NEW HAVEN HARBOR COLLECTION, 1750 - 1925

[8 linear feet, circa 5,555 items]

Biographical Notes

The New Haven Harbor Collection encompasses a number of small collections pertaining to various aspects of the New Haven harbor:

- Farmington Canal Papers, MSS 57A
- New Haven Wharf Papers, MSS 57B
- New Haven Custom House Papers, MSS 57C
- George Rowland Papers, MSS 57D
- Abraham Heaton & John Heaton Jr. Papers, MSS 57E
- New Haven Oyster Industry Photographs, MSS 57F
- New Haven Harbor Photographs, MSS 57G
- New Haven Shipping Photographs, MSS 57H
- Canal Photographs, MSS 57I

The collection reflects the development of the harbor itself, as well as of commerce and industry associated with it.

Analysis

The collection consists of 1 full boxes, 1 half box, 14 wrapped ledgers, 4 oversize folders with posters, etc., and 3 photograph folders. The collection contains documents, both loose and bound, poster/broadside, maps, photographs, negatives, etc.

The collection consists of a number of related subcollections each of which is treated separately; each has its own MSS no. created by adding a letter to the main MSS no. (MSS 57A) and the boxes and items are numbered consecutively within each MSS no. (MSS 57A, Box I; MSS 57B, Box I). The material within each subcollection is organized first by subject and then alphabetically and/or chronologically. Oversized material is stored separately; maps are located in the Library’s Map Collection; photographs, save for the Oyster Industry, are located in the Photograph File, the majority of which are either of material found in the Harbor Collection itself or the Dana Collection.

In March, 1980 24 items were added to #57C (Custom House and Abraham Bishop papers) chiefly from the Leffingwell Autograph Collection. See the title page and p. 5 of the content guide to this part of the collection for a description of these manuscripts (primarily letters).

In June, 1980 additions were made to #57A, #57B, #57C, & #57E, the most important of which are notes and typescripts for a history of the Farmington Canal. See title pages and content guides to these collections for description of these additions.

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Filming Pattern

Items having two sides only, such as two page letters, bills, etc. are almost always filmed on the front first, followed by the back on the next frame. Usually there are several fronts on one frame, followed by their backs on the next. The most commonly used filming patterns are:

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Sometimes the pattern of filming varies from the models shown above. Some of the items have been filmed sideways. Occasionally a document has been filmed twice.

The filming of a ledger may be interrupted by the filming of a slip of paper. These slips were found in the ledger at the place filmed.

Many of the notations showing the division point between folders are at the bottom of a frame.
NOTES ABOUT SPECIFIC SECTIONS

REEL I.  FARMINGTON CANAL PAPERS - MSS 57A

BOX I.

Folder A - Commission minutes of meetings - p. 29. Page no. torn off on original. Page no. 31 from following page shows through in filming.

Folder F. - Backs of stock certificates not filmed are blank.

Folder G. - Document 2 - Extracts from records. Title page follows page of document, then page 3 follows.

Document 12 - last frame showing canal basin is verso of previous frame.

Folder N. - Backs of stock certificates photographed are: "231.29-" back of February 12, 1828 - Durrie & Peck; "F. Canal, one share-" back of Wm. Dwight, Dec. 15th, 1826. These are the only backs with writing on them.

Folder P. - Document 4 - Lease "this indenture..." filmed twice, once with certificate in place, once without.

Folder R. Part of the original material was probably fastened onto pages of magazine to make a scrapbook of them. Parts of the original pages from the magazine have been filmed.

Page 7 - Page not complete on original.

Frame after page 23 - Disregard. Shows back of sheets with printing from mounting and part of a previous frame already filmed.

Above page 24 - Section does not fit into narrative filmed.

This frame filmed twice.

Page starting with "Herald, Jan. 26, 1830- this page filmed twice to allow material under article to be seen in second filming.

BOX II.

Folder B. P. 120, 121 - Duplicate of text in original. Between p. 168 & 169 - 2 unnumbered pages in original and on back of second unnumbered page.

After p. 189 - unnumbered page on back of p. 189.

ITEM III. Documents 3-11. Survey Form. 9 printed copies of this form in original material. All have been filmed.

REEL II A.  NEW HAVEN WHARP PAPERS - MSS 57B and NEW HAVEN CUSTOM HOUSE PAPERS - MSS 57C.

BOX I. - Folder C - Documents 9 and 10 - Reversed on film from register. Folder D - Document 2 - second contract - begins after "Present rate of wharfage" page of first contract.

Item III - Page 4 - Photographed twice, once without insert, then with it.

Item IV - Document 1 - Two separate copies - each filmed.
NEW HAVEN CUSTOM HOUSE PAPERS - MSS 57C

BOX I.

Folder D. Document 1 - ends with frame "A letter from Oliver Wolcott, Esq., enabling an abstract..."
Document 24- Filmed out of order between documents 10 and 11.
Folder F. Document 1 - Original torn off at bottom.
Folder I. Bound Ledger. Penciled notation before "Folder I" from inside front cover of ledger.

REEL IIB.

GEORGE ROWLAND PAPERS - MSS 57D

BOX I.

Folder D. Account book. Two pages removed from original between pages beginning with 7233.35 and 99258.44.
Folder L. Account book. two pages marked Apr., 1842 - Jan., 1842 out of order on original.

REEL III. BOX II.

Item A. Account book with index. p. 10 - envelope found in this page of book filmed. p. 66 & 87 - filmed twice to show both sides of notes found on these pages.

BOX III.

ITEM IV. Part of index missing in original.
p.31-32- filmed twice to show both sides of slip of paper.
Two page 336's in original.
ITEM V. Top part between Tues., July 1, 1824 and Wed., July 7, 1824 torn out on original.
Two frames after Mon., Sept. 18, 1825 are of two loose leaves belonging to another book. These loose leaves begin with "Elnathan Atwater to R. Roland, Dr. 1820- July 7..."
ITEM VI. p. 455. page number bent. Therefore next page number, 457 shows instead.
p. 739- page number not visible.
ITEM VII. 2 p. 438s in original.
p. 54- page no,does not show in filming.
2 p. 188's in original.
no p.217 in original.
ITEM IX. 2 pages 83 and 91 in original. No page 93 in original.
ITEM x. p.16, 105 - page numbers bent-do not show on film
REEL V. ABRAHAM AND JOHN HEATON PAPERS, MSS 57E

BOX I - Abraham Heaton

Folder E. Documents 39 & 40 - Wright and York Receipts - filmed in reverse order from listing in register.

Folder F. Index Slips. Not filmed. Slips are with collection.

Folder H. Documents 28 & 29. Sloop Dove. Filmed twice, with document 28 filmed upside down the first time.

Folder I. Document 34. Does not seem to fit in with Brig Prospect.

Folder J. Index Slips. Not filmed. Slips are with collection.

Folder M. Ledger. Tues., Aug. 27, 1815 - part below tear belongs to following pages.

ITEM IIA - Ledger p. 91-99 not present in original.

ITEM IIB - Ledger p. 3-page numbers not showing.

REEL VI. BOX III. John Heaton, Jr. Papers


Folder F.


Folder I. Cancelled notes and checks, 1816-1820. Third frame from last - duplicate filming of backs of three checks.

Folder M. Checks, 1825-26 (New Haven Bank) Check dated Sept. 16, 1825 filmed twice.

BOX IV - John Heaton Jr., Papers.

Two vertical stripes have been placed between the back of one set of documents and the front of the next. In a few cases the bars are in the wrong place.

BOX V - John Heaton, Jr. Papers

Folder C. Bill Edward Hallet, Apr. 10, 1826 filmed twice.

Folder G. Bills, L. Frame of 5 bills beginning with Langdon & Potter May 29, 1818 ending at bottom with bill - Wm. Lanson, Nov. 22, 1822-$6.50. Back filmed twice, with Lansoh bill at bottom each time. Top of back of this bill is in first frame, bottom of back in second.
ABRAHAM AND JOHN HEATON, JR. PAPERS (cont.)

BOX VI. John Heaton, Jr. (cont.)

Folder A. Bills. Bill of Jospeh Moss, Aug. 27, 1822 filmed out of order, between front and back of bill of B & P Mullen.

Folder B. Bills. Frames 5-7. Frame headed by July 26, 1819, bill from New Haven Distillery. Bottom bill of this frame, $35.56 from New Haven Steamboat Company, July 25. Backs are filmed twice in two frames following. Top of back of Steamboat Company bill is in following frame at lower right, bottom of same is filmed in next frame in same position.

REEL VII begins at BOX VII of the ABRAHAM HEATON AND JOHN HEATON, JR. PAPERS, MSS 57E, AND CONTINUES WITH MSS 57F-MSS 57I.

MSS 57F, 57G and 57H - No notes

MSS 57I - PHOTOGRAphS OF CANALS- Some of these photos are also in MSS 57A, BOX I, Folder T - Farmington Canal Papers.