I. Title  
TURNPIKE COMPANIES COLLECTION, 1770-1883.

II. The papers of Various local turnpike companies deposited in the Library on , by In converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 1
Approximate number of items: 50

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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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.

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VII. Biographical note: When enough people thought that there should be a road between two points, they would get together, pool their capital, and sell stock in a Turnpike Co. Once the road was built, it would charge a toll, which would hopefully turn a profit and allow the company to pay dividends to its stockholders.

The heyday of these turnpike companies was in the late 1700's and the early and middle 1800's. After that, most of the roads were taken over by the towns in which they lay, and the practice of collecting tolls for the most part abolished.

(Note: See rate schedule in Box 1, Folder L, for a list of traffic exempt from toll. These exemptions are quite liberal, and the companies could be seen as performing a public service.)

VIII. Analysis: Collection consists of 1 box, 4 ledgers.
Folders within box are lettered in the upper left hand corner.
Records of various New Haven area turnpikes

N.B.--The records of the Derby Turnpike Co. are filed under the John E. Bassett & Co. papers (Box 53, Items 231&232). These also contain a history of the company with a good explanation of the nature of the Turnpike Company (Box 53, Folder P).
Box 1--Papers of Companies, 1770-1883

Folder A--Ledger of Oxford Turnpike Co. (Records) 1775-1833
Folder B-- " " " " Financial Records, Expenditures 1858-1877
Folder C--Oxford Turnpike Co., Maintenance Contracts, Bill, Expense List 1878-1884
Folder D--Hartford & New Haven Turnpike Co.--
   * Toll tickets, letters, assessments of necessary repairs, etc. (See also Items 2 & 3.) 1798-1824
Folder E--Cheshire Turnpike Co. Charter 1800
Folder F-- " " " Toll Gate #2 tickets, signed by Pres. Rufus Hitchcock Not dated
Folder G--Rimmon Falls Turnpike Co. Stock Receipt, Rate agreement 1803-04
Folder H--New Haven & Milford Turnpike Co.
   Subscription Lists (See also Items 4 & 5) 1804-05
Folder I--New Haven & Milford Turnpike Co.
   Misc. Papers--Tax receipts, legal agreements, Power of attorney document, etc. (See also Items 4 & 5) 1855-67
Folder J--Letter from Epaphroditus Champion to Nehemiah Hubbard regarding proposed turnpike from Middletown to New Haven 1812
Folder K--Leavenworth Bridge Co. Reports 1817, 1820
   Derby Bridge and Ferry Co. (Leavenworth's successor) -- papers, mostly regarding construction of new bridge 1833-46
Folder L--Miscellaneous Items
   (a) "Survey of a Highway near the Great (Housatonic?) River at a place called Caterockaway Newton April 20, 1770"
   (b) County Court proceedings regarding projected road from Derby Landing to NW corner of New Haven County, with survey of route. 1798
   (c) Gatekeeper's Records--not clear from which turnpike 1803-1812
   (d) New Haven, Durham & Middletown Turnpike Co.
      Arguments against company throwing about 4 miles of road on towns of New Haven & East Haven (Same road mentioned in Folder J?) 1838
   (e) Rate schedule No date or Company name 1809-1810

Folder M--See p. 2

* Toll tickets are printed on recycled maps laminated with printed side facing inward. Tickets were then printed on back side. Map predates turnpike so earlier than 1820. From fragmentary place names (Geneseo, Connecticut) map may be of N.Y. State.
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LEDGERS

Item 2: Record of the Hartford & New Haven Turnpike Co. 1799-1855
(Minutes, Bill of Form, General Assembly Resolution, etc.)
See also: Box 1, Folder D

Item 3: Accounts of the Hartford & New Haven Turnpike Co. 1799-1856
(Stock Transactions) See also Box 1, Folder D

Item 4—New Haven & Milford Turnpike Co. Ledger 1802-1862
(Account Book-stock transactions, etc.)
See also Box 1, Folders H&I

Item 5—New Haven & Milford Turnpike Co. Day Book 1802-1873
(Stock transferrals, dividend receipts, etc.)
See also: Box 1, Folders H&I

Box 1

Folder M - Miscellaneous additions, August, 1980 [6]
- Middle Road Turnpike Co., Woodbury, four shares, 1809; two to Jonas Hungerford; two to Jared Bidwell
- New Haven & Milford Turnpike Col Agreement to support dykes near the West Bridge, 1817, signed by Eben Townsend et al. directors
- Humphreyville & Salem Bridge Turnpike Co., 1849 insurance policy with Mutual Insurance Co. of Hartford for the Toll House in Derby

Folder N - Papers concerning collection

OVERSIZE ITEM #1
- Rate Petition, Rinfong Falls Turnpike Co., 1804 (Folder G)
- Rate Schedule, No date, no company name (Folder L)