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**BRADLEY, BOSTWICK  
AND RELATED FAMILIES**

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## Introduction

The material was given to the New Haven Museum & Historical Society in 2009 by Margaret Bradley Sherk. In varying degrees, the material documents many old New Haven families such as Bradley, Bostwick, Barnes, Minor, Mersick, and Plumb. Also included is material from her husband, F. Allen Sherk, who served as Headmaster at Hopkins Grammar School from 1953 to 1974.

Among those represented in this collection are:

Margaret Bradley Sherk

F. Allen Sherk

Seymour Mersick Bradley

Ruth Plumb Bostwick

Frederick Truman Bradley

Edwin F. Mersick

Charles S. Mersick

Robert Barnes Bradley

Cornelia Minor Bradley

Helen F. Plumb

The collection contains a large number of photographs and scrapbooks kept by various family members beginning in the 1850's.

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<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1/A	"Ancestral Tablets" – genealogy including Bradley, Barnes, and Minor Families.
1/B	Photographs – Helen F. Plumb (Mrs. Leonard Bostwick)
1/C	Photographs – Removed from Album of Cornelia Minor Bradley (Mrs. Robert Bradley)
1/D	Photographs – some English family, with others unidentified
1/E	Photographs – 651 Prospect Street (built by Frederick T. Bradley) 275 Sherman Avenue (Robert Bradley) Peekskill, NY home of Truman Minor (Father of Conelia Bradley)
1/F	Photographs – Frederick T. Bradley family
1/G	Photographs – Seymour Bradley family F. Allen Sherk family (Margaret Bradley)
1/H	Photographs – unidentified (may be Minor family)
2/A	Scrapbook – 1850's – 1860's Bradley/Barnes family Marriages, Obituaries, etc.
2/B	Scrapbook, circa 1880 Marriages, Obituaries, miscellaneous newspaper clippings
2/C	Autograph Book – Ruth Plumb Bostwick
2/D	Inventory of the Household furniture and personal effects of C.S. Mersick, d. 1904. 1215 Chapel Street
2/E	Miscellaneous material Beecher family Newspaper clippings Photographs
3	Bound Volumes
	1. Two scrapbooks of cutout drawings kept by Cornelia M. Bradley, 1877, 1878

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	2. Scrapbook of Advertisement Cards (mostly New Haven area businesses)
	3. Scrapbook of Seymour M. Bradley – kept at Yale, 1909
	4. 1 copy of <u>Chronicles of Hopkins Grammar School</u> , with some notations made by F. Allen Sherk, Headmaster, 1953-1974
4/A	Scrapbook of F. Allen Sherk, 1932-1934
4/B	Scrapbook of F. Allen Sherk, Headmaster, Hopkins School, 1953-1974 including typescript of Ed DeNoyon “Thoughts on Occasions of Allen & Polly Sherk’s 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary (1988)”
4	Bound volumes
	1. Photograph Album – Nellie F. Plumb (Mrs. Leonard Bostwick)
	2. Photograph Album – Mary English Mersick Bradley
	3. Photograph Album – unidentified, possibly Bostwick
	4. Photograph Album – possibly Shelter Island, NY and New Haven
	5. Book – Aunt Louisa’s Home Companion (Mary English Mersick)
5/A	Robert Barnes Bradley family photographs
5/B	Leonard Bostwick family and harness shop photographs
5/C	Mersick family photographs
5/D	Delia Bradley (Mrs. Charles Whittesley) & Cornelia Bradley, photographs
5/E	Frederick T. Bradley, <u>Commercial Fertilizers: Their Use and Manufacture</u> , 1883.