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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

New Haven's Chamber of Commerce, second oldest in the United States after Charleston, South Carolina, was organized on April 9, 1794 in the old State House on New Haven's Green, north of the present Trinity Church, with 10 of the 26 founders vestrymen of the church. The front parlor of Ebenezer Parmelee's Inn, at Chapel and Gregory streets, served as the first meeting rooms with a charge of \$2.00 per session. Illustrious members of this early period included Noah Webster, Timothy Dwight, Roger Sherman and Eli Whitney. Elias Shipman was first president of the Chamber. Early minute books listed names of New Haven's first families-- Daggett, Townsend, Trowbridge, English and Hooker.

In some ways, 1794 was a tragic year for New Haven, then numbering about 343 voting freemen. 1794 was the year of severe scarlet fever, yellow fever and dysentery epidemics. At the same time, New Haven was a thriving port, and it was the threat in this quarter that probably generated the formation of the Chamber of Commerce. New Haven ship owners carried on a prosperous trade with Europe and the West Indies; however, they had suffered from raids at sea by the British and the French. In West Haven ports, 19 New Haven vessels had been reported seized. For this reason, 26 prominent merchants and ship owners banded together to share their common problems "and to seek the protection of Congress against foreign sea raids."

Initially, the Chamber concerned itself with settling commercial disputes. It assisted in the formation of Connecticut's first fire insurance company. Shortly after the Revolutionary War and before the establishment of the United States Mint, the Chamber supported a move to supply small change - drastically needed by local merchants. In ¹⁸⁰⁴1704, a mint was built on East Water Street to coin copper cents.

Always the harbor was a principal concern, from the shape of the piers to a lighthouse to rates of commissions for merchant cargos. The Chamber urged Congress to widen and deepen the channels. As New Haven grew and thrived in the middle of the 19th century, the character of the Chamber changed from agricultural to industrial issues.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, continued

Even during the days before, during and after the Civil War, the Chamber continued to function. Henry Prescott, a merchant who was secretary to the Chamber for 47 years, from 1836 to 1883, kept the dwindling group alive, and in 1872 it was reorganized. An act of incorporation was approved by the General Assembly in June 1872.

In addition to harbor improvements, the Chamber was instrumental in the move to annex a part of East Haven, establish the city park system, devise plans for permanent street paving, rebuild bridges, establish the U.S. Weather Signal Station, organize the naval militia, and promote turnpikes. By 1896, members included not only individuals, but also banks and corporations, adding representation from most quarters of the community. At the turn of the century, problems like smoke control, the sewage disposal system, dangerous mosquito pests, home rule, improved housing, public health and city planning were of major concern. In 1915, the Chamber established the New Haven County Farm Bureau.

During the early 1900's, the years of great immigration from Europe, the Chamber records reveal efforts to provide education for New Haven's newest residents. Many documents concern night school courses, illiteracy, health problems and fire prevention in the city's crowded tenements.

During World War II, the Chamber devoted its energies toward the war effort, and as the war drew to a close they organized committees to promote peacetime manufacturing.

In the years since World War II, the Chamber has encouraged new retail business and industry. With this expansion in mind, the Chamber has placed emphasis on the location of major new highways, diversification of industry, and in the most recent years, the restoration of downtown New Haven.

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CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF NEW HAVEN, 1794

Joseph Drake
Capt. Henry Daggett
Henry Daggett, Jr.
Ebenezer Townsend
Abraham Bradley
Capt. Nathan Beers
Lt. Col. Hezekiah Sabin
Elias Shipman
Isaac Beers
Thaddeus Beecher
Col. Isaac Tomlinson
William Powell
Josiah Burr
Joseph Darling
Titus Street
Francis Bolling
John Nicoll
Ebenezer Huggins
Elijah Austin
Michael Todd
Elias Beers
Timothy Phelps
John Heyliger
Deacon Abel Burritt
Russell Clark
Anthony Perit

GUIDE TO THE COLLECTION

Starting in 1934 with the gift of two 1794 bound ledgers and a few financial papers from the Chamber of Commerce, the records of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce have grown with additions of materials in 1976, 1979, and 1980.

The New Haven Colony Historical Society is the repository of the Chamber's archives, now numbering 16 boxes and more than 20,000 items. The collection has been divided into ten main topics each labeled as a series. With the exception of Series X, Photographs, each series has been arranged in chronological order.

The collection depicts New Haven's development from a simple agricultural village to a major industrial city, sometimes registering financial success for its merchants, manufacturers and laborers, and often fighting for its economic salvation.

The chronicles of the Chamber of Commerce carry suggestions, help, sometimes criticism, but more often support and sustenance for New Haven in good times and bad. Highlights of the collection are found in several areas--New Haven history, original documents of the Chamber and three essential committees--New Haven's Harbor Committee and its influential position in the commercial growth of New Haven, immigration and education committees for new citizens, and industrial development--the predominant thread that weaves the story of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce from its inception in 1794 to the present day.

The collection has been divided as follows:

- Series I: Historical Documents and Memorabilia, 1794-1926
- Series II: Chamber's Procedures and Policies, 1888-1982
- Series III: Necrologist Memoranda, 1910-1911
- Series IV: Industrial Development, 1863-1982
- Series V: Junior Chamber of Commerce, World War II Memorial, 1943-1948
- Series VI: Financial Documents, 1794-1960
- Series VII: Manufacturers' Division, 1920-1966
- Series VIII: Retail Division, 1929-1982
- Series IX: Correspondence and Newspapers Articles, 1887-1982
- Series X: Photographs, 1934-1966
 - Item 1: Financial records book, 1 volume, Chamber of Commerce, 1794-1888.
 - Item 2: Regulations of the Chamber of Commerce, mounted on board, 1826.

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	2. Report of Chamber's Centennial Celebration Committee, 1893-1894.		
	3. Address by Chamber president, T. Atwater Barnes, 1893.		
	4. Report urging preservation of New Haven's shade trees. Handwritten, 1894.		
	5. Address by Chamber president, N. D. Sperry. Typed with handwritten corrections, 1894.		
	6. Report on paving New Haven streets, 1894.		
<u>(See Also:</u>			
Item 1	Bound, handwritten volume containing Chamber of Commerce constitution, list of original members, dues records, meeting minutes. Indications point to Charles W. Scranton as author of this volume.	1794-1888	1
Item 2	Regulations of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, mounted on board.)	1826	1
<u>Memorabilia</u>			
Folder D	Chamber banquets including guest lists, menus, and costs.	1889, 1893 1901, 1909, 1910	15
Folder E	Official program, New Haven Week celebration	1912	2 booklets

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<u>Minutes: Board of Directors (1922-1964)</u> Includes yearly financial statements, receipts, budgets, and annual meeting programs.		
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Folder G Includes 1925 survey of service clubs to determine opinion on location of city hall; the majority voted for postponement of a new building.	1925-1926	66
Folder H	1927-1928	84
Folder I The directors undertook to define the metro- politan area, basing their formula on utili- ties, retail stores, delivery zones and commuting population.	1929-1930	81
Folder J In this period, unemployment relief and bank closings were major topics.	1931-1932	47
Folder K	1933-1934	50
Folder L Comments in this section analyzed New Deal legislation as well as laws designed to control public utilities, agriculture and banking. Minutes for the years 1937, 1938 and 1939 are missing.	1935-1936	43
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Folder N Discussions centered on the Lend-Lease bill and the potential hazards in the Baby Wagner Act--legislation that would affect collective bargaining, wages and hours of employees.	Jan.-April 1941	59
Folder O State and national defense occupied many meetings. Junior Chamber of Commerce held its first meeting.	May-Dec. 1941	88
Folder P The directors discussed plans for a New Haven Defense Council	Jan. & Feb. 1942	25
Folder Q	March-June 1943	70
Folder R Misc. historical material, incl. memorial contributions for Henry Lewis, 1892.		
<u>Box 2</u> - continued. <u>Minutes: Board of Directors</u>		
Folder A Meetings concentrated on post-war planning, a survey on the expansion of New Haven's retail area and the possibility of new feeder highways into the heart of the city. The League of Women Voters asked for a charter revision committee in their letter characterizing New Haven's government as geared to a "village era." Chamber of Commerce directors voted to send the League "a very diplomatic letter" declining their suggestion.	Sept.-Dec. 1943	57
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Box 3

Minutes: Executive Committee (1910-1962)

Occasionally, these folders will also include Chamber of Commerce committee reports. Although they may be duplicates of committee reports found in other sections of this record, the reports do explain executive committee decisions and therefore the provenance has been respected.

Folder A These early documents set a salary for the Chamber's secretary and reported many meetings to air the problems of sewage disposal and harbor pollution.	1910-1922	86
Folder B	1923-1924	48
Folder C Minutes reflect a move to keep Allingtown Hospital as a hospital for veterans	1925-1926	38
Folder D Minutes outline action to control mosquito and its accompanying disease.	1926-1928	72
Folder E Land transactions record closing several streets in the Hill section of New Haven and selling land in that area to Yale University. In exchange, Yale would give several plots to New Haven. Map included.	1929-1933	61
Folder F Funds were voted to celebrate the state's 1938 tercentenary.	1934-1937	48
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<u>Box 3 - continued</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. Items</u>
Folder I Minutes record an invitation to the United Nations to locate in New Haven, organization of the Committee for Economic Development, action making the Manufacturers Assn. autonomous, and the formulation of a working agreement with the Junior Chamber of Commerce.	1945-1947	72
Folder J	1948-1952	116
Folder K	1953-1962	38
<u>Minutes: Chamber's General Membership (1892-1935)</u>		
Folder L 1. Annual meeting with former president Theodore Roosevelt as speaker before 694 members and guests. 2. Site selected for railroad station. Post Office was constructed. 3. Complete list of officers and committees.	1892-1913	97
Folder M 1. Members approved the city's purchase of Lighthouse Point as a park. 2. Public bath houses were constructed at the corner of Oak and Spruce Streets, an area of many tenements.	1914-1916	84
Folder N War preparation discussions highlighted this period, along with concerns for conversion from war work to peacetime manufacturing.	1917-1918	57
Folder O 1. Organized the Community Chest fund. 2. Aid for war veterans. 3. Women residents of New Haven admitted into Chamber membership. 4. Retirement of Chamber president, Col. Isaac M. Ullman, who had served from 1909-1920, a period in which membership increased from 465 to 1521. 5. Voted recommendation for a new city hall. 6. Analyzed single family housing costs in New Haven.	1919-1921	101

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Folder P A special meeting on March 6, 1922 voted opposition to legislation that would grant veterans special financing to build homes, buy farm land, enroll in vocational education programs or receive a general bonus.	1922, 1926 1930-1933, 1935	33
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Folder B Americanism Committee Includes plans for indoctrination and classes for immigrants.	1922-1927	8
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Folder D Aviation Committee Civil Aeronautics Board asked to extend air service to New Haven	1940-1948	64
Folder E Aviation Committee	1949-1956	141
Folder F Aviation Committee	1957-1963	112
Folder G Aviation Committee Newspaper articles record bonding grants to improve airport, land purchased to extend runways. Also the story of New Haven's municipal airport with a profile of John Tweed, a veteran flier for whom the airport was named.	1949-1959	26
Folder H Better Homes Advisory Business, Climate committees	1922-1963	27
Folder I Charity Endorsement, Clergy committees	1922-1961	15
Folder J City Development and City Improvement committees. Includes 1941 Rotival Report outlining the importance of facilities to handle rail and ship freight and the traffic impact from major parkways. Also, Yale and its relation to the city and the problems of shopping and parking.	1922-1944	29

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Folder L Clean Up Committee and Keep New Haven Clean Contest	1922-1963	62
Folder M Comfort Station and Central Traffic committees	1922-1948	4
Folder N Commercial Corporation Committee This committee was organized to provide financing for industries.	1928-1929	3
Folder O Committee on Committees	1926-1953	56
Folder P Congressional Action Committee	1958-1963	132
Folder Q Convention Committee	1935-1936	22
Folder R Credit Bureau Committee	1928-1943	17
Folder S East Shore Health Committee	1922-1960	15
Folder T Committee on Education	1922-1959	33
Folder U Education Committee: Illiteracy Includes report showing 6.3 percent of the New Haven population 10 years of age and older were illiterate. One Chamber remedy was to establish evening schools throughout the city.	1922-1927	22
Folder V Education: School Buildings and Use of Schools Committee	1922	11
Folder W Education: Trade and Technical Schools Committees Discussions concerned the value of industrial education and a request for a million dollar bond to build a second trade school (Eli Whitney Technical High School). The total cost was to be \$1,750,000 for 1,000 students.	1936-1956	58
Folder X Education: New Haven Teachers' College Study When there was a move to close the college, the Chamber wrote to Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, pointing out the economic justification for keeping the school open.	1939	6

<u>Box 4 - continued</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. Items</u>
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Folder Z Committee on Expositions Plans for the 1927 Progress Exhibition, the Exposition of 1935 and the Tercentenary of the State in 1938 were completed.	1926-1935	9
Folder AA Equal Opportunities Committee	1963	1
Folder BB Farm Bureau Committee Discussion about the establishment of a permanent public market.	1927-1934	3
Folder CC Fire Prevention Committees	1934-1956	43
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Folder A Foreign Trade Club Committee Includes by-laws, officers and efforts to encourage trade with Latin America. Many reports on Mexico and the importance of oil.	1928-1948	81
Folder B Harbor Development Committee One of the most active and important Chamber committees, this file records the efforts of the Chamber to make New Haven a marine trans- portation center. In this same period, the Chamber discussed a request to erect oil tanks at the Belle Dock by the Wyatt Coal Co.	1926-1948	88
Folder C Health Conservation Committee The problems of low milk consumption and testing of dairy cattle to prevent tuberculosis were aired. The Chamber also heard a plan by Dr. Ira V. Hiscock to set up a Hospital Service Corp. that could provide financing for members' hospitalization.	1929-1948	170
Folder D Home Improvement Committee	1956-1960	8
Folder E Industrial Development Committee	1928-1930	34
Folder F Industrial Development Committee	1936-1948	70

<u>Box 5</u> - continued. Chamber Committees	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. Items</u>
Folder G Industrial Development Committee Reorganized in 1949 with E. B. Haskell as chairman, the Industrial Development Commission utilized public relations to bring needed industry into New Haven. A 1949 study revealed that New Haven had the largest rate of unemployment and the most industrial space available than at any time since before World War II	1949-1953	68
Folder H Industrial Development Commission Business in this period included: 1. R. H. Macy evidenced interest in New Haven. 2. Quinnipiac Valley Development Corp. was organized (1959) to develop 2, 275 valley acres. 3. City allowed to sell Long Wharf sites to private investors. 4. Major zoning changes regarding city parks and use of newly-made land along the harbor.	1954-1960	73
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Folder P Legal Aid Bureau Committee	1926	1
Folder Q Legislation Committee	1926-1943	57
Folder R Local Industries Committee	1931-1932	18
Folder S Local Taxation Committee	1931-1932	15
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Folder G Public Market Site Committee	1927-1936	7
Folder H Publicity, Public Relations Committee	1926-1949	18
Folder I Recreation Committee	1922	11
Folder J Regional Planning Committee	1934-1949	58
Folder K Solicitations Committee	1922-1954	73
Folder L State and Local Legislative Affairs Committee	1960-1962	49
Folder M Tercentenary Committee	1935-1938	35
Folder N Traffic Committee	1919-1946	57
Folder O United Fund Committee.	1950	3
Community Chest dissolved; Federated Funds, Inc. took over.		
Folder P Urban Development Committee	1953-1956	11
Folder Q Veterans' Hospital Committee	1928-1929	5
Folder R Waste Disposal Committee	1954	2
Folder S Ways and Means Committee	1930-1931	5
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1. Joseph Sheldon's recommendation for Derby Railroad terminus in New Haven, n.d.
 2. Resolution to improve New Haven's parks, 1888.
 3. Recommendation for consolidation of New Haven's town and city governments, 1888.
 4. Recommendation to withdraw from National Board of Trade and form a state board, by James D. Dewell and T. Atwater Barnes, 1890.
 5. Address by T. Atwater Barnes, Chamber president, 1890.
 6. Chamber recommendation for fortifications and other sea coast defenses at the Long Island Sound entrance, 1891.
 7. Recommendations for purchase of Weather Bureau equipment, 1892.
 8. Petition asking that no wine or other alcoholic beverages be served at Chamber banquets, 1893.
 9. Army Corps of Engineers recommendation for Kimberly Avenue bridge drawbridge, 1894.

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Folder B	Downtown Council	1957-1958	16
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	Includes general funds and invested funds		
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Folder G	" " "	1954-1955	40
Folder H	" " "	1955-1956	38
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Folder D	" " "	1959	32
Folder E	" " "	1960	41
Folder F	Discussions here about cooperation between New Haven industry and Yale University in an attempt to offer graduate level study opportunities for industrial personnel. In 1961, the Maxcy Report was released, a study dealing with taxes and assessments entitled, "Report of the Connecticut Economic Planning and Development Committee."	1961-1963	80
Folder G	Includes discussion of city-wide reevaluation of property.	1964-1966	93
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Folder I	Manufacturers' Division Bulletins	1948	91
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Folder C " " "	1963-1964	67
Folder D " " "	1965-1966	75
<u>Labor Contract Guide (1953)</u>		
Folder E Confidential analysis of union contracts in area industries. First edition, 12/2/53	1953	156
<u>News Releases (1956-1958)</u>		
Folder F Manufacturer's Division News Releases	1956	63
Folder G " " " "	1957-1958	72
<u>Box 11</u>		
<u>Sales Executive Club (1944-1964)</u>		
On February 10, 1944, a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce discussed the formation of a Sales Executive Clinic in connection with post World War II planning. The first meeting was held at the Hotel Garde on October 9, 1944.		
<u>Executive Committee Minutes</u>		
Folder A Executive Committee Minutes	1944-1950	94
Folder B " " "	1951-1953	55
Folder C " " "	1954-1958	70
Folder D " " "	1959-1961	77
Folder E " " "	1962-1964	59
<u>Sales Executive Club bulletins, meeting notices</u>		
Folder F " " " " "	1948-1951	55
Folder G " " " " "	1952-1953	76
Folder H " " " " "	1954-1955	59
Folder I " " " " "	1956-1961	95
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Executive Associates Forum of the Manufacturers
Assn. of New Haven County, Inc. (1956-1963)
Goals of this organization were to exchange
ideas on various phases of management, leading
to improved leadership.

Folder K	Minutes of the Executive Associates Forum	1961-1964	52
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RETAIL DIVISION
1929-1982

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<u>Retail Division, Board of Governors, Minutes (1929-1963)</u>			
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Folder B	" " " "	1937-1941	71
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Folder E	" " " "	1947-1949	74
Folder F	" " " "	1950-1951	43
Folder G	" " " "	1952-1955	47
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Retail Division Executive Committee Minutes (1956-1960)

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Better Business Committee, 1929-1930

Better Merchandising Committee, 1929-1931

Business Cooperation Committee, 1929-1931

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Christmas Committee, 1929-1931

Closing Hours Committee, 1930-1934

Comfort Station Committee, 1922

Distributive Education, 1956

Downtown Clearance Days, 1933-1935

Football Traffic, 1933-1934

Happiness Days, 1931

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Home Furnishings Committee, 1934-1935		
Jewelers' Council, 1930-1934		
Legislation Committee, 1930-1931		
Meetings Committee, 1930-1931		
Men's Wear Council, 1933-1934		
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New Haven Days Committee, 1930-1935		
Nominating Committee, 1930-1935		
Publicity and Promotion, 1956-1959		
Folder F	1922-1942	51
Retail Clothing Merchants' Committee, 1942		
Returned Goods Committee, 1931-1932		
Sales Days Committee, 1933-1937		
Sales Tax Committee, 1935		
Shoe Retailers Committee, 1932-1935		
Street Widening Committee, 1922		
Folder G	1930-1960	66
Suburban Days Committee, 1930-1934		
Summer Closing Committee, 1930-1933		
Trade Expansion Committee, 1930-1931		
Traffic and Parking Committee, 1958-1960		
Welcoming Committee, 1930-1931		
Unemployment Legislation Committee, 1935		
Women's Ready to Wear Council, 1931-1935		
<u>Retail Division Bulletins</u>		
Folder H	1948-1949	94
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Folder L	1954	58

<u>Box 14</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. Items</u>
Folder A Retail Division Bulletins	1955-1956	82
Folder B " " "	1957	60
Folder C " " "	1958-1959	66
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<u>Retail Division Special Reports</u>		
Folder F Proposal for the Retail Council, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce	1979	8
Folder E Monthly Distribution Bulletins	1957-1964	66
<u>Better Business Bureau (1953-1958)</u>		
Organized about 1926, the Better Business Bureau promoted "truth, honesty, and accuracy in advertising and selling practices." Henry M. Shartenberg was the first president.		
Folder G Better Business Bureau	1953-1954	38
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<u>Correspondence</u>		
Folder A	1887-1891	72
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Folder C Two major topics were 1909 recommendation for a trade school in New Haven and a visit in 1909 by a Japanese trade commission.	1909-1982	180
<u>Newspaper Articles</u>		
Folder D History of New Haven Chamber of Commerce, <u>Saturday Chronicle</u> copies.	1906	3
Folder E Topics include immigration, Chamber's 150th birthday and trade school.	1921-1948	8
Folder F Includes 1963 newspaper story outlining Chamber's future 10-point program.	1950-1982	8

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SERIES X
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Folder B	1952-1959	60
Folder C	1960-1961	39
Folder D	1962	60
Folder E	1963-1966	82
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<u>Industrial Photographs</u>		
Folder G 1. Pond Lilly Co.	n.d.	2
2. City Hall Dedication, UN Flag	1950	1
3. 311 State St. Building. Torn down in 1942.	n.d.	1
4. Building, Quinnipiac Press	n.d.	1

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Item 1: Bound, handwritten volume containing Chamber of Commerce constitution by-laws, list of original members.	1794-1888	1 vol.
Item 2: Regulations of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, mounted on board.	1826	1