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- VII. Biographical note: In the founding group of New Haven settlers was John Punderson (and Margaret, his wife) progenitors of the four Thomases and Elisha Punderson who figure prominently in these papers. He received land in the first division: acreage along York Street and common land in Beaver Hills and Fair Haven. Davenport and Eaton chose the 12 who were to elect the "Seven Pillars" from among themselves to be the governing body of the colony and he was one of them. On Feb. 11, 1680 he died, leaving two children, Hannah and John.
John's (1644-1729) marriage to Damaris Atwater produced nine children, one of whom, Thomas (1678-1742) is the first Punderson of these papers. His marriage to Lydia Bradley produced another Thomas (1713-1781), who married Mary Miles; that marriage produced a Thomas (1752-1829) who married Hannah Booth; that marriage a Thomas (1783-1848) who married Betsey Day, and Elisha (1788-1864) who married Eunice Gilbert. All were active in the political life of the colony and ~~owned much land.~~ owned much land. The Thomas of 1752-1829 was a selectman, a captain in the new army and a member of the Society of Mechanics. His brother, Samuel, was a member of the Committee of Five which became, in 1805, what we know as the Proprietors of the Green, a self-perpetuating body whose early function was to sell off the common lands no longer needed by the public. Elisha was a colonel in the army, and based on a letter in these papers recommending his skill in the removal of buildings, we might assume he was something of an engineer.
The name Punderson disappears from the New Haven directory in 1904 with Lemuel Swift Punderson, engraver. Some did remove to Huntington and some to Springfield, Mass. and there may be direct descendants who do not bear the family name.
- VIII. Analysis: The collection is contained in one small box, Folders A-G.
Because most of the papers are concerned with Punderson property of some class, such as land sales, quit claims, wills and church affiliations,

all the types of legal papers are interfiled in chronological order grouped about the names of Thomas Punderson and Elisha Punderson. This is done because only about a half dozen do not concern them directly. There are four Thomas Pundersons, and consultation with the genealogy included as the first item will establish, for the most part, which Thomas is designated in a particular document. In a very few cases there remains some doubt as to whether the Thomas of 1752-1829 or 1783-1848 is the subject. In all transactions where a town is not specified, the person or property concerned is of or in New Haven. The last five manuscripts are personal papers.

The number in parenthesis after each item indicates the number of sheets.

*For work of L. S. Punderson, engraver of New Haven, see MSS# 134,
New Haven Printers and Engravers*

Box I Folder A

- Copy of genealogy of Pundersons involved in these papers, taken from Families of Ancient New Haven, by Donald Lines Jacobus, pg. 1494-1498 (3)
- Daniel Hotchkiss to Thomas Punderson, land deed Jan. 18, 172 $\frac{1}{2}$ (1722) (1)
- Samuel Heaton to Thomas Punderson, land deed, April 3, 1733 (1)
- Will of Thomas Punderson, dated May 23, 1741, naming wife, Lydia Bradley and son, Thomas, executors, with codocil added on same sheet on Dec. 22, 1741. (1)
- Gideon Thompson of Goshen to Thomas Punderson, land deed, Jan. 3, 1755 (1)
- John Woodin, Jr., to Thomas Punderson, land deed, April 10, 1760 (1)
- Joseph Mix to Thomas Punderson, land deed, Jan. 4, 1765 (1)
- Thomas Punderson (1713-1781) to son, Thomas (1752-1829) land in fee simply as a gift, Feb. 11, 1779 (1)
- Inventory of estate of Thomas Punderson accepted by Probate Court and Thomas Punderson, executor, listing freeholders to divide assets: Isaac Bradley, James Gilbert and Peter Johnson. April 3, 1781 (1)
- Deed to Thomas and Samuel Punderson for certain part of highway in exchange for other specified lands by six selectmen: Henry Daggett, John Hubbard, Joseph Munson, Jesse Ford, Asa Goodyear, and Stephen Smith, Nov. 21, 1782 (1)
- Edward Allen of Woodbury to Thomas Punderson, land deed, Nov. 22, 1782 (1)
- Demaris Punderson to Thomas Punderson, land deed, April 2, 1783 (1)
- Thomas Howell to Thomas Punderson, land deed, Dec. 10, 1785 (1)
- Timothy Cooper of Hamden to Elisha Booth of Hamden, quit claim deed to half of lot bought by them together in Hamden, June 16, 1787 (1)
- Lemuel Hotchkiss and Erastus Bradley to Thomas Punderson, land deed to one half of certain land in common with Joshua Hotchkiss (1)

Folder B

- Elisha Booth of Hamden to Thomas Punderson, deed to land in Hamden March 29, 1788 (1)
- Elisha and Sarah Booth of Hamden to Hannah Punderson (wife of Thomas 1752-1829) land deed in Hamden in return for her support of them during their natural lives March 31, 1788 (1)

- Hezekiah Tuttle, Peter Johnson and Jonah Hotchkiss to Thomas Punderson, quit claim deed to land in Hamden April 2, 1788 (1)
- Joshua Hotchkiss to Thomas Punderson, quit claim land deed Dec. 30, 1789 (1)
- Hannah Bingley to Capt. Thomas Punderson, quit claim land deed Jan. 8, 1791 (1)
- Thomas and Joseph Howell to Thomas Punderson, land deed July 27, 1791 (1)
- Nathan Beers to Thomas and Samuel Punderson, land deed Oct. 21, 1791 (1)
- Obadiah Hotchkiss to Thomas Punderson, land deed Mar. 26, 1792 (1)
- Seth Turner and Israel Davis to Thomas Punderson, deed to land in Glastonbury, Vt., Aug. 27, 1792 (1)
- James Bassett of Hamden to Thomas Punderson, land deed Feb. 3, 1792 (1)
- Michael Todd to Capt. Thomas Punderson, land deed June 2, 1794 (1)
- Elihu Hall of Wallingford to Thomas and Samuel Punderson, land deed (brothers) June 10, 1795 (1)
- Samuel Punderson to his brother, Thomas Punderson, quit claim deed to land alongside homestead of their late father Jan. 6, 1796 (1)
- Israel Munson to Capt. Thomas Punderson, land deed Feb. 5, 1796 (1)
- John and Sarah Pierpont to Thomas and Samuel Punderson (brothers) land deed April 12, 1797 (1)

Folder C

- Elizabeth Fitch and James Hillhouse, administrators of estate of Col. Jonathan Fitch, land deed to Thomas Punderson for acreage opposite his dwelling May 2, 1797 (1)
- Josiah Meigs, Isaac Mills and Isaac Beers, for Proprietors of the New Burying Ground to Thomas, Daniel and Samuel Punderson (brothers) deed to Lot 5, Tier 3 Nov. 8, 1797 (1)
- Acsach Chatterton to Capt. Thomas Punderson, quit claim deed to dower rights in all real estate of deceased husband, Stephen, Dec. 25, 1797 (1)
- John Chatterton to Capt. Thomas Punderson, land deed Jan. 22, 1798 (1)
- Hannah Sacket and Mary Gordon to Thomas Punderson, land deed June 7, 1799 (1)
- Hezekiah and Lucy Bradley to Thomas and Samuel Punderson, land deed Aug. 19, 1799 (1)

- Box I* Mary Hillhouse to Thomas Punderson, land deed Nov. 26, 1799 (1)
- Thomas Punderson, Medad Osborn and Alexander Langmuir, selectmen, to Capt. Thomas Punderson, land deed to certain part of highway no longer needed for public use Dec. 6, 1799 (1)
- Samuel Bishop, Jeremiah Atwater and Nathan Smith, for Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands, land deed to Silas Hotchkiss April 28, 1801 (1)
- Daniel Hubbard to Thomas Punderson, land deed Sept. 28, 1801 (1)
- Jonathan Booth of Hamden to Hannah Punderson (wife of Thomas 1752-1829) land deed in Hamden March 31, 1802 (1)
- Elijah Thompson to Thomas Punderson, land deed Jan. 3, 1804 (1)
- Hannover Barney and Elihu Munson to Thomas Punderson and Hezekiah Augur, land deed Feb. 18, 1805 (1)
- Henry Munson to Thomas Punderson, land deed April 11, 1805 (1)
- Levi Ives to Thomas Punderson, quit claim land deed Dec. 20, 1805 (1)

Folder D

- Thomas Punderson to Thomas Punderson, Jr. (1783-1848) land deed Dec. 9, 1806 (1)
- Samuel Punderson and Elisha Munson to Thomas Punderson, quit claim land deed July 1, 1807 (1)
- Samuel Punderson to Thomas Punderson, quit claim land deed Jan. 30, 1810 (1)
- Samuel Bishop, Jeremiah Atwater and Nathan Smith, for Proprietors of the Common and Undivided Lands, to Thomas Punderson, Samuel Punderson, Simeon Baldwin, Peter Johnson, Eli Ives, Hezekiah Hotchkiss, Eleazar Hotchkiss and heirs of James T. Thompson, land deed Nov. 14, 1810 (1)
- Thaddeus Beecher and Eleazer Foster, administrators of estate of James Thompson, lease of Gillet land for farming to Thomas Punderson April 16, 1811 (1)
- Martin Parrott to Capt. Thomas Punderson, land deed Oct. 1, 1811 (1)
- Elijah and James Alling to Thomas Punderson, land deed Oct. 30, 1811 (1)
- Hezekiah Augur, administrator of estate of Minot Augur, to Thomas Punderson, land deed reserving dower rights of widow Nov. 18, 1811 (1)
- Sally Augur to Thomas Punderson, quit claim deed to land and dwelling of above item Jan. 2, 1812 (1)

Box I

- Huldah Thompson to Thomas Punderson, land deed June 8, 1812 (1)
- Samuel Punderson, Andrew Kidston, Eli Hotchkiss and Eleazar Foster, selectmen, to Thomas Punderson, quit claim land deed June 1, 1812 (1)
- Eneas Monson and Stephen Turning, administrators of estate of Jehu Brainard, to Thomas Punderson, deed for 2 shares in New Haven and Milford Turnpike Co. Jan. 18, 1814 (1)
- Glover and Hannah Ball to Thomas Punderson, land deed Oct. 19, 1814 (1)
- Isaac A. and Pamela Hunt of Woodbridge and Laura Prentice of Bethlehem to Thomas Punderson, land deed Oct. 22, 1814 (1)
- Simeon Baldwin, Eleazar Foster and Timothy Dwight, Jr. for United Society, to Thomas Punderson, deed to pew 38 in nearly completed new church Dec. 7, 1815 (1)

Folder E

- Justus and Harriet Harrison, James and Lydia Bradley, and Clarissa Bradley, heirs of Eli Hotchkiss, to Samuel and Thomas Punderson, Hezekiah Howe, Charles Sherman, Ebenezer Johnson, Jr., Lemah Dunning, Nathan Peck, William H. Elliot, Jared Bradley, Timothy Dwight, Jr., Reuben Rice, William Stanley, James Henry, Hervey Mulford, Abel Burritt, Jr., Luther Bradley and Eleazar Foster, quit claim deed Oct. 9, 1816 (1)
- Elisha Punderson, John Fitch and Roger Baldwin to Thomas Punderson, land deed June 24, 1817 (1)
- Eli Ives to Thomas Punderson, deed to 1/8 part of Mill Scott and water privileges in Beaver Hills March 30, 1818 (1)
- Report of committee of proprietors of the Common Field in Beaver Hills, listing all proprietors and their acreage in that district June 1818 (1)
- Thomas Punderson to Col. Thomas H. Dummett, land deed. Has seal, but no signatures, date nor official recording Dec. 1821 (1)
- William Bristol to Elisha Punderson and Eleazer Hotchkiss, land deed in Woodbridge Feb. 5, 1811 (1)
- William Culver to Elisha Punderson, land deed Feb. 19, 1812 (1)
- Thomas Punderson, administrator of estate of John Culver, to Elisha Punderson, land deed to other half of land purchased in preceding item Feb. 20, 1812 (1)
- Eleazer Hotchkiss to Elisha Punderson, quit claim deed for land in Woodbridge, but reserving growing wood to himself Apr. 6, 1812 (1)
- Ebenezer Sherman of Woodbridge to Elisha Punderson, mortgage deed to land in Woodbridge Jan. 30, 1813 (1)

Box I

- Thomas Punderson, Jr., of Pittsfield, Mass., to his brother,
Elisha, land deed Sept. 2, 1813 (1)
- Solomon and Esther Phipps to Elisha Punderson, land deed
Dec. 2, 1815 (1)
- John Skinner and Joel Atwater to Elisha and Miles Punderson,
deed to pew 119 in new brick Meeting House of the United Society
March 1, 1816 (1)
- Thomas Punderson to Elisha Punderson, land deed June 3, 1816 (1)
- William Fitch to Elisha Punderson, John Fitch and Roger Baldwin,
quit claim deed Jan. 18, 1817 (1)

Folder F

- William Fitch to Elisha Punderson, John Fitch and Roger Baldwin,
land deed to above for purposes assigned in that deed Jan. 18, 1817(1)
- Maria Thompson of Malino, N.Y. to Elisha Punderson, land deed
June 22, 1819 (1)
- Isaac Gilbert, William Austin, Jr., and Justus Bradley, trustees
of the estate of Justus Bradley, to Elisha Punderson, quit claim
land deed Nov. 17, 1819 (1)
- Elisha Punderson to Edward Potter, Jeremiah Cooper and George
Carrington, land deed Apr. 1, 1820 (1)
- Archibald Blakeslee to Elisha Punderson, land deed Jan. 3, 1821 (1)
- Asabel Tuttle and Elisha Munson to Elisha Punderson, quit claim
land deed Jan. 3, 1821 (1)
- George Carrington, Jeremiah Cooper and Edward Potter to Elisha
Punderson, quit claim to same land above in April 1, 1820 item.
Cooper's signature missing, as well as his name in official re-
cording of deed April 27, 1821 (1)
- Elisha Punderson to Nancy Nichols, one year rent contract for
house and farm on College Street Feb. 12, 1822 (1)
- Thomas Punderson of Huntington and Elisha Punderson, executors
of their father's will, to Anthony D. Sanford, land deed in
Orange Oct. 13, 1829 (1)
- Michael G. Hotchkiss and Eleazer Hotchkiss to Elisha Punderson,
land deed Dec. 12, 1829 (1)
- Will of Hannah Punderson (mother of Thomas and Elisha and Ruth)
naming Elisha executor Aug. 12, 1830 (1)
- Samuel R. Andrew of Woodbury to Elisha Punderson, quit claim
land deed July 15, 1835 (1)

- Lyman Atwater of Hamden to Elisha Punderson, quit claim land deed Nov. 12, 1835 (1)
- Hannah Punderson of Huntington to son, Elisha Punderson, quit claim to all real estate of late husband, Thomas Punderson, except homestead and other exceptions Nov. 25, 1835 (1)
- Thomas Munson to Elisha Punderson, quit claim deed Nov. 26, 1835 (1)

Folder G

- State of Conn. quit claim to Elisha Punderson (half of deed) March 4, 1836 (1)
- Elisha and Eunice Punderson to Elisha Hull, mortgage deed March 30, 1837 (1)
- Aaron Denio of Shaftsbury, Vt., to Elisha Punderson, deed to land in Shaftsbury Dec. 15, 1837 (1)
- Joseph Chamberlin, Cyrus Chamberlin, James Thompson and Jonas Bowditch to Elisha Punderson, quit claim deed June 1, 1839 (1)
- State of Conn. to Elisha Punderson, quit claim to land in item of March 4, 1836 plus additional land June 7, 1839 (1)
- Benjamin Beecher, Levi Gilbert and other selectmen to Elisha Punderson, quit claim deed March 29, 1841 (1)
- Unidentifiable fragment of a will; Ebenezer Punderson mentioned n.d. (1)
- Thomas Punderson's prayer to Jesus imploring forgiveness for past sins and fervent commitment to live a God-directed life n.d. (1)
- Lydia Punderson's fervent religious dialogue with herself, "her relation of god's grace" n.d. (1)
- Recommendation by Simeon Baldwin of Col. Elisha Punderson's skill and integrity in the removal of buildings. Endorsement by Abraham Bradley, 2nd July 9, 1822 (1)
- Letter from E.E. Punderson in Newbury to aunt, Eunice Gilbert Punderson (1796-1839, wife of Elisha) relating teaching, religious and social life Dec. 4, 1833 (1)
- Letter from Elisha Punderson to wife, Eunice, from Shaftsbury, Vt. describing hardship of cutting lumber on his land in Woodford Jan. 18, 1835 (1)

OVERSIZE ITEM #1 Family Tree of John Punderson (1643-1729) and Mary Atwater; original drawing made in 1763, some names and notes added later.