Manuscripts
No. 103

Date processed: July, 1979.

I. Title Baker, Christina (Hopkinson), 1873 - 1959.
   Papers, 1932 - 1963.

II. The papers of Christina Hopkinson Baker deposited in the Library on , by
    In converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 6 inches
     Approximate number of items: 900

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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of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 page 2.

VIII. Analysis: The papers consist of one box containing approximately 850 3" x 5" reference cards and 50 letters and documents. There are three 8 1/2" x 11" pages of interesting information about the arrival and settlement of the Acadians in New Haven, Guilford, and other Connecticut towns in 1755.

Arrangement of the papers is as follows:

1 - Papers and notes concerning certain New Haven buildings, their architecture and their history.

2 - Papers and notes on general subjects.

3 - 3" x 5" reference file cards, undated.
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VII Biographical note:

Mrs. George Pierce (Christina Hopkinson) Baker was born in Cambridge, Mass. on August 2, 1873. She was married to and the widow of Yale Professor George Pierce Baker (1866 - 1935), renowned drama teacher and critic. In 1925, Yale built its University Theatre to entice Professor Baker away from Harvard. A Department of Drama was established at Yale for the first time, with Baker as its Chairman. The Bakers were married in 1893 and had four children.

Christina Baker became an amateur historian and genealogist, researching and writing on New Haven buildings, institutions, families, and men of prominence. Five of her books or monographs are on the shelves of the NHCHS library, to wit:

"The Tontine Hotel, 1825 - 1913." (Church Street), 1940?
"The Townsend - Beers House." (22 High Street), 1932.
"A Porringer of Cockiney." (35 Elm Street), 1930. (Visiting Nurse Association).
"Benedict Arnold," undated.

Christina Hopkinson Baker also wrote a monograph (No copy in the NHCHS library.)* and gave prepared talks on the Hillhouse family. She kept copious notes for her manuscripts on undated 3" x 5" file cards that are virtually undecipherable, and these are the core of these papers.

In New Haven, the Bakers lived at 594 Prospect Street, and enjoyed a summer home at Silver Lake, New Hampshire. After her husband's death in 1935, Christina Hopkinson Baker took up residence in a third floor apartment at the Yale Faculty Club. She died on November 30, 1959.

* Referred to in George Dudley Seymour letter to Mrs. Baker of April 8, 1943.
Box I

Folder A - The Bradley House, State Street, with notes on the genealogy of the Bradley family, undated.
A.L.S. from F. B. Allen, Santa Barbara, Calif. to Mrs. Baker concerning the Bradley and Beers houses, and the Tontine Hotel, New Haven, December 6, 1934.
Newspaper clipping on the Beers house, undated.
"The Old Morris House," printed brochure, 1936.
Note on the Morris and Hunt houses, New Haven, undated.
Newspaper clipping on the Hillhouse mansion, New Haven, undated.
A.L.S. from George Dadley Seymour, New Haven, to Mrs. Baker concerning the house at No. 22 High Street, New Haven, February 24, 1932.
Note on the house at Temple and Wall Streets, undated.
Paper on the (Yale) Faculty Club, four pages, typescript, undated.
Notes on the Tontine Hotel, New Haven, undated.

Folder B - The Annisted (Amistad) captives, undated.
c. of excerpt from the historical collections of the State of Pennsylvania concerning the Hon. Judge Henry Baldwin, by Sherman Day, 1843, one page, typescript.
The Franklin Elm at Church and Chapel, undated.
The Atlantic Cable, undated.
A.L.S. from Elizabeth G. Harris to Miss Foster concerning the Acadians in New Haven and other Connecticut towns, with attachment, January 27, 1946.
Same, New Haven and Yale in 1832.
Note on Brissot de Warville, undated.
" " Moser Atwood, undated.
" " Connecticut River canals, undated.
" " William G. Munson, dentist and painter of New Haven circa 1760, undated.
" on William Watson (1773 - 1836), of Hartford, undated.
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Folder C - c. of letters from Moses Stuart to Noah Webster, March 16, 1810, and Mrs. Noah Webster to Noah Webster, October 11, 1824.

C. "Travels into the interior of America," by an (British) officer in 1777, London, 1789.

C. "The Ordinary," undated.

T.L. from George Dudley Seymour, New Haven, to Mrs. Baker concerning the Hillhouse family of New Haven, April 8, 1943.

C. of unaddressed letter from George Dudley Seymour in his old age, undated.

Paper on Isaac Allerton, 6 pages, undated.

Note on Jehudi Ashmun, New Haven, (1794 - 1828).

Note on James Bishop's Inn on the Turnpike at Watertown, undated.


Notes on the journals of B. Silliman's two trips to England, Scotland and Holland, 1805 and 1806.


3" x 5" reference file cards, undated. Notes on:

Folder D - Women's rights.

Easier life in the colonies.

E - Roger Sherman
The Stonington Chronology.
Nathan Hale

F - Arrival of John Brockett
The New Haven Green

G - The Aldrich House
J. Frederick Kelly, Architect.
Mrs. Eaton's daughter.

Norwalk, settled 1650.

I - Ezekiel Cheever.

J - Gardens in Colonial New Haven.
James Hillhouse.
Susan B. Anthony.