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No. 67

Date processed: Dec. 1977

- I. Title Wilford Papers, 1700-1878
- II. The papers of Wilford Family of Brandford deposited in the Library in May 1977, by Elizabeth Hitchcock Gregory ~~XX~~ (Mrs. H.T.) as ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 & 1/2 inches
Approximate number of items: 117 plus 3 books
- IV. Restrictions: (poor condition)
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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: Richard Wilford's (1619-1675) son, Richard (1654-1734) came to CT with his wife, Elizabeth Pollard, and settled in Brandford. They had nine children including Richard (1700/1-1737/38), John (1710-1767) who married Elizabeth Harrison, Joseph (1715/16-1770) who married Elizabeth How, and Sarah (1718-) who married Ebenezer Linsley.
The brothers, John and Joseph held a number of property jointly as indicated by the deeds in this collection. It appears that John and Elizabeth had no children since John left every thing in his will to his wife and to the children of his brother Joseph.
Joseph and Elizabeth Wilford had seven children including Anne (1767-1813) who married Stephen Foot Blackstone & John (1762-1824). This John married Anne Blaciston and they had two daughters and a son, John Augustus Wilford (-1871) who married Statira Johnson. They had one child, John (1810-1872) who married Lucretia Goodnough and they had five children.
For more information see The Wilfords of Brandford by Elizabeth Hitchcock Gregory.
- VIII Analysis: The collection consists of deeds, wills, probate court records and some correspondence spanning the years 1700-1878 and representing six generations of Wilfords. The material is arranged by subject, vital dates of individuals is provided in brackets to facilitate identification of the numerous John Wilfords. One document (folder I) has no date and therefore it is difficult to tell to which John Wilford it refers to.
The collection is in very poor condition, many documents are in pieces and extreme care should be exercised while using the collector

Microfilm Guide

Same as content guide except:

- folder J. document 1 was photographed twice--before and following document 2.
 - L. only cover & page one were photographed
 - M. not photographed
- N,O,P. only first page and pages with writing photographed.

WILFORD PAPERS

Table of Content

Box I

folder A. Richard Wilford (1619-1675)--short autobiographical sketch
(2 pieces) plus transcript, 1700

B. Richard Wilford (1654-1734)

- 1. Deed, 1707
- 2. Deed, Richard to his son Richard (1700/1--1737/8), 1727
- 3. Extract from will, n.d.
- 4. Corr. from Jere[miah] Wilford to Richard (his uncle), 1727
Elizabeth Pollard Wilford, wife of Richard Wilford
- 5. Will, 1758 (?)
- 6. Probate record of Elizabeth's Estate, 1758 (3 pieces)
- 7. Deed, Richard Wilford (1700/1--1737/8) from Elizabeth P. Wilford, 1735

C. John & Joseph Wilford--deeds and surveys of land held jointly, 1738-1763

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D. John Wilford (1710-1767)

- 1-13. Deeds, 1736-1765
- 14-15. Will, 1767
- 16. Inventory of Estate
- 17. Probate Court ruling on estate, 1768 (part of page two is missing)
- 18. Survey of land owned by John Wilford (1710-1768,??) received from John Wilford, 1758

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For court case of John Wilford vs. John Kating, 1764-65 see folder L.

E. Joseph Wilford (1715/16--1770)

- 1-12. Deeds, 1743-1764, plus n.d.
- 13. Extract--Joseph Wilford Estate, 1768
- 14. Inventory, real estate--Joseph Wilford Estate
- 15. Probated Court ruling--Elizabeth How Wilford (wife of Joseph) recipient of J.W. Estate, 1770
- 16. Will of Elizabeth How Wilford, 1797
- 17. Will of Zacharius How, (father of Elizabeth How Wilford), 1740

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F. John Wilford (1762-1824)

- 1. Indenture of John Wilford, minor to Enoch Staples, 1777
- 2. Probate Court settlement, 1784
- 3--4. Deeds, 1787
- 5. Summon, 1800
- 6. Corr. John Wilford to Joseph Wilford, 1810
- 7--9. Deeds, 1810-1809
- 10-11. Corr. from Mary Wood (daughter), 1819, plus n.d.
- 12-14. Estate of John Wilford, 1824-26

Box I (cont)

folder G. John August Wilford (-1871)

- 1--2. Deeds, 1824-25
3. Records of Highway tax (J.A.Wilford was a collector & surveyor of highways), 1845-46
- 4--5. Writ of attachment & summons, 1845-46
6. Deed, 1847
7. J.A.Wilford's account with Alfred Blackman, 1859-61
8. Deed, Thomas Frisbie to Betsey Frisbie Wilford (daughter), 1822
9. Account of Thomas Frisbie (??) estate, n.d.

H. John Wilford (1810-1872)

1. Deed, John Wilford to George Wilford (son), 1860
2. Corr., Selina Goodnough to her daughter Lucretia Goodnough Wilford, 1842, plus transcript
3. Deed, Lucretia F. [G ?] Wilford, 1864 (copy)

I. John Wilford--undated; account ordered to pay

J. Wilford Family

1. Will of John Wilford (wife Lydia) of Brandford & New Haven (cousin to John Wilford of London, England), 1678
2. Deed, Anne Wilford (1767-1813, married Stephen Blackstone), 1787.
3. Deed, Sarah Wilford (1718- , married Ebenezer Linsley), 1771.
4. Deed, Mary Elizabeth [Page?] Wilford, 1868
5. Piece of document with accounts and boundaries of property
- 6--8. Fragments of document

K. Miss. Papers

1. Deed, Joseph Bishop/John Roso, 1769
2. Deed, M. Palmer/Noah Roger, 1714
3. Deed, John Roger /Noah Roger, 1720
4. Summons, David Rose, Major Rose & Joshua Rose, 1843

L. Albert Granniss--penmanship notebook, 1878 (Charles Henry Wilford, 1842-1922, married Harriet Cook Granniss)

M. Xeroxed copies

- 1-5. John Wilford vs. John Kating of New York, 1764-65, original in Ingersoll Papers, Box V:folder I [6]
6. Probate Court ruling on Joseph Wilford estate, 1770
7. List of highway taxes
8. Corr. Mary Wood to John Wilford, n.d.

N. Book--An abridgement of Mrs. Rowe's Devout exercises of the Heart in Meditation, Soliloquy, Praise and Prayer, 1792 (circa 144)

O. Book--Collection of Psalms, 1799 (circa 301)

P. Book--The Child's Instructor by Foster Waterman, 1799 (circa 108) belonged to Betsy Wilford, 1802

Q Papers concerning collection