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- I. Title Seymour, George Dudley, 1859-1945, Collection, 1870-1980
- II. The papers of George Dudley Seymour deposited in the Library on _____, by _____
In _____ converted the deposit to a gift.
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- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3 inches
Approximate number of items: 110
- 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- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of _____ in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to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: George Dudley Seymour was born in Bristol, Conn. Oct. 6, 1859. Educated as a lawyer, he was for many years a patent lawyer in Washington, D.C. In 1883 he moved to New Haven and continued his law practice. He lived at 223 Bradley Street. The central interest of his life was the Revolutionary hero, Nathan Hale about whom he wrote and whose homestead he acquired and gave to the State. He was also dedicated to the preservation and restoration of historic landmarks in New Haven among them the Center and North churches on the Green. Membership on the Commission on the City Plan absorbed him, especially the Public Library and the improvement of the traffic flow which resulted in Tower Parkway. He encouraged Yale University to open its cultural facilities to the citizens of New Haven. After his death in 1945 George Dudley Seymour's will provided through a trust for continuing support for his historical and cultural interests.
- VIII. Analysis: The collection in one box consists of materials on Nathan Hale, especially the controversy on his purported engagement to Alice Adams, photographs of GDS, memorabilia and clippings.

Box I.

- Folder A: Correspondence on controversy over Nathan Hale's purported engagement to Alice Adams between Isabel Hastings, Mary Hastings and George Dudley Seymour. 1925, 27, 28. (31) No. item
- Folder B: 2 copies extract from "The Churchman", New York. " Alice Adams, Nathan Hale's Sweetheart" by Edward Hale Brush, a member of the Hale family.
 2 copies letter to the President of Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington from Mary E. Hastings. n.d.
 copy letter Nathan Hale to "Brother ", June 3, 1776.
 Copy letter to Jack Seymour from Richard Hegel, 1979.
 ALS Mrs. Milton J. Stickle, Jr. to Jack Seymour, 1980. (25)
- Folder C: Reproduction ALS Nathan Hale to Enoch Hale, 3 June 1776, Yale University Library. 1954.
 Booklet "Correct Story of the Romance of Nathan Hale and Alice Adams", n.d.
 Photographs Nathan Hale Homestead. Verso MSS notes. Nathan Hale Statue. 1930, n.d.
 ALS GDS to Miss Schofield, NHCHS, with clipping, 1926. (8)
- Folder D: Copies Hale Family Letters owned by Edw. P. Allen (20)
- Folder E: Photographs with MSS notes. 1870, 1933, n.d. Gift of Mrs. H. Emerson Tuttle, Autumn St., New Haven.
 Photographs GDS. n.d.
 Stamps: Washington's Headquarters at Newburgh
 Nathan Hale on ALS to Master of Davenport College, 1933. (9)
- Folder F: 2 photographs of portrait of GDS by Cecilia Beaux, 1905.
 one explanatory note re cloak. (3)
- Folder G: Clippings.
- Folder H: Memorabilia, 1937- 1942 (5)
- Folder I: Yale Alumni Weekly (3)
 Letter to Mr. Jaltsils from G Seymour (11Apr 1907) directing Mr. Jaltsils to an article titled "A Plea for Nathan Hale."