I. Title Paine, Richard, (1806-1884), Papers, 1811-1903


III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 3''
   Approximate number of items: 500

IV. Restrictions: None

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of Richard Paine, in these papers, have been dedicated to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

VI. Press release was issued on

VII. Biographical note: Richard Paine, 1806-1884, was born in Massachusetts, but we do not know exactly where. The 1880 census of Stony Creek, Connecticut, lists only the state of his birth. He and his wife and son are buried in the Stony Creek Cemetery. The headstone inscription for his wife gives only the following information: "AVIS, W., his wife, Died June 11, 1887, Age 71" For his son, Richard, the inscription reads: "RICHARD PAINE, Co.K, 6th Conn. Vol. 1839-1891." The 1880 census lists a daughter Martha K., Age 34, living at home in Stony Creek.

There is nothing in the collection about Richard Paine's education and work until his correspondence begins in 1843. One of his business cards, n.d., reads: RICHARD PAINE, Springfield, Mass. Inspector of Small Arms for the U.S. Navy. Stamp cutter for Arms, etc. at the U.S. Armory. Some other business cards state that he was a printer and engraver on steel in Springfield, Mass. All of his correspondence, from 1843 to 1881, was with the Army and Navy when he was an arms inspector and later supplier of stencil cutters, engraving stamps and alphabets and figures. He moved to Stony Creek, Connecticut, about 1855, where he built a house and shop near the railroad station and continued his business with the Army and Navy.

The material in this collection was found in the attic of a house in Stony Creek by a new owner, Mrs. Jeffrey Purse, who could give us no further information about R.P.
Analysis: The collection is housed in one box and consists of Richard Paine's correspondence with the Army and Navy, 1843-1881, (filed chronologically) and materials from his work as a steel engraver. Included in the collection are three hundred small embossed stamps, possibly used as samples, some of which are beautiful cameo-like figures. There are also some steel engraving dies which provide fine examples of his work and ornate nineteenth century style. The oldest item in the collection is a copy of a sad letter written by R.P.'s mother to his father in 1811 about "poor Richard who soon must be left fatherless."

Bibliography: Stony Creek in 1880, compiled and edited by John B. Kirby, Jr., Branford, Conn., 1979
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**Folder A. Papers, 1811-1840**
- Letter from his mother (no signature), Foxborough, Mass., to his father, 1811.

**Folder B. Papers, 1843-1844**
- Correspondence with, and bills to, U.S. Army and Navy for his services as Arms Inspector at Springfield and Chicopee, Mass.

**Folder C. Papers, 1844-1848**
- Same as folder B, but with the inclusion of Inspection Reports.

**Folder D. Papers, 1851-1857**
- Correspondence, orders and bills - Watervliet Arsenal, New York, and Harpers Ferry Armory, Virginia, concerning orders for stencil cutters for alphabets and figures and engraving stamps.

**Folder E. Papers, 1857-1860**
- Same as Folder D - with the addition of the Allegheny Arsenal, no address

**Folder F: Papers, 1861-1881**
- Same as Folder E.

**Folder G. Papers relating to Stony Creek, 1859-1903**
- Richard Paine's appeal for funds to build a small meeting house "to praise and sing praises to Almighty God" in Stony Creek, 1859.
- Hymn, signed R.P., n.d.
- An account of how he averted a railroad accident at Stony Creek Depot, n.d.
- Postcard, Sachem's Head, published by R.P.
- Calendar, 1903, with picture of New Church of Christ, Stony Creek

**Folder H. Deeds, 1828-1883**
- Deed to property in Foxborough, Mass. 1828.
- " " " " Canton, Mass. 1836.
- " " " oyster ground at Stony Creek, 1883
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Folder I. Photograph, Escutcheon, Business cards (7)
Photograph, not identified, n.d. (Richard Paine?)
Card showing Paine escutcheon.

Folder J. Metal engraving dies, stamp and stencils (20)

Folder K. Embossed stamps, n.d. (300)

Folder L. Card Samples, n.d. (100)

Box 1a. 20 engraving dies, etc.