 also RG 9 Adams Family Papers)

Bulkley, Francis

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of documents, 1807-1880s.

Bulkley, John

Box OV8-10

Biographical / Historical

Shipper, owner of "Middletown" and "None Such" ships. See also RG 5 for shipping records of these ships.

Scope and Contents

Account book, 1847.

Burr family

Box 10

Biographical / Historical

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>.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Architect in Westport.

Scope and Contents

Photographs, architectural drawings, slides.

Chapman family

Box 12

Biographical / Historical

Includes Laura, George, Charles Chapman.

Scope and Contents

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

Cholmeley-Jones, Henrietta

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Awards and certificates, correspondence; 2 poems written by HC-J; articles about Cholmeley-Jones.

Cholmeley-Jones, R. G.

Box 64

Biographical / Historical

Lieut. Col. Richard Gilder Cholmeley-Jones died in 1922 at the age of 38. He served as Director of the War Risk Insurance Bureau and Vice President of the Finance and Trading Corporation.

Scope and Contents

Book by him: School-Day Philosophy 1916

Clark, Mrs. John Maurice

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

Mrs. Clark and her husband, prominent economist John Maurice Clark, were Westport residents.

Scope and Contents

Letter to "Sally," 1972.

Clear family

Box 12

Biographical / Historical

Includes Anne and Mary Clear.

Scope and Contents

Includes insurance and land ownership document (1898), grape conserve recipe, M. Adams (ca. 1840s).

Couch family

Box 12

Biographical / Historical

Family members include Rufus, Catherine, Simon, Gideon.

Scope and Contents

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

Coyle, Rose

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Cutler, Amelia (Mrs. Charles)

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident; d. 1947.

Scope and Contents

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

Day, L. T.

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

Medical doctor, Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of newspaper clippings, ca. 1876-1887.

De Coppet, Carlene "Dick"

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Dickson, William D.

Box 13

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Dikeman, Eliphalet

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Dolan, John A.

Box 13

Biographical / Historical

Chief of Police in Westport.

Scope and Contents

Membership cards, letter, mileage ration stamps, 1928-1956.

Donovan, Helen McArdle

Box 13

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

"Our Roots: A Family History" 1991.

Dunnigan, Michael J.

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Bill of sale to Thomas Glynn for various items, 1893.

Ellis, Venora and Leroy

Box 14

Biographical / Historical

African American Westport residents.

Scope and 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. (2 folders)

Elwood, James S.

Box 52

Scope and Contents

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

Biographical / Historical

Unknown.

Eno, William Phelps

Box 49

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Florist in Westport. Married Grace Bannon in 1899.

Scope and Contents

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

Fisher, Leonard Everett

Box 15

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

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

Gagg, Marie Saxonmeyer

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Printed booklet: "Marie: Autobiography of a Westport Native," 1979

Gault family

Box 16

Biographical / Historical

Box 17

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.

Box OV8-1

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

James Geraghty was art editor of The New Yorker from 1939 to 1973.

Scope and 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 (3 folders)

Gibson, Orremel

Box OV8-10

Biographical / Historical

Merchant [?]

Scope and Contents

Ledger, 1808.

Godfrey, Martin

Box 18

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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

Box 54

Biographical / Historical

Box 55

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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Gray was a shoemaker.

Scope and Contents

Account book.

Gross, Eleanor

Box 57

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Letter requesting first day covers of John F. Kennedy
Aerogramme and three envelopes, 1965.

Guyer family

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

The Guyers ran a dairy in Westport.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Documents related to his service in the U.S. Army
1942-1945 and in the Reserve Corps.

Held, John

Box 52

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident, artist.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Memoir as told to Joanna Foster in 1991.

Hull, Henry

Box 22

Biographical / Historical

Businessman.

Scope and Contents

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

Hurlburt, Thomas

Box OV8-10

Biographical / Historical

Merchant [?]

Scope and Contents

"Day book" 1792-1821

Hyde / Hide family

Box 23

Biographical / Historical

Box 24

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.

Scope and Contents

Includes deeds, correspondence, biographical documentation, financial records.

In the John Hyde distribution of estate to his widow Abigail there is noted a "negro girl Dorcas" – 1763 (Box 24, Folder 19)

In the John Hyde estate distribution to Sarah Banks there is noted "the negro girl" – ca. 1761-1763 (Box 24, Folder 10)

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Individuals and families J - R

Title/Description

Instances

Jennings, Aaron

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

Westport or Weston resident (one of two Aaron Jennings from this era).

Scope and Contents

Letter from Jennings in Cochransville to "My friend" – includes mention of political matters, elections,

Snyderites, military battle; names Joseph Adams, 1809
September 30.

Jennings, Joshua

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

- Deed of sale from John Bennitt to Joshua Jenings [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 Jenings a certain negro man nam'd Jack, to have and to hold", 174? (1749?) December 19
- Deed of purchase from Ebenezer Hinman by Joshua Jinnings [Jennings], 1792 April 12

Jennings, Peter

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

Weestport resident.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Banker and philanthropist (1830-1908), Westport native.

Scope and 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." See also RG 12, Julie Haggeman collection.

Ketchum, Morris

Box 25

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport residents [?]

Scope and Contents

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

Land, Shirley and Alexander

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

Westport residents; Shirley was chairperson of Westport's Bicentennial Committee, appointed in 1974.

Scope and Contents

Letters, writings, newspaper columns, some related to Friends of the Westport Public Library.

Lawson, Robert

Box 64

Biographical / Historical

Robert Lawson (1892-1957) was a writer and
illustrator of children's books who lived in Westport.

Scope and Contents

Signed copy of published book Country Colic with one
sample of original artwork from the book

Lees, Anna

Box 25

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Will, 1915; newspaper clipping, recollections of
Westport by Lees.

Lubrecht, Dr. Charles A.

Box 25

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Poems by Lubrecht.

Lusk, Martha

Box 25

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident [?]

Scope and Contents

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

Mackenzie, Caroline Weeks

Box 25

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Line-a-day type diaries recording activities,
1906-1910, 1914, 1916, 1925.

Main, William J. Sr. and Mary

Box 51

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident [?]

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport store owners.

Scope and Contents

Photographs of 10-15-25 cent store; mortgage deeds of Virginia Massillo [sic].

Mason, Myron L. Box 25

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Mills, Gordon Box 64

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident

Scope and Contents

Letter from "Doc Doubleday" 1943 November 27

Morehouse, Ebenezer

Box OV8-10

Biographical / Historical

Merchant, Revolutionary War soldier.

Scope and Contents

Account book, 1768-1785

Morehouse, Samuel E.

Box 65

Biographical / Historical

Morehouse was a Westport resident who served as a soldier during the Civil War. He died on April 13, 1863 in Bisland, Louisiana at the age of 29.

Scope and Contents

Photocopies of two letters written by Morehouse (1862, February and November); transcripts of Morehouse letters dating from January 1862 to April 1863.; correspondence of Eleanor Street regarding the Morehouse letters (1981)

Muller, Theodor Carl

Box 26

Biographical / Historical

Westport architect and designer.

Box 27

Box 28

Scope and Contents

Architectural plans for houses.

Munce, Howard

Box 60

Biographical / Historical

Munce (1916-2016) was a painter, illustrator, sculptor and writer, and an important figure in Westport's creative community since the 1930's.

Box 62

Box 63

Box OV8-13

Box 61

Scope and Contents

- Art and copies of art by Munce from five compiled notebooks

- Art from sketch class at Old Mill, Westport,
1972-1973

- Copies and originals of artwork

Murray, William B. - see Putney

Nash family

Box 29

Biographical / Historical

The 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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Judge, Connecticut General Assembly State Representative from Westport.

Scope and Contents

Material related to Westport and Nevas' election.

Noyes, John

Box 53

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

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

O'Neill, Rose

Box 31

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Biographical documentation, clippings, Kewpie postcards, books - The Loves of the Edwy; The Kewpies Their Book.

Osborn, Hannah

Box 32

Biographical / Historical

Fairfield resident.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Osborn was a realtor.

Scope and Contents

Receipts, letters, scrapbook of clippings.

Patcher, Ida

Box 64

Biographical / Historical

Saugatuck resident

Scope and Contents

Annotated school textbook owned by Patcher

Pearsall, Samuel

Biographical / Historical

Box OV8-10

merchant?

Scope and Contents

"Day book" 1792

Peck, Hattie

Box 32

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident?

Scope and Contents

Handwritten essay on cows; notebook recording expenses 1891-1893.

Peters, Frazier Forman

Box 33

Biographical / Historical

Box OV8-3

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.

Scope and 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; notebook labeled "Memories from Frazier Peters Built Homes – The House in Imperial Park – 1949"

Peterson (Sutphen), Greta

Box 46

Biographical / Historical

Box 48

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.

Box OV8-9

Scope and Contents

The letters, clippings, and other documentation in this collection provide an interesting snapshot into

American life and the lives of servicemen during the Second World War.

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

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

Box 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.

Petters, Anne Marie

Box 64

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of illustrations and clippings, 1916

Price, Garrett

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Calendar sketchbook, 1978.

Putney, Irving

Box 32

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

Quinn, William

Box 65

Biographical / Historical

Quinn was a Westport resident who served as a soldier during World War I. He married Mary Beiling.

The materials were donated by his daughter Mary Elizabeth Quinn Bulakites in 2008.

Scope and Contents

1. Letters to and from Quinn, including describing his journey across the Atlantic (1918)
- 2.) Two military postcards from Quinn; one postcard addressed to Quinn; printed card with toast to Civil War soldiers.
- 3) Military documents of Quinn, including insurance form, pass fo Signal Corps lineman, K.P. duty list; identity card, draft notice, form letter from General Pershing
- 4) Signal Corps notebook with personal notes, including radio station codes and French locations, names and addresses of platoon members, poems, diary of Quinn's travels from October 16, 1917 through May 27, 1919.
- 5) Invitation to Staples High School 1918 Commencement, including re. Edward Quinn (brother) and Mary Beiling (future wife)
- 6) Silk American flag (6" x 10"), 38 stars, with "4th of July 1918 to my sweetie" written on it
- 7) Chaplain's catechism; newspaper clipping "Foch the Catholic"
- 8) Twelve photos of Quinn family members and others
- 9) Photocopies of collection items
- 10) Leather wallet that contained the items in the collection
- 11) Correspondence between donor and Westport Historical Society, including regarding family history

Raymond, Morris

Box 32

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident [?]

Scope and Contents

Account book that relates to agriculture, 1880s

Rebay, Hilla

Box 59

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Carpenter, builder

Scope and Contents

Statements (1908, 1918)

Richards, William

Box 32

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident [?]

Scope and Contents

Notebook – "A Moral Diary 1833-1834" – handwritten, mentions Saugatuck.

Rose, Robert

Box 53

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

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

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Individuals and families S - Y

Title/Description	Instances
<p>St. John family</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Descended from Gamaliel St. John (1766-1813) of Buffalo, NY.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Genealogical information; Recollections of Mrs. Parnell Sidway 1876-1877.</p>	<p>Box 34</p>
<p>St. Marie, Satenig</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Businesswoman; Divisional Vice-President and Director of Public Issues and Consumer Programs for J. C. Penney Co.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Memorabilia.</p>	<p>Box 34</p>
<p>Sanford, Zalmon</p> <p>Biographical / Historical</p> <p>Sanford (1833-1882) was a Westport resident.</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Record of payment for goods, 1852; Genealogical information.</p>	<p>Box 53</p>
<p>Scribner, James</p>	<p>Box 34</p>

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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 / Historical

Tanner.

Scope and Contents

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

Scully, Albert T.

Box 34

Biographical / Historical

Coach and Selectman in Westport.

Scope and Contents

Letters from Westport WW2 servicemen who had been coached by Scully at Bedford Junior High School, 1942-1944; clippings, 1949.

Seaver, Romaine W.

Box 36

Biographical / Historical

Box 36A

Romaine Wright Seaver (1898-1978) was a Westport resident, the son of David Walton Seaver and Asenath Romaine Seaver. He was a writer and book collector/dealer.

Box 36B

Box OV8-4

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Rev. Charles M. Selleck was an area resident who published a history of Norwalk in 1896.

Shepard, Betty Box 58

Biographical / Historical

Shepard was a Westport resident and writer.

Scope and Contents

"Landmarks from the Past" columns written by Shepard for the Town Crier, 1965.

Sherwood, Harry Box 64

Biographical / Historical

Sherwood was a lawyer who lived in Westport. He died in 1966 at the age of 95.

Scope and Contents

Program for birthday lunch held for Sherwood at Compo Inn

Simonds, Anna Elfrieda Box 37

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident [?]

Scope and Contents

Handwritten book, "Two Pigs" – written when she was 13 years old.

Sipperley family Box OV8-5

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and 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.
- Christabel's daybook from 190, 8 including 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident [?]

Scope and Contents

Four composition books containing school notes and exercises: 2 Latin, 1 French, 1 History.

Sokoloff, Nikolai and Lydia

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

Sokoloff (1886-1965) was a Ukrainian-American conductor and violinist.

Scope and Contents

- Datebook 1921
- Documents including 2 receipts, Western Union Telegram
- Signed bank checks, Westport Bank and Trust Co., 1921

- Photo of Nikolai Sokoloff

Sprague

Box 53

Biographical / Historical

Unknown.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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.

- Photos and description of Staples Homestead; article by Julie Haggeman

Staples, Mrs. W. G.

Box OV8-2

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Scrapbook of clippings related to Westport, 1875-1908.

Stone, Effie

Box 37

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Tributes, collected genealogical information and notes re. Westport families, correspondence.

Sturges, Jonathan

Box 58

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Deed for land given to Trinity Church of Fairfield, 1767.

Sugarman, Tracy

Box 38

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Lecture notes, programs, thank you notes, clipping, writings, incl. book My War

Taylor, L. E.

Box OV8-10

Biographical / Historical

Cobbler / shoemaker.

Scope and Contents

Account book, 1841-1843.

Taylor family

Box 39

Biographical / Historical

This Taylor family was descended from Jabez Davis Taylor (1799-1853); names include Davis, Jabez, Dan, Francis, John, Edward, Laura.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

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

Thorpe family

Box OV8-6

Biographical / Historical

Jennie Sherwood Thorpe (1869-1960) was the daughter of George Frederick Thorpe.

Scope and Contents

Photographs, family Bible.

Toquet family

Box 40

Biographical / Historical

Benjamin H. Toquet (1834-1913) was born in New Canaan, CT. He spent time in France before returning 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.

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

Westport police officer.

Scope and Contents

Membership cards, licenses, clippings.

Wakeman, Burritt Nash "Lofty" Box 42

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Biographical information; collected local history material, including regarding Westport World War II soldiers, Hi-Y Club, Westport artists.

Wakeman, H. B. Box 53

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident.

Scope and Contents

Receipts for goods purchased, 1873-1876.

Wakeman, Pearl and Isaac Box 53

Biographical / Historical

Westport residents involved in farming.

Scope and Contents

Two surveys of property, 1955.

Wald, Lillian Box 53

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and 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

Biographical / Historical

George Washington's great-great-great-great-nephew.

Scope and Contents

Letter to "Mr. Stowe," 1931.

Williams, Margaret Spicker (Maggie) Box 53

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Five diaries covering the years 1984-1986, 1988, 1996; biographical information.

Wilson, Marie Humphrey Box 44

Biographical / Historical

Westport resident, Mrs. Forrest Wilson (1900-)

Scope and Contents

Typescript autobiography.

Winslow, Richard Henry Box 45

Biographical / Historical

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

Scope and Contents

Register of visitors to Compo House, Winslow Park, 1854-1866.

Wood, George W. and Minnie Box 45

Biographical / Historical

Westport residents [?]

Scope and Contents

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

Wright, George Box 53

Biographical / Historical

Artist.

Yates, Bill Box OV8-12

Biographical / Historical

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.

Scope and Contents

Printed cartoons by Yates.

Unidentified Box OV8-11

Scope and Contents

2 ledgers.

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Biographical reference files

Title/Description	Instances
A: Adams, Ebenezer (see also Adams Family Papers, Record Group 9); Adams, Edward; Albin, William E.; Allen, Gideon; Allen, Theodore	Box RF
B: 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	Box RF
C: Cable Family; Carver Family; Chandler, Vivian Toquet; Claar, Brian; Clark, John Maurice; Cornell, Edward S.; Coyle, Rose; Crawford, Sarah; Crawford-Tible Family; Cuseo Family	Box RF

D - F: 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; Fallow Family (see also Stanley Fallow in Series 1); Fitch Family; Fitzgerald, F. Scott and Zelda; Frost, Oren Sayles "Jack"	Box RF
G - H: Gagg, Marie; Gavin, Gene; Gillette, Dr. Claude; Godfrey Family (see also Martin Godfrey in Series 1); Goodsell / Grammon Family; Gorham Family; Gorman, Thomas; 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	Box RF
I - L: Interland; Jackson; Jesup family, including Morris Ketchum Jesup (see also Series 1); 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	Box RF
M: 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	Box RF
Newman, Paul	Box RF- Newman
N - P: Nickols; O'Donnell, Patricia; Parcell, Alan K.; Patchen, Farman; Partrick family; Pease, Levi; Perry, John; Phelps, Jonas; Plantinga, John; Platt family; Poole, Arthur French; Powers, James (Chickie); Prince, William Meade; Punzelt, Phil and Jennie	Box RF
Q - R: Quinn, Bula Kites, Mary Helen; Rabinowitz; Raymonds, Jabez; Ripley, Hezekiah – See also RG 18; Ripley family; Rippe, George J. Robbins, Guy; Roberts, Elliott J.; Roberts family; Roosevelt, Franklin D. – visit to Westport; Rosenbush; Rudkin	Box RF
S: 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	Box RF
T - V: Taylor, Noah; Thew, Robert Garret; Thorp family; Tierney, Gene; Tilbe-Hendricks; Treadwell; Von Schmidt, Harold and Eric	Box RF
W - Z: Ward family; Warren, Dorothy Lenn; Warren, George; Welch family; Wheeler, E. S. Edwin; Wheeler, William;	Box RF

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

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