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Date processed: #59 May, 1977
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- I. Title Pardee Family Papers, 1841-1978.
- II. The papers of Laban, William Bradley and William Scanton Pardee deposited in the Library on _____, by Pardee family in _____ converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4'
Approximate number of items: 3,500
- 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- v. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of _____ in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to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:
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VIII. Analysis:

See separate analysis for #59 and #59a

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Manuscripts

No.59

Date processed: May 4, 1977

- I. Title Pardee Family Papers, 1841-1892.
- II. The papers were found at the Pardee-Morris House.
deposited in the Library on _____, by _____
In _____ converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 5 inches
Approximate number of items: 273
- 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- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of _____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:
See p. 2
- VIII. Analysis: The collection consists of one box of correspondence, large
letters written to Laban Pardee by his son William when William was in
Alabama (in some of these letters are also notes to William's mother
and brother -- see letters dated: Jan. 15, 1844; June 15, 1844; Feb. 7
1845; Jan. 16, 1846). These letters span the period from 1843-1855
and provide a picture of the carriage industry in the ante-bellum
south as well as some aspects of the southern society and economy.
Also in the collection are letters written to William and his
wife, Nancy (English) Lum Pardee and a small number of letters written
by Pardee family members to friends, relatives, and business associates.
In addition, there are a number of miscellaneous items relating to the
carriage business.
The letters to Laban from William are arranged, in the collection
chronologically. The miscellaneous correspondence is arranged alphabet-
ically by name.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Laban Pardee (1790-1859), the third child of Joseph and Sarah (Fields) Pardee, was born at East Haven in November, 1790. In 1820, he married Lucy Bradley (1801-1821), daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bradley) Bradley. Lucy died in 1821 and Laban remarried in 1824. His second marriage was to Mary Thompson (1799-1882), daughter of James and Lydia (Chidsey) Thompson. He was a coach lace manufacturer, with a business address of 98 Wooster Street, New Haven.

The eldest son, William Bradley Pardee, (1821-1893), was born in New Haven on September 21, 1821. In 1841, at the age of twenty, he moved to Wetumpka, Alabama, and went into business for himself as a carriage merchant. He sold carriages and saddlery, supplied to him by carriage manufacturers in New Haven, to many wealthy southern planters. In 1855, William returned to New Haven, where in 1857 he became a partner in a carriage manufacturing firm which became the firm of Lawrence, Bradley, and Pardee. In 1859, he married Nancy (English) Lum (1823-1905), daughter of James and Nancy (Griswold) English, sister of Connecticut governor James E. English, and widow of Harpin Lum. They had two children: William Scranton (1860-1918), and Fannie Bishop (1861-1904).

Laban Pardee had six other children in addition to William. They were: Lucy B. (1829-1829); Charles Hezekiah (1830-1905); Mary Jane (1834-1909); Sarah L. (1838-1889); Susan Almira (1840-1895); Caroline R. (1845-1846).

LABAN PARDEE: FAMILY PAPERS 1841-1892

CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

Box I

Laban, Incoming Correspondence from William (1843-1855)

- Folder A:
1-19: 1843-1844.
- Folder B:
1-15: 1845.
- Folder C:
1-19: 1846.
- Folder D:
1-25: 1847-1848.
- Folder E:
1-20: 1849.
- Folder F:
1-28: 1850.
- Folder G:
1-18: 1851.
- Folder H:
1-28: 1852.
- Folder I:
1-39: 1853.
- Folder J:
1-39: 1854-1855.

Pardee Correspondence: 1841-1892 (alphabetical by first name)

- Folder K:
 - 1: Charles Pardee, to J.E. and C.L. English, August 20, 1843.
 - 2: Laban Pardee, from Ollis & Brother, April 12, 1850.
 - 3: Mary Jane Pardee, to "Dear Brother", June 4, 1855.
 - 4: Mary (Thompson) Pardee, from William Bradley Pardee, September 16, 1846.
 - 5-6: Nancy (English) Lum Pardee, from Sarah Lum, May 23, 1892; June 5, 1892 (with an addressed envelope).
 - 7: Nancy (English) Lum Pardee, from Charles Pardee, August 31, 1872.
 - 8: Nancy (English) Lum Pardee, from "John" (most probably her brother - John English), November 29, 1845.
 - 9: Nancy (English) Lum Pardee and Fannie B. Pardee (her daughter), from "Aunt Lil", August 19, 1884 (with an addressed envelope).
 - 10-11: William Bradley Pardee, from Jonathan Ballard, Sept. 22, 1845; October 3, 1845.
 - 12: William Bradley Pardee, from M. A. Stow, undated.
 - 13-14: To his father, 4 fragments, undated.
 - 15: William Bradley Pardee, March 18, 1852, to unknown person.
 - 16: Letter signed "John", dated October 2, 1841.
 - 17: Section of an undated and unsigned letter.

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Miscellaneous

Folder L:

- 1-2: Orders for and descriptions of buggies.
- 3: Inventory of goods (with prices) used in the decoration of carriages, February 10, 1842.
- 4: Section of an envelope postmarked New Haven, and addressed to "Miss Nancy L. English".
- 5: Business card from H. Killam & Co., carriage manufacturer Partner, Leonard Pardee (cousin to Laban)
- 6: Label from a box in which were packed "inside holder tassels", used in the decoration of carriages.

Oversize

Water color of burial monument of Laban Pardee, 1790 - 1859.

Additions to The Pardee Family Papers

Box 1 cont.:

Folder M: 1821-1828 letters to Hannah Maria Norman from husband
F.W. Norman, her mother, and her sister. (Copies and originals)

Folder N: letters to Mrs. H. Wood

Folder O: letters from Isaac and Minerva Pardee 1851-1855.

Folder P: Amos Pardee (1770-1849) obituary. (Copy and original)

Folder Q: sermons by Isaac Pardee. 1839.

Folder R: genealogical society information and obituary of Minerva Pardee Hubbell
(1839)

Folder S: 8 letters about the Pardee family genealogy.

Folder T: papers concerning the Pardee Family Collection.

Folder U: copies of all of the above letters (M-T) and one poem.