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In _____ converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: **one foot (2 1/2 boxes)**
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None
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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:

This list of inscriptions, town of New Haven, was copied in 1934,
under the auspices of the F.E.R.A. and the W.P.A. sponsored by the
Connecticut State Library, was compiled under the supervision of
Charles R. Hale, State Military Necrologist, assisted by Miss Mary H.
Babin, Secretary. *

VIII. Analysis:

The collection consists of 2159 pages, listing all the
known headstone inscriptions in the town of New Haven
from 1638-1934. For more information, consult the Table
of Content in Folder A of Box 1.

* This is the New Haven portion of the Charles R. Hale Collection of
Headstone Inscriptions in the Connecticut State Library.

See also: MSS #80 New Haven Military Collection
Box 26 for additional headstone listings for the New Haven area.



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December 21, 1964

Conn. State Library

Mr. Ralph W. Thomas, Curator
New Haven Colony Historical Society
114 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The Connecticut State Library has in its possession a collection known as the Charles R. Hale Collection of Headstone Inscriptions. Mr. Hale was a member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who in 1916 became involved in the problem of locating and decorating the graves of Civil War veterans in his home town of Rocky Hill. He decided to include Revolutionary War soldiers and felt he should, while he was about it, record each veteran's name, date of death and military service. He was persuaded by then State Librarian George S. Godard to search also for veterans of other wars.

In 1919 the General Assembly made an appropriation to carry on this work throughout the State. During the Great Depression the project underwent its ultimate expansion. Under grants first from the F.E.R.A. and afterwards from the W.P.A., Mr. Hale began and carried through the copying of essential information from every headstone in the entire State. These listings, which are indexed, were done during the period 1932-1934. Two copies were deposited in the State Library. A copy, unbound, was left "temporarily" in Mr. Hale's home and office at 30 Oak Street in Hartford. It was his intention to offer these lists eventually to those Connecticut towns which might find them useful.

The Connecticut State Library has decided to carry through this idea by offering you the cemetery listings for your town. Lists will be mailed as affirmative responses are received. If you are interested in acquiring them, please address your request to Miss Elizabeth Faries, Head, History & Genealogy Section, Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, 06115, within ten days.

Very truly yours,

Walter Brahm
State Librarian

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H. Beecher d. 1751, Mary Edwards, Daniel P. Beecher d. 1729 (son of
John Beecher d. 1742, Pauline d. 1875)*

Note added to this pdf version:

The headstone inscriptions documented in MSS 23 is also available in the library collection as Ref F104.N6 H244:

Hale, Charles R[oswell], 1871-1946, *New Haven headstone inscriptions, 1638-1934.*