

NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Manuscripts

No.

MSS 134 B

Date processed: March 9, 1982

- I. Title Lines, Augustus Ezra, 1822-1902, Collection, 1843-1981.
- II. The papers of Augustus Ezra Lines deposited in the Library on ~~XXXXXX~~, by ~~XXXXXX~~ as ~~XXXXXX~~ converted the deposit to/a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4 inches
Approximate number of items: 30 (incl. 1 vol.)
- IV. Restrictions:

none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note:
Augustus Ezra Lines was born in 1822 and died in 1902. He was known to have worked in New Haven at least from 1850 to 1860. According to Benham City Directory of 1856 he was a card engraver whose office was in Marble Block, an office building at 122-132 Chapel Street. His home was on Lyon Street which ran from 89 Olive Street to Bradley Street. A section of the Directory describing how the Grand List was calculated is signed by Augustus E. Lines, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. He was well known as the person who made the engraving on a brass stamp for the E.A. Mitchell Post Office stamp of 1845.
- VIII. Analysis:
The collection consists of **five** folders and the wrapped original die of the E.A. Mitchell Post Office stamp. Folders A and B contain account book records of Lines and Folders C and D deal with the re-strike of the stamp in the 1930's. An oversize item is an engraving "To the memory of General George Washington" 1835. **Folder E contains the original die of the Mitchell Post Office Stamp.**

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Box I.

Folder A

Lists of engraving work done from April 19 - July 10, 1843.

Folder B

Account Book, August 31, 1844-December 27, 1848, bound volume, 196 p.
(See p. 12, July 14, 1845 entry: "E.A. Mitchell engraving
postoffice stamp \$6.00.")

Letter from Richard Kuslan to Floyd M. Shumway suggesting that the
New Haven Colony Historical Society print a limited edition of
Edward Mitchell stamp in order to raise money for the Society,
January 10, 1981.

Folder C

Booklet "The New Haven Provisional Envelope, 1932 History and
Restrike" by Carroll Alton Means.
Cards with illustrations of final restrike, 1932.
Original pencil drawing by A.E. Lines "to be reduced to proper size.
Drawn July 12, 1845 by A.E. Lines."
Newspaper clipping.
Two envelopes with stamp, 1 blue, 1 red from 1932 restrike. One
stamp restrike, No. 132. Order forms for booklet.

Folder D

Copies of restrike provisional stamps, 1931-1938.
Municipal airport dedication envelope with stamp.
Note with stamp.
New Haven Tercentenary 1938. Sticker with illustration of
stamp.

Folder E

New Haven Provisional Envelope, April 1, 1846 (red on white with blue
signature), Scott Catalogue #8XU1. (Gift to NHCHS by anonymous
donor, 1992)

Folder F

1. 100th anniversary, New Haven Philatelic Society,
restrike of New Haven Provisional (#503 of 1000), 2014
2. A History of the New Haven Philatelic Society, 2014
3. Program, 100th anniversary dinner, October 11, 2014

Original die for the Mitchell Post Office Stamp. → MOVED TO BOX 1a

Oversize

Engraving, "To the Memory of Gen. Geo. Washington", 1835.

→ Box 1a

Collection updated and finding aid revised, June 1992.