I. Title Jacobus Collection, 1766 - 1976.

II. The papers of Donald Lines Jacobus (1887 - 1970) deposited in the Library on , by
In converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 17 feet.
Approximate number of items: 2, 220

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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of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: The collection consists of 36 boxes and 2 oversize items:

Boxes I - III
" IV - XII
" XIII - XVII
" XVIII - XX
" XXI - XXII
" XXIII - XXV
" XXVI - XXXVI

Jacobs family papers and photographs.
Genealogy of the Dayton family, in 24 parts.
Genealogies of the Bradley, Ives, Smith,
d Wallingford, Hart, Wood, DeKoven, Leete,
Hodges, Hotchkiss, Goodyear families.
Genealogy of the Beach family.
" " Beecher "
" various families and misc.
genealogical notes and material.
Genealogy of the Shepard families of
New England.

Items I - II
Genealogy of the Edwards family.

Processed by: Wm. A. Wiedersheim
VII Biographical note:

Donald Lines Jacobus (1887 - 1970), the son of John Ira and Ida Wilmot (Lines) Jacobus, was born in New Haven on October 3, 1887 and lived in New Haven all his life. Even as a youth, family histories and relationships fascinated him. At an early age, he was a steady visitor to the offices of New Haven's Town Clerk and Registrar to study the records of early New Haven families. At the age of fifteen, he could read 17th century script without difficulty, and at sixteen, genealogical articles that he wrote were accepted for publication by a Connecticut magazine. At seventeen, thoughts of preparing what eventually became his notable work, "Families of Ancient New Haven," began to form in his mind.

Jacobus graduated from Yale College in 1908 (Yale President Charles Seymour's class) and received a Master's degree from Yale in 1911. Teaching, however, did not interest him and he began to direct his thoughts, energies and ambitions toward the field of genealogy. With the exceptions of a position as Secretary of the New Haven Building and Loan Association between 1912 and 1917, and service in the U. S. Army between 1917 and 1919, Jacobus devoted the rest of his life to genealogy. Even between 1912 and 1919, he began his compilation of material on ancient New Haven families in his spare time.

"Families of Ancient New Haven" was published in eight volumes between 1922 and 1932. His "Families of Old Fairfield" was published between 1930 and 1940 in three volumes. Some of his
published genealogical studies were developed on his own initiative, others were commissioned by specific families for private publication. Jacobus delighted in the vignettes of life in past generations that he uncovered in the course of his work.

Eleven of the thirty-seven boxes in the Jacobus Collection concern the Shepard families of New England and contain his correspondence and research data on these families. The manuscript of the published three-volume Shepard genealogy is in this Collection, and a set of the printed volumes is in the NHCHS library.

In 1930, Jacobus wrote, "Genealogy as Pastime and Profession." He founded the "American Genealogist" magazine in 1932, and was both its editor and publisher. He was a Fellow of the American Genealogical Society, Honorary Member of the National Genealogical Society, and Honorary Director of the NHCHS. He was consulting genealogist for the Connecticut Society of the Colonial Dames of America between 1949 and 1953. Jacobus was also an accomplished and published poet.

Shortly before his death in 1970, Jacobus sold his manuscripts and most of his papers to the Connecticut Historical Society, where they are today. The Jacobus material in the NHCHS archives is a "spillover" or remnant of the material in Hartford.

Jacobus was a life-long bachelor. It can be said that he was truly a born genealogist who towered over others in his field, professionals and amateurs alike. At the time of his death in 1970, Donald Lines Jacobus was the only genealogist ever to have been included in "Who's Who in America."
Box I

Folder A - William Atwater, bounty for land in Minnesota, 1859.
B - Willard Webster cash account sheet, 1845.
D - Lines family letters, 1845, 1853, 1890 and 1895.
F - Donald Lines Jacobus, childhood writings.
G - James E. Jacobus, uncle of Donald Lines Jacobus, school 2nd grade certificate, 1866. Henry Oliver Jacobus, grandfather of Donald Lines Jacobus, indenture to carriage lamp making trade, 1848, and certificate of marriage to Henrietta Amanda Aber, Jacobus' grandmother, 1855.
I - Lines and Wilmot family and children's photographs.
J - Misc. Jacobus family photographs and tintypes.
K - Newburyport Herald, November 25, 1828.
L - Diaries of Ida W. Lines, 1865, and Donald Lines Jacobus, 1897.
M - Donald Lines Jacobus, childhood mementos.
N - Obituary, Ida Wilmot Lines Jacobus (1855 - 1952)

Box II

Folder A - Jacobus, misc. notes, 1940 - 1941.

Box III

Folder A - Jacobus personal correspondence, M - Y, 1940 - 1941.

Box IV

Dayton family

Folder A - Letter from James W. Dayton to NHCHS, June 1, 1964. Index of Charles N. Dayton manuscripts.
B - E Typescript, "A Dayton Record," pages 1 - 511.
F - Misc. Dayton genealogical record, Daytons in the armed services.
G - "Dayton Notes," incl. charts 1, 2, 3, 9 compiled by Hugh F. Wightman.
H - "Dayton" - Bliss family genealogy.

Box V

Folder A - D Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, I - IV.

Plus - The Story of Mary Ann Wilmot by D.L.J.
Box VI
Folder A - C  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, V - VII.

Box VII
Folder A - C  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, VIII - X.

Box VIII
Folder A - C  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, XI - XIII.

Box IX
Folder A - C  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, XIV - XVI.

Box X
Folder A - B  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, XVII - XVIII.

Box XI
Folder A - C  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, XIX - XXI.

Box XII
Folder A - C  Folders on the genealogy of individual branches of the Dayton family, XXII - XXIV.

Box XIII  Bradley family
Box XIII (cont'd.)

Folder B - Letters concerning Bradley genealogy addressed to 
Frank H. Bradley, circa 1875.
C - Notebooks on collateral Bradley descendants, 
indices and notebooks, A - G.
D - Same, H - R.

Box XIV

- Humphrey, Ives, Smith and Sturges families.

Folder A - Ancestral register of the Humphrey family with 
historical notes on the Fiske, Bulkley and Emerson families.
B - Genealogical notes on the Ives family.
C - " " " " George Smith, one of the 
original proprietors of New Haven, family.
D - Genealogical notes on the Sturges family, three 
handwritten notebooks. Also on Microfilm no. 37.
E - Stratford vital records, 1676 - 1728, (Pages 1 - 71, 
p. 54 - 62 missing), copied by Donald Lines 
Jacobus. A.L.S. from Donald Lines Jacobus to 
Mr. Bryant, March 24, 1928, concerning general 
genealogical matters on several families in the 
New Haven area.
F - Woodbridge mortality list, 1809 - 1902, kept by 
Miss Betsey Newton and, separately, by Mr. 
Lyman Manville and his daughter, collated by 
Mr. Newton J. Peck. Descriptive covering memo 
by Donald Lines Jacobus, undated.

Box XV

- Records of H. Phelps Doolittle, genealogist, New 
Haven and Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart.

Folder A - Genealogical notes on the Goodrich, Tuttle and other 
families by H. Phelps Doolittle.
B - Wallingford births, marriages and deaths, by H. Phelps 
Doolittle. Six notebooks.
C - Narrative history and genealogy of the Hart family by 
Albert Bushnell Hart. Origins of family in England 
by John Graham. In microfilm no. 30.
D - The Hart family, John Hart as first actual Yale graduate 
and later a Yale tutor. Excerpts from books by 
Dexter and Oviatt describing Early Yale days. 
In microfilm no. 30.
E - Genealogy of Stephen Hart (1602 - 1683) by Albert 
Bushnell Hart. In microfilm no. 30.
F - Genealogical data on the Hart family by Albert 
Bushnell Hart. In microfilm no. 30.
G - Inscriptions on old headstones in cemetery at Plymouth 
Hollow, now Thomaston. Extracts from Wallingford 
and Milton town records. Hotchkiss family 
ancestral chart.
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Box XVI

Genealogies of various families.

Folder A - Wood family genealogy, bound volume, prepared ca. 1901.
B - DeKoven family genealogy. Mss. notes by Miss Helen Beach, undated.
C - Leete family genealogy, bound volume, undated.
D - Branford church records, 1687 - 1705.
E - c. of records of births, marriages and deaths in Middletown, 1688 - 1848, bound volume.
F - Outline genealogies of numerous families, bound volume, prepared ca. 1895.

Box XVII

Genealogies of various families.

Folder A - Hodges family genealogy, bound volume, completed ca. 1942.
B - Hotchkiss family genealogy. (All material other than that in purple-bound volume is also on microfilm no. 33.)
C - Goodyear family genealogy with records from Chauncy Goodyear bible, prepared ca. 1938. (On microfilm no 30.)
D - Gorham family genealogy. (On microfilm no. 30.)
F - Parkhurst family genealogy. (On microfilm no. 35.)
G - Merwin and Somers family genealogies. (On microfilm no. 33.)

Box XVIII

Beach family genealogy.

Folder A - Society meeting of New Cheshire parish, 1766, fragment of minutes, Samuel Beach, Society clerk.
B - J Beach family genealogy.
K - " " including outline genealogies of related Dwight, Day, Ely and Yale families; two bound volumes in manuscript, compiled by Joseph P. Beach, Cheshire, CT., undated.

Box XIX

Folder A - M Letters ca. 1898 to Miss Rebecca D. Beach concerning descendants of the Rev. John Beach (1700 - 1782).
J - J Beach family, genealogical notes, undated.
K - " " descendants of the Rev. John Beach, two notebooks in manuscript, undated.
L - Rev. John Beach Memorial Library, Newtown CT., dedicated 1900.
M - Acknowledgements to published Beach family genealogy, 1898.
Box XX

Folder A - B  Beach and related family genealogies
   C - D  " / Sanford genealogy
   E - " / Brayton genealogy
   F - " / Hannaford genealogy
   G - " / Morgan "
   H - " / Warner "
   I - " / Nichols "
   J - " / Nettleton "
   K - " / Lyon / Duncombe "
   L - " / Fanton / Hawley "
   M - " / Ladd / Averill "
   N - " / Ladd "
   O - "  - History of the ... Thomas mss. in autograph book Illus.

Box XXI

Genealogical notes and matters concerning:

   H - "

Box XXII

Genealogical notes and matters concerning:

Folder A - Beecher family and coat-of-arms.
   B - " as listed in various directories.
   C - " genealogy and Schroeder correspondence.
   E - " family genealogy, lists by location, incl.
   F - " cemeteries.

Box XXIII

Genealogical notes and matters concerning:

Folder A - Wood families of Danbury and Norwalk, compiled between 1875 and 1930, genealogical charts.
   B - Brainerd family, 10 generations, genealogical charts.
   C - Ely/ Beers/ Miles/ Lewis/ Thorp families.
   D - Wilson family, compiled 1891 - 1897.
   E - The Thomas family in America. (on microfilm no. 302) No.57
   F - G Boies (Boys) (Boyse) (Boice) (Boise) family.
   H - " family, wills and probate, 1750, 1783, 1812 c. made 1897.
   J - Letters to H. W. Boies, Scranton, PA., ca. 1897.
   K - Sturges family, genealogical notes, undated.
   L - Letters from various correspondents to Mrs. Mary S. Colburn concerning the genealogy of the Sturges family, 1903 - 1904.
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Box XXIV

Folder A - D Genealogical notes on a number of different families, compilations undated.

E - G Newspaper clippings, mostly from St. Johnsville, N. Y., Enterprise and News, 1929 - 1932, on the genealogies of a number of upstate New York families.


Box XXV

Folder A - Tombstone inscriptions, Williams family, Williams Park, Providence, Rhode Island. Notebooks (2) containing indecipherable genealogical notes.

B - Misc. genealogical reference cards.


D - Notebooks (2) with genealogical notes on collateral families, undated.


F - Booklets and paper on Chester, England.

G - Annual Journal of the Historic Society, Chester and North Wales, for the years 1883, 1889, 1904, and 1952.

H - Index to the manuscript of the Edwards family genealogy. (On microfilm no. 29.)
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Box XXVI
Genealogies of Shepard families of New England. **

Folder A - Manuscript, Ralph Shepard of Dedham family, Volume I

Box XXVII
Folder A - Manuscript, Edward Shepard family, Volume II.

See P.10-a for additions.

Box XXVIII
Folder A - Manuscript, Alexander Shepard of Newton, Mass.
" Daniel " Portsmouth, Rhode Island.
" Francis " Charlestown, Mass.
" John " Braintree, Mass.
" John " Concord, Mass.
" John " Westfield, Mass.
" James " Marblehead, Mass.
" William " Taunton, Mass.
" New Hampshire Shepards.
" Shepards of York County, Maine.
" Unplaced Shepards of Boston and environs.


Box XXIX
Correspondence and notes

Folder A - Genealogies of various Shepard families, given names beginning with A.
B - Same, " " B.
C - " " C.
D - " " D.
E - " " E.

Box XXX
Folder A - Genealogies of various Shepard families, given names beginning with F.
B - Same, " " G.
C - " " H.
D - " " I.
E - " " J.
F - " " K.

* Donald Lines Jacobus edited version. Microfilm copy of original by Gerald Faulkner Shepard is on microfilm no. 55. 285

** After the death of Jacobus, the editing was taken over by Leonard Woods Labaree and completed by him.
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Box XXXI

Correspondence and notes

Folder A - Genealogies of various Shepard families, given names beginning with L.
B - Same, B M.
C - " N.
D - " O.
E - " P.
F - " R.
G - " S.
H - " T.
I - " V.
J - " W.

Box XXXII

Correspondence

Folder A - Non-Shepard families, surnames beginning with A.
B - C same, beginning with B.
D - E " C.
F - " D.

Box XXXIII

Correspondence

Folder A - Non-Shepard families, surnames beginning with E.
B - Same, beginning with F.
C - " G.
D - " H.
E - " I.
F - " J.
G - " K.
H - " L.
I - " M.
J - " Mc.

Box XXXIV

Correspondence

Folder A - Non-Shepard families, surnames beginning with N.
B - Same, beginning with O.
C - " E.
D - " R.
E - " S.
F - " T.
G - " V.
H - " W.

* See also microfilm no. 25.
Box XXXV

Shepard families

Folder A - Probate and pension matters, 1926, 1929, 1931 and 1968.
  Death certificate, 1925.
B - C Genealogical raw data cards and slips, undated.
  Vermont, New Hampshire and Farmington, CT.
  records, ca. 1929.
D - Probate and surrogate court records, ca. 1929.
E - " court, town clerk and church records, various
  Mass., N. Y. state and Wisconsin towns.
F - Wills of various members of the Shepard family, all recent
  copies of originals, dated between 1790 and 1929.
G - Genealogical notes, Oneida and other northern New York
  county records, compiled ca. 1931.

Box XXXVI

Folder A - Genealogy of New Jersey Shepard families, compiled
  ca. 1888.
B - Miscellaneous Shepard genealogical material.
C - Three (3) manuscript ledger volumes of records of
  Shepard and non-Shepard but related families.
  Identities of genealogists unknown; volumes
  are undated.
D - List of original proprietors of Hartford and their
  children.

Oversize

Item I - Genealogy of the Edwards family, genealogist
  unknown, undated, volume I. (On microfilm
  no. 29.)
Item II - Same, volume II.

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Addendum, added November, 1979

Box XXXVII

Folder A - Scrapbook of miscellaneous newspaper clippings
  assembled by Mrs. Ida Lines Jacobus, ca. 1870.
  B - Same, ca. 1878.
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Box XXXVIII

Folder A - Pardee family genealogy, manuscript, prepared 1923 - 1925. (1).

B - Same (2).

C - Same, notes for the preparation of the manuscript.

Box XXXIX

Folder A - Pardee family genealogy, raw data for manuscript. (1).

B - Same (2).

C - Same (3).

D - Same, wills and probate.

Addendum, added April, 1980

Box XXXIX

March 16, 1990

James W. Campbell
Librarian and Curator of Manuscripts
New Haven Colony Historical Society
114 Whitney Avenue
New Haven, CT 06510

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Your inquiry regarding the Donald Lines Jacobus manuscripts has been given to me for reply.

Unfortunately, there is no finding aid for the Jacobus papers. They are filed by family in our genealogical manuscript collection. They are catalogued and entries can easily be checked if someone wishes to know if a particular family was researched.

I regret that there is no finding aid that we can copy for you, but I must admit you have given me a great idea for a volunteer project! By this time next year, such a finding aid may exist!

Sincerely,

Judith Ellen Johnson
Reference Librarian & Genealogist