I. Title


II. The papers of Augustus Ezra Lines deposited in the Library on

converted to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4 inches

Approximate number of items: 30 (incl. 1 vol.)

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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of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:

Augustus Ezra Lines was born in 1822 and died in 1902. He was known to have
worked in New Haven at least from 1850 to 1860. According to Benham City Directory
of 1856 he was a card engraver whose office was in Marble Block, an office
building at 122-132 Chapel Street. His home was on Lyon Street which ran from
89 Olive Street to Bradley Street. A section of the Directory describing how
the Grand List was calculated is signed by Augustus E. Lines, Chairman of the
Board of Assessors. He was well known as the person who made the engraving on
a brass stamp for the E. A. Mitchell Post Office stamp of 1845.

VIII. Analysis:

The collection consists of five folders and the wrapped original die of the
E. A. Mitchell Post Office stamp. Folders A and B contain account book records of
Lines and Folders C and D deal with the re-strike of the stamp in the 1930's.
An oversize item is an engraving "To the memory of General George Washington"
1835. Folder E contains the original die of the Mitchell Post Office Stamp.

Box I.

Folder A

Lists of engraving work done from April 19 - July 10, 1843.

Folder B

Account Book, August 31, 1844-December 27, 1848, bound volume, 196 p.
(See p. 12, July 14, 1845 entry: "E.A. Mitchell engraving postoffice stamp $6.00.")
Letter from Richard Kuslan to Floyd M. Shumway suggesting that the New Haven Colony Historical Society print a limited edition of Edward Mitchell stamp in order to raise money for the Society, January 10, 1981.

Folder C

Booklet "The New Haven Provisional Envelope, 1932 History and Restrike" by Carroll Alton Means.
Cards with illustrations of final restrike, 1932.
Original pencil drawing by A.E. Lines "to be reduced to proper size. Drawn July 12, 1845 by A.E. Lines."
Newspaper clipping.
Two envelopes with stamp, 1 blue, 1 red from 1932 restrike. One stamp restrike, No. 132. Order froms for booklet.

Folder D

Copies of restrike provisional stamp, 1931-1938.
Municipal airport dedication envelope with stamp.
Note with stamp.
New Haven Tercentenary 1938. Sticker with illustration of stamp.

Folder E

New Haven Provisional Envelope, April 1, 1846 (red on white with blue signature), Scott Catalogue #8XU1. (Gift to NHCHS by anonymous donor, 1992)

Folder F

1. 100th anniversary, New Haven Philatelic Society, restrike of New Haven Provisional (#503 of 1000), 2014
3. Program, 100th anniversary dinner, October 11, 2014

Original die for the Mitchell Post Office Stamp. MOVED TO BOX 1a

Oversize


Box 1a

Collection updated and finding aid revised, June 1992.