

# NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Date processed: March 21, 1977

- I. Title New Haven Harbor Collection: George Rowland (1797-Nov.9,1865)  
Papers, 1812-1866.
- II. The papers of George Rowland  
deposited in the Library on \_\_\_\_\_, by  
In \_\_\_\_\_ converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 ft.  
Approximate number of items: 984 items plus 14 bound ledgers
- IV. Restrictions: none
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of  
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to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on \_\_\_\_\_
- VII. Biographical note: see p. 1.

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VIII. Analysis: The collection contains loose documents and bound ledgers pertaining to George Rowland's business. There is also one account book pertaining to Ed. S. Rowland's business.  
See the Maritime Collection for letter from Thomas Fitch Rowland to R. Charles Dickerman, Dec. 19, 1904.  
For content of collection see Content Guide, pp. 2-3.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Rowland (1797--Nov. 9, 1865) Papers

George Rowland, son of Samuel Rowland, a probate judge, was born in Fairfield, CT. George was one of ten children; his brother Edward S. (1802-1882) had a grocery store in New Haven and his brother Henry was a wholesale flour merchant in New York City.

On December 3, 1821 George Rowland married Ruth Caroline Attwater (April 29, 1799--Sep. 11, 1837) and had at least six children. Three of his sons--George, Thomas Fitch and Fred--worked in his grist mill. Thomas Fitch Rowland (1831--1907) was also involved in the building of the "Monitor."

George Rowland's mill known as the "City Mill" was built in 1834 on Union Street, midway between Cherry and Chapel Streets. From 1840, the "Eagle" from the Steamboat "United States" was perched atop of the mill. In the autumn of 1847 the building was removed to provide room for the Union Railroad Depot and George became an agent for the N.Y. & N.H.R.R. The mill also served as a pumping station, pumping water from the Farmington Canal into water carts. The Canal's first lock, known as Rowland's lock, was located there.

George Rowland was considered to be a witty man and had the reputation of a good miller. He was associated with the Farmington Canal in its early stages. During the ground breaking ceremonies, he had the honor to navigate a canal boat on wheels occupied by a distinguished party which included Governor Oliver Wolcott.

GEORGE ROWLAND PAPERS

Content Guide

- Box I
- item A. Bankbook--Mechanics' Bank, 1826-1830 (small notebook) [sic] [circa 15]
  - B. Bankbook--account of Elnathan Atwater (with New-Haven Bank, 1815-1817; Wharfage Book, Canal Landing, 1830-1832) [circa 6]
  - C. Account book--"E.S.Rowland Dealer in Flour Groceries Wood & Willow War[e] 197 Chapel St. New Haven" stamped on cover (property of Edward S. Rowland), 1862-1866 (penciled entries almost illegible) [circa 9]
  - D. Account Book--Estate of C.W.Hermian, 1845; plus various entries, 1845-1864 (two pages removed)[circa 14]
  - E. Account Book--"Bag Book," various accounts including "account of bathing," 1825 (very poor condition) [circa 13]
  - F. Account Book--"Trip to Southington," 1828 [circa 2]
  - G. Account Book--various accounts pertaining to shipping; and Capt. Attwater, 1812-1817 (penciled entries almost illegible) [circa 27]
- H-J. Index Books [circa 72]
- K. Account Book--Cash receipts, 1822-1827 [circa 14]
  - L. Account Book--Memoranda, 1832-1845 [circa 71]
  - M. Account Book, 1833-1835 [circa 240]
  - N. Account Book, 1835-1836 [circa 244]
  - O. Account Book, 1836-1837 [circa 224]
  - P. Account Book, bound ledger, 1821-1824 [circa 215]
- Box II
- item A. Account Book with Index, bound ledger, 1820-1821 [circa 229]
  - B. Account Book with Index, bound ledger, 1832-1842 [circa 263]
  - C. Account Book with Index, bound ledger, 1841-1848 [circa 206]
  - D. Loose documents removed from ledgers [circa 33]
    - 1. Letter to George Rowland from Sam Rowland (father), 1826
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- 2213. Receipts, 1830-1848
  - 14-18. Misc. notes, n.d.
  - 19. Accounts (3 pieces), n.d.
  - 20-27. Misc. scrap papers
  - 28-30. Newspaper clippings
  - 31. Part of a two dollar bill
  - 32. Blank check--Mechanics' Bank
  - 33. Label--Harnden & Co's Express
- Box III
- item A. Memorandum of bills, bound ledger, 1820-1823, plus misc. entries [circa 263]
  - B. Memorandum of bills, bound ledger, 1820-1821 [circa 269]
  - C. 1852 petition for support of George Rowland

item	IV. Account Book with Index, 1822-1834	[circa 434]
	V. Account Book--sales & cash book, 1823-1828	[circa 288]
	VI. Account Book, 1824-1826 (continuation of I:P)	[circa 291]
	VII. Account Book, 1826-1830	[circa 334]
	VIII. Account Book, 1828-1831	[circa 158]
	IX. Account Book with Index, 1830-1841	[circa 150]
	X. Account Book, 1837-1841	[circa 310]