Manuscripts
No. 15

Date processed: 1973
Additions: July, 1980

I. Title Durrie & Peck Records 1820-1860

II. The papers of the firm of Durrie & Peck, printers, publishers & booksellers deposited in the Library on a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1' 1/2" Approximate number of items: 1700

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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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: The firm of Durrie & Peck, which was founded in 1818, sold books and stationery, engaged in printing and bookbinding, and published a large line of school books. It was located on Church St. and in 1828 moved to 70 Chapel St. The founders and original partners were Deacon John Durrie (1792-1857) and Henry and Lorenzo Peck. They continued in business until the death of Deacon Durrie when the firm was reorganized and the Peck brothers were joined by William White. The new firm was named Peck, White and Peck. In 1863 Horace Peck, who had been a publisher in Philadelphia, returned to New Haven and purchased the company. In 1867 his son, Henry Peck purchased the business. (See Atwater, History of New Haven, 1887, p. 544)

VIII: Analysis: The collection consists of three boxes containing accounts; correspondence concerning book orders, publishing, supplies, etc.; book lists, and some personal letters.

The collection is arranged by type of documents, e.g. accounts, orders, etc. and chronologically within each folder. 41 documents were added in July, 1980, chiefly letters and bills. They are filed in Box III, Folders T-V and are also arranged chronologically within each folder.

Processed by: Linda Price
All folders are arranged chronologically unless otherwise noted.

BOX I—ACCOUNTS

A. accounts in which Durrie & Peck owe money
B. "
C. "
D. "
E. accounts owed to Durrie & Peck
F. "
G. "
H. "
I. "

(E-I are not in chronological order since each page contains several dates)

J. three legal documents resulting from accounts
K. letters concerning exchange accounts
   (includes list of those accounts, N.D.)
L. "
M. Letters concerning payment of bills
N. "
O. "
P. "
Q. "
R. "
S. "
T. "
U. checks, bank drafts, etc. to and from Durrie & Peck
V. "
W. "
X. stock purchase

BOX II—ORDERS & LISTS OF AVAILABLE BOOKS

A. book orders sent to Durrie & Peck
B. "
C. "
D. "
E. "
F. "
G. "
H. "
I. "
J. inquiries concerning books available through Durrie & Peck and cost of same
K. concerning books sent by firm
L. rejections of books offered for sale
M. books returned to firm
N. offers to sell books to Durrie & Peck
O. responses to books orders made by firm
P. letters concerning subscription subscription salesman
Q. "
R. communication with authors
S. printed sheet catalogues of books
T. printed sheet catalogues of books 1836-1860
(S & T also usually contain exchange orders)
U. trade circulars: trade sales 1831-1838
V. book lists dealing with religion
W. " "
X. " "
Y. book lists dealing with New Haven History
Z1. book lists dealing with United States History
Z2. book lists dealing with Yale
(The above six listings are not in chronological order
because each page contains several dates.)

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Box III:
Folder T - Correspondence/In 1828-1860 [23]
book orders, letters re bills, publishing, etc.
U - Bills, Receipts, Promissory Notes, 1826-1834 [17]
V - Obituary, Henry Peck, typescript from New Haven
Journal & Courier, March, 1867 [1]