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Date processed: August, 1987

- I. Title Wilder Family Papers, 1940-1987
- II. The papers of the Wilder Family deposited in the Library circa 1975, by Isabel Wilder as a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1/2
Approximate number of items: 1,300
- 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- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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: Dr. Edwin Milton Wilder (1871-1963) compiled the BOOK OF THE WILDERS, a Contribution to the HISTORY OF THE WILDERS by Reverend Moses Wilder, n.d. No date is given for the history by Moses Wilder, but it is stated that Dr. Edwin Wilder continued his work until his death.

The Wilder Family Foundation was formed after Dr. Wilder's death under the leadership of Harold K. Wilder of Richmond, Virginia, to assume the responsibility for the publication and distribution of the BOOK OF THE WILDERS. All of the material gathered by Dr. Wilder has been given to the Newberry Library in Chicago. Thornton Niven Wilder (1897-1975) and his sister Isabel Wilder (b.1900) of Hamden, Connecticut, subscribed to the Foundation and for several years they received copies of genealogical material concerning the Edward and Thomas lines of the Wilder Family. This material forms the bulk of the collection.
- VIII. Collection consists of one box of copies of genealogical material, small amount of correspondence between the Wilders and the Wilder Family Foundation, notices of Tributes to Thornton Wilder at Birthday Commemorations in 1985 and 1987, and photographs of Isabel at the 1987 gathering in Hamden, Connecticut.

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B.	Wilder Family Foundation - lists of subscribers and form letters to members, 1964-1969	(66)
C.	<u>BOOK OF THE WILDERS</u> by Dr. Edwin Milton Wilder, (1871-1963) - first 83 pages. Includes Coat of Arms (Certificate 1940) and photographs of family members.	(83)
D.	" Index to the line of Edward.	(18)
E.	Line of Edward, page 1-166	(168)
F.	" Index to the line of Thomas W.	(73)
G.	" Line of Thomas W. page 1-225	(232)
H.	" " " 226-422	(205)
I.	" " " 423-576	(157)
J.	" " " 577-751	(179)
K.	Invitation to Thornton Wilder commemorative, Thornton Wilder Auditorium, Hamden, Conn. 1985 Program for the unveiling of a Bust of Thornton and newspaper clipping, 1986 Notice of Thornton Wilder Tribute and Newspaper clipping - 1987 Photographs of Isabel at 1987 Tribute	(7)