NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts
No. 58

Date processed: April, 1977
Revised April, 1979

I. Title Women's Collection, 1704-1930.

II. The papers of several women and women's organizations in the New Haven area. 

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 feet
Approximate number of items: 330

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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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 52 women whose papers constitute the bulk of the collection lived in the New Haven area during at least part of their lives to the best of our knowledge. The materials span the years 1704 to circa 1930. Most of the women lived in the 19th century.
The 3 societies whose papers are in this collection were established in New Haven in the early 19th century (ca. 1814) and ceased to exist by the end of the century. They were each devoted to religious and charitable work.
The production of Antigone was given by the women of New Haven in 1891.

VIII. Analysis:
The collection consists of 4 full boxes, 1/2 box, and 4 oversize folders containing materials and papers of New Haven area women. It is divided into six categories:
1) Diaries
2) Receipt and recipe books
3) Albums (autograph books, friendship albums and bridal albums)
4) Correspondence and miscellaneous papers (letters, scrapbooks, clippings, etc.)
5) Papers of women's societies
6) Miscellaneous (scrapbook of production of Antigone)
The material is filed alphabetically (by last name of woman or organization) under each of the six categories. Anonymous works appear at the end of each category. Loose papers found in the diaries and albums are filed in a folder at the end of the box which contains the album of diary.

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Processed by: Isabelle Gould
Dates of the material appear on the outside of each folder. For further information see the Table of Contents (p. 3-14). The numbers in parentheses on the left give the approximate number of documents in each folder. Oversize items are listed at end of Table of Contents.

In August, 1980 a number of additions were made to the collection. They can be found in Box V, Folders C-F, and are listed in the Register on page 15. Of greatest interest are a diary of Minnie Monk kept in 1881 and a Minute Book of the Theulile Society, kept from 1845 to 1849, a literary and social society for young ladies.
WOMEN'S COLLECTION
1704-1930

Table of Contents

BOX I - DIARIES (A-S)

Folder A - Mary M. Augur, - Whitneyville

(1) 1887-1892 - plus list of "Important Events" 1887-1892.
    One line each day for six years
    (See Augur family genealogy, pp. 161-62 & 209)

Folder B - Jane Marble Day (Mrs. Henry N.) - New Haven

(1) "Red Letter Days" - to "Mother" November 6, 1880 -
    list of births, deaths, marriages under days of
    year
    (See Dana Collection, Vol. 2 pp. 41-44)
    Gift of estate of the Misses Day
    See Box I: M for loose papers from diary

Folder B1 - Mary Bryant Whiting Deming (Mrs. Clarence) - New Haven

(1) Diary and scrapbook 1890-1908 ca. 85 pp.
    (See Who Was Who 1897-1942 p. 313)
    See also Historic Figures MSS # Clarence Deming

Folder C - Eunice Carew Huntington (Mrs. Joseph) - Norwich (Also
    on Microfilm no. 33)

(2) April, 1792-November, 1794
    a. original diary - 13 pp. (fragment)
    b. typed copy - 9 pp. plus 7 pp. Index of people
       in diary, listed alphabetically with notes
       identifying each person.
    (See Huntington Genealogy Memoir p. 478 - related to
     Hunttings of New Haven)
    Gift of Carroll Alton-Means of Woodbridge

Folder D - Mabel Lancraft - Fair Haven

(3) Three diaries - 1887-1890
    a. June 12 - August 29, 1887
    b. August 1 - October 6, 1889
    c. December, 1889 - March 3, 1890
    (See Tuttle family genealogy p. 295)
    See Box I: M for loose papers - See also Box IV:
    L-N for papers of her sister E.L. Hovey

Folder E - Polly Linsley - North Branford

(10) 20 mss pamphlets - 1809-1827 - numbered in Roman
     numerals - some volumes missing
     Vols. II - XIX - 1809-1823
     II: June, 1809 - April, 1810; VI June-December, 1812;
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1815-June, 1816; X Nov. 1817-April, 1818; XI April-Nov. 1818; XII June, 1819-April, 1820; XIV April-June, 1820; XV Aug. 1820-March, 1821; XIX Dec. 1822-May, 1823; plus one undated - early (pp. 25-32) contains poetry written by Miss Linsley as well as diary entries.

Gift of Percy E. Raymond, Boston, 1952

Folder F - Polly Linsley - continued from Folder E

(10) Vols. XXII - XXXIX 1824-1827
XXII Jan.-June, 1824; XXIV Oct. 1824-Jan. 1825; XXV Feb.-April, 1825; XXVI April-July, 1825; no number Oct.-Nov. 1825; XXXI March-May, 1826; XXXIV July-Sept. 1826; XXXVI Dec. 1826-March, 1827; XXXVII April-June, 1827; XXXIX Aug.-Dec., 1827

F1 Wills of Reuben Linsley and Polly Linsley 1811-1830 (photocopies) (5)
(See Baldwin family genealogy, p. 86)

Folder G - Thalia Maria McMahon (Mrs. Alexis Painter - West Haven

(1) 1806-1889
August, 1848 - March, 1849 - daily entries, family and religious life
(See Historic Figures MXX # for history of Painter family)
Gift of James Bronson Reynolds, 1923
Minnie Monk - see p. 15

Folder H - Helen Wells Seymour - Washington, D.C.

(1) Jan. 1 - Sept. 13, 1893
visited relatives in Pine Orchard 1893 - mentions New Haven families
(See Seymour family genealogy, p. 401)
Gift of Mrs. C. B. Doolittle, New Haven - her sister
See Box I: Folder M for loose papers - also Box I: Folders I and J for diaries of her sisters

Folder I - Laura Leggett Seymour (Mrs. C. B. Doolittle) Washington, D.C.

(1) Jan. 1 - Jan. 27, 1889 - also list of friends and addresses, letters received and written in Jan. 1889
(See Seymour family genealogy, p. 400)

Married Charles Doolittle of New Haven - presented this and her sisters' diaries (Folders H & J) to Society

Folder J - Rae Mortimer Seymour (Dwight) - Washington, D.C.

(1) Jan. 1 - August 3, 1893 - visited Pine Orchard 1893
New Haven families mentioned. Contains sketches by author; describes Grover Cleveland's inauguration, visit to Clara Barton, Lizzie Borden case. (See Seymour family genealogy, pp. 400-401)

Gift of Mrs. C. B. Doolittle - See Folder I
See Box I: M for loose papers - also Folders H & I for diaries of her sisters

Folder K - Jennette Shepherd - Diary and Account Book
(1) October - December, 1837 - diary - refers to "Jennette" (may have been kept by someone else) - half devoted to Accounts of Jennette Shepherd 1840-42. (See Shepherd family genealogy Vol. 2, p. 191)

Folder L - Anonymous - "Red Letter Days"
(1) A Register of Anniversaires and Birthdays (N.Y. Randolph & Co., 1880) No indication to whom it belonged - entries in different handwritings - alphabetical index of people names in diary - New Haven families.
Owner may have been member of Fuller-Pierpont family
See Box I: Folder M for loose papers found in diary

Folder M - Loose papers from diaries - Box I

Folder B - Mrs. Day - fragment of letter (1865); card (1892); note about Henry Noble Day; newspaper clippings - obituaries (Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Walker), note of Mrs. H.M. Day sailing for Bremen, 1885, clipping on Commemoration Day (n.d.)

Folder B1 - Mary W. B. Deming prescriptions

Folder D - Mabel Lancraft - history of family of William and Amanda Lancraft; newspaper clippings re death of William Lancraft, Feb. 9, 1876; memorial to Amanda Lancraft, 1888; Harvey R. Lancraft, letter from his mother (Amanda) 1862.

Folder H - Helen Seymour - lock of hair, Carrie Adams; Hotel Ponce de Leon, St. Augustine, Fla. (fragment of letter on back); newspaper clipping re Wallace McLean

Folder I - Laura Seymour - note to "Laura"; clipping re Wallace McLean

Folder J - Rae Seymour - newspaper photos and clippings

Folder L - Red Letter Days - Obituary of Dr. Austin B. Fuller (Diary, p. 107) 1921; news clipping re Mrs. Edwin Poteat of New Haven
BOX II

RECEIPT & RECIPES BOOKS (C-0)
ALBUMS (AUTOGRAPH & FRIENDSHIP) (B-H)

Folder A - Mary Griswold Chauncy - Account Book c. 1765
(1) 16 pp. mother of Charles Chauncy of New Haven (See Memorials of the Chauncys, p. 112)

Folder B - Daggett (Alfred) family - Receipts and Expenditures, 1845
(1) used by female members of family to copy recipes and knitting instructions (See History of Doggett/Daggett Family, p. 193)
See Box II: P for loose papers, and Box II: M for Album of Laura Gilbert Daggett (Mrs. Albert)

Folder C - Sarah Sears Deering - Receipt Book 1833-1840 New Haven
(1) Receipts and one recipe (blue dye)

Folder D - Julia Wooster De Forest - New Haven - Account Book 1850-1865
(1) Accounting of estate of John Van Ness (died 1834) and Francis Van Ness (died 1860) (See New Haven Vital Records, p. 548; marriage of John Van Ness to Francisca T.J. DeForest)
See Box II: P for marriage settlement of Julia DeForest 1836 - See also The DeFores of Avesnes by J.W. DeForest for information on Julia Wooster DeForest

Folder E - Electra S. Landcraft - Receipt (Recipe) Book
(1) n.d. cookbook and home medicines
Gift of Alice R. Parker
See Box II: P for loose papers

Folder F - Susan Osborne - Fairfield - Recipe Book 1837
(1) cookbook plus home remedies and cleaning instructions (See Osborne family Brief Memorials, pp. 7-8. Susan Osborne died in New Haven)
Gift of Mrs. Thomas B. Osborne, 1927
See Box II: P for loose papers
Folder G - Recipe Book 1820 - compiler unknown

(1) Notebook; first part of book devoted to handprinted copies of "A Choice Selection of Patriotic, Pathetic, Sentimental and Comic Songs: Ancient and Moderne;" 12 pages of "receipts for beer, yeast, blacking, spot removing, etc.; list of subscribers to the "Fountaine" (includes New Haven names like Alling, Bradley, etc.) Name of compiler deliberately cut off title page

Folder I - Ida May Boone - New Haven - Autograph Book 1873-1876

(1) Autographs of classmates at Hillhouse High School - "Susie S. Sheridan" (April, 1873) - "Alice G. Peck" (December, 1873) Gift of M. A. Fiondella, 1958 See Box II: P for loose papers

Folder J - Harriet Camp - Album 1814 and 1853

(1) "A Record of Texts and Divisions of Sermons," June 4, 1814. Back of book contains records of sermons of Rev. Mr. Fowler, etc. 1853 and notes on the First Presbyterian Church Gift of John Merrill See Box II: P for loose papers

Folder K - Rosella-Elmira Briggs Ferry - New Haven - Autograph Book 1874-75

(1) signed by classmates at Hillhouse High School, class of 1874 Gift of Ruth M. Ferry, 1971

Folder L - Elizabeth S. Forbes - New Haven - Friendship Album 1832-35

(1) "The Young Lady's Remembrancer" (New Haven, Durrie & Peck, 1829.) Poetry and prose copies by Elizabeth Forbes and poetry addressed to ESF by her friends Gift of Irving McKesson, 1952 See Box II: P for loose papers
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Folder M - Laura Gilbert (Mrs. Alfred Daggett) - New Haven -
Friendship Album and Notebook c. 1828 and 1886

(1) "The Literary Remembrancer," (Hartford, Olive D.
Cook & Co., 1827) (maps and pictures of New
Haven). Poetry and prose copied by Laura Gilbert;
poetry from friends in Wilbraham, Mass., 1828.
1882-86 selections written by "Laura"
(See History of Doggett/Daggett Family, p. 193)
See Box II: P for loose papers found in Album;
Box II: B for Receipt Book of Alfred Daggett

Folder N - Elizabeth Harrison - New Haven - Friendship Album
1828-1856

(1) (David Felt, Stationer's Hall, Boston) Prose, poetry,
autographs addressed to Elizabeth
(See New Haven Vital Records p. 461 and p. 578)
Gift of Charles G. Harrison, New Haven, no date

Folder O - Maria Louisa Hotchkiss (Mulock) - New Haven - Friend-
ship Album c. 1844-1850. (J.C. Riker, N.Y.)

(1) Poetry inscribed to MLH from friends in New Haven and
elsewhere. Pencil drawing - landscape signed E.D.N.
1847.
(See Street Family genealogy p. 126)
See Box II: P for loose papers; Box III: D (Album of
Maria M. Street, her mother)

Folder P - Loose papers found in Albums Box II
Folder B - Daggett family - note from Laura re recipes
and knitting directions; 1845 and 1846 notes from
Thomas Robbins
Folder D - Julia DeForest - marriage settlement, Julia
De Forest of New Haven to Hiland Hills, Jr. of
Catskill, N.Y., October 1, 1836, 5 pp. handwritten
(See New Haven Vital Records, p. 582)
Folder E - Electra Landcraft - card "cookbook used in
family of Governor Ellsworth by Electra S. Symonds;"
newspaper clippings
Folder F - Susan Osborne - letter re gift of book
Folder I - Ida May Boone - letter re gift of book
Folder J - Harriet Camp - note re ministers mentioned
in book
Folder L - Elizabeth Forbes - fragment of poetry
Folder M - Laura Gilbert - newspaper clippings re Col.
John Daggett, poetry, announcement of anniversary of
Sabbath School of 1st Methodist Church, Jan., 1847
Folder O - M.L. Hotchkiss - newspaper clipping (Lincoln);
bookmark "Lucius H. Mulock"
BOX III
(ALBUMS, CORRESPONDENCE, MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS)
(M-W) (B-H)

Folder A - Sarah Manton - Friendship Album c. 1834-1848
(1) illustrations of New Haven; poetry and prose inscribed to "Sarah" - one to "Miss Manton"
Gift of Mrs. Henry J. Bucholz, Woodbridge

Folder B - Elizabeth F. Mulford (Mrs. Andrew M. Tousey) - New Haven - Friendship Album 1824-26
(1) Poetry inscribed to EFM from friends in New Haven and Bridgeport Academy
(See New Haven Vital Records p. 506; marriage, 1826)
Gift of Irving McKesson, 1952

Folder C - Caroline A. Rowland - Friendship Album 1838-42
(1) Poetry to Caroline from her friends; many from "Woolsey Hall", Jan. 1838; pencil drawing by A.L. Bishop
(See New Haven Vital Records p. 957; marriage to F.L. Bostwick)
See Box III: K for loose papers

Folder D - Sophia Stanley (Mrs. Charles Bradley) - New Haven - Friendship Album 1833-41
(1) Poetry and prose to Sophia by friends; clippings pasted on front pages; lines composed by Yale student (E.W.R.) on death of Jane Eliza Cornwell; obituary of Sophia S. Bradley and poem in her memory, 1862
(See New Haven Vital Records, p. 917; marriage, 1842)
Gift of Mrs. Grant Robley, 1964

Folder E - Maria M. Street (Mrs. Lucius Hotchkiss) - East Haven - Friendship Album 1826-30
(1) Poetry and prose from friends; poetry composed by M.S. Hotchkiss. Newspaper clippings pasted, 1850's; obituary of M.S. Hotchkiss, Sept., 1833
(See Street family genealogy, p. 126; mother of Maria Louisa Hotchkiss)
See Box III: K for loose papers; Box II: Folder O for album of her daughter, Maria L. Hotchkiss

Folder E1 - Katherine Kent Child Walker - Album 1875-1903
(1) Poems, sayings, etc. contributed by her friends; kept in form of a calendar
Folder F - Hattie E. Webster - New Haven - Autograph Album 1857-62

(1) 1900 invitation to reunion of Webster School class of 1856 pasted
Gift of Miss Ruth Sedgwick, New Haven, 1974

Folder G - "Louise" - New Haven - Autograph Album 1863-65

(1) Signed and dated by friends; no last name discernable
pencilled notes - 1870's on marriages and deaths
of signators.
Gift of Mrs. Grant Robley, 1964

Folder H - "M.J.M" New Haven - Album and Notebook - c. 1850 and
1874

(1) Stories written by M.J.M. 1850, poetry, quotes from
newspapers and magazines, knitting instructions,
geometry and algebra problems, prose exercises, etc.
May have belonged to more than one person (school
exercises?)

BRIDAL ALBUMS (H, M)

Folder I - Cornelia Isabel Hine (Mrs. John E. Buddington) -
Milford - Bridal Souvenir Album 1894

(1) Includes copy of marriage certificate
Gift of Mrs. Kenneth W. Leighton, New Haven

Folder J - Nettie A. Moulton (Mrs. Samuel Young) - Bridgeport -
Bridal Souvenir Album 1888

(1) Includes copy of marriage certificate
See Box III: K for loose papers

Folder K - Loose papers from albums Box III

Folder C - Caroline Rowland - card "First steam train
in America", note signed by Robert A. Beers, New
Haven 1912

Folder E - Maria M. Street - poem, manuscript, "The
Mothers Prayer," signed by Catherine L. Street,
March 25, 1828

Folder J - Nettie A. Moulton - wedding invitation
Folder E - Katherine C. Walker - 2 printed poems,
1 letter from Martha E. Osgood

CORRESPONDENCE, MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS (B-H)

Folder L - Charlotte Beers (Mrs. Henry C. Rossiter) - New Haven -
Letters 1813-14
ALS to Henry C. Rossiter, New York, 1813 - her future
husband - describes New Haven during 1812 war
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Folder M - Hortense Booth (Mrs. Arthur) - New Haven - Letters,
Miscellaneous papers
(Officer, New Haven Woman's Club, 1920's)
Letters concerning the Woman's Club - 1922-24
Report of Chairman of Literature Dept., Woman's Club, 1919-20
Pages from scrapbook kept by Mrs. Booth - 1912-1930
miscellany: newspaper clippings re speakers at
Yale, educational and cultural events in New Haven
and elsewhere, concert program, etc. (most not dated)
Loose newspaper clippings concerning Mrs. Booth's
Woman's Club activities and her "readings" before
other groups
Miscellaneous loose papers from scrapbook - poems,
programs of readings, photograph, programs, etc.
Loose newspaper clippings from scrapbook - miscellany;
obituaries, speakers at Yale, articles on literary
figures, etc.

Folder N - Hannah Bull - Saybrook - Miscellaneous paper 1704
(1) Manuscript; inheritance from her father's estate dated
June 3, 1704

Folder O - "Delia" to "Harriet" - Letters
(3) n.p., n.d. - mss.

Folder P - Sara M. Denison - New Haven - Letter 1842
(1) To Thomas P. Rossiter, Florence, Italy - describes
social life in New Haven - friends and relatives
(See Dana Collection, Vol. 50, pp. 71-74; Denison
genealogy, p. 95)

Folder Q - Ella Amelia Dorman - New Haven
(1) Certificate of registration as Registered Nurse, June
21, 1916

Folder R - Lucy Hotchkiss - Letter - 1837
(1) to Amanda Johnson, Meriden, describes trip to Grand-
view, Illinois and settling in the town

Folder S - Broadsheet - ca. 1840, poem "Beaux & Belles of New
Haven", and correspondence identifying those
mentioned in the poem.
BOX IV
(CORRESPONDENCE, MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, (H-S) SOCIETIES (D,F)

Folder A—Esther Lancraft Hovey (Mrs. E. Otis Hovey) (1863-1914)
Memorial letters A-H

(1) Memorial extracted from letters of her friends by her husband, Dr. E. O. Hovey (Geologist, Museum of Natural History, New York) 405 pp. — letters filed alphabetically by last name of writer — plus Index (alphabetical) of friends and relatives who wrote (See Tuttle genealogy, p. 295; Obituary Records of Yale Graduates, 1924-25, pp. 1364-66) See Box I: D — for diaries of her sister, Mabel Lancraft

Folder B—E.L. Hovey Memorial — continued — letters F-P

Folder C—E.L. Hovey Memorial — continued — letters P-W; index

Folder D—Sara Hughes — New Haven — Correspondence and Miscellaneous papers
1881-1908 — receipts for dues to DAR; invitation to Sons of American Revolution ceremony 1895; to reception for Sup't of Schools, 1881; calling cards. Letters: including from Dwight Tuttle, New Haven attorney, 1907 re cessation of land from East Haven to New Haven; and from Conn. Adjutant General's office re pensions for 1812 War veterans History of Congregational Church, East Haven, by Rev. D.J. Clark 1908 (See "Hughes and Allied Families" p. 61) Gift of John M. Rao, New Haven

Folder E—Frances Ives — North Haven — Correspondence and Clippings 1877-79

(16) Letters from her brother, Robert Ives, from England where he was touring with the Doyle-Carte Co. Clippings — July, 1879 re death of Robert Ives in boating accident, Bath, England; photograph and memorial to Robert Ives (See Ives family genealogy, p. 104)

Folder F—Frances Ives — continued — Miscellaneous papers 1886 & 1893

(29) 1886 passport, visa for Russia, hotel cards, menus, concert programs, etc. World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago, 1893; invitations to events and opening of exhibits
Folder F - Marjorie Munson Lewis (Mrs. Lansing) - Papers on Civil Service

(3) - Rules of Civil Service Board of New Haven, 1911 pamphlet (annotated by Mrs. Lewis)
- notes on Civil Service Board, n.d.
- Analysis of New Haven Civil Service law, n.d. 7 pp.
- Also, see MSS #B17 - New Haven Council of Churches, Box 48, Folder B, for additional material on Mrs. Lewis

Folder F - Sarah Trowbridge Russell - Branford - Will - 1758

(1) See Descendants of John Russell (1686-1761) p. 132

Folder G - Jane de Forest Shelton 1910 (see also Oversize Item 5; p.15)

(1) Acrostic: on the name "Sarah Judson" who was married to Stephen Curtis, November, 1759

SOCIETIES (D - F)

Folder H - Disciples of Christ 1814

(1) Rules and Regulations - mss.; New Haven, April, 1814, signed by seven women

Folder I - Dorcas Society for the Relief of Poor Female Professors of Religion - c. 1814-1884

(1) Notebook Constitution: Act of Incorporation; dues paid by each member 1813-1870; minutes of meetings 1883 and 1884

Folder J - Dorcas Society - Records 1814-1832

(1) Minutes of meetings, Dec. 9, 1814-October 31, 1832; lists of officers, articles distributed and to whom; alphabetical list of those assisted by the society

Folder K - Dorcas Society - Records 1832-1856

(1) Account Book of treasurer, Martha White, 1832-1856

Folder L - Dorcas Society - Records 1850-1860

(1) List of garments distributed and recipients 1850-60; other articles distributed and price of each 1850-60

Folder M - Dorcas Society - Records 1861-1870

(1) Receipts and Expenditures, articles distributed 1861-70 and recipients
Folder N - Dorcas Society - Miscellaneous papers

(22) Photographs of members (4 identified); copies of Dorcas Society constitution, one signed by Rebecca Peck, 1807; passbook, New Haven Savings Bank 1822-32; history of demise of Dorcas Society - 5 pp. manuscript by I.G. Foster; Jan., 1934

Folder O - Female Auxiliary Bible Society of New Haven 1824

(2) Constitution
Form letter from secretary, Harriet W. Cobb, urging that branches be formed, Sept., 1824

Folder A - An Album of the Greek play "Antigone" by Sophocles, performed by the Women of New Haven, April 3, 1891 in the Hyperion Theater for the benefit of the Yale Infirmary. Album compiled by Virginia K. Johnstone; includes text of play, pictures of cast, program, libretto
Gift of the Misses Walker, 1945

Folder B - Antigone production - Miscellaneous material

(11) Paper bound copy of text in English; program of performance; photo of cast member; newspaper clippings about the performance

OVERSIZE

Item 1 - Amelia Griebel 1839-1915 (Mrs. Peter Borgen) New Haven
Russian Passport issued in 1856 - one leaf in Russian, one in German. (Gift of Peter Borgen, 1886)

Item 2 - Abigail Pierpont - New Haven - Embroidery Pattern, 1717
See Pierpont Genealogies (1913) p. 36 (1881) p. 20

Item 3 - B. Agnes Moriarty - New Haven - Diary and Scrapbook 1876-1895

(2) 140 pp. diary - New Haven & national events - clippings, tax lists, obituaries, miscellany, 1876 election pp. 128-137 - list of men who died 1863-1878
Folder - Loose papers from scrapbook

Item 4 - Maria Huggins (Mrs. Frederick), executrix of Estate of Frederick Huggins
Power of Attorney to Francis John Galpine Nevis, 1826 - enclosed Galpine attorney to Joseph N. Clarke of New Haven, New Haven vital records p. 616
Oversize Item 5: Jane DeForest Shelton (See also IV:G) "Over Bethlehem Town", mss. music-words by J.D. Shelton

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Box V:

Folder C - Theulile Society - Minute Book (bd. vol.) 1845-1849 ca. 42 p. [1]

D - Minnie Monk, diary, 1881 (bd. vol.) ca. 125 p. [1]

E - Miscellaneous papers
   - Photostat - letter from Abigail Meachem, daughter of Seth Warner re his monument 1867
   - Genealogical notes on Monk/Lord families ca. 36 p.

F - Papers concerning collection

G - Mrs. Abm. Heaton from Wm. Mix and Geo. Whiting, Selectman, re orphans of New Haven, 1833.

H - Mrs. E.A. Stoddard, poems and ALS. [5]

See Jacobus Collection (MSS #101) Box I:L for diary of Ida Lines, 1865

I - Commonplace book of Ann Hardy, 1824. Donated by Dr. C.P. Lindsley. Clippings of poetry and mss. notes and quotations. [liv.]

J - Lewis, Sarah. MSS Collection of poems written by friends of Sarah Lewis, 1815.[Derby,Litchfield?] [From the estate of Caroline Rachel Trowbridge, 1899-1982.] [iv.]


L - List of members of Connecticut Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage.

M - Miscellaneous items about women A-Z -


Item 2 - August 1975 Trumbull
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Box VI.  Catherine Butterfield Coffin (1892-1982)
(Mrs. William Sloane Coffin)

Folder A - Personal notes, 1927 and 1930-31; (304)
Notes taken while studying at
Radcliffe College, 1940-41, courses
in French and French History.

B - Notes taken at Radcliffe College,
1940-41, as above (228)

C - Notes, 1940-41, as above (265)

D - Notes, 1940-41, as above (209)

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Box VII: Three "Memory Albums" purchased from Gilbert
Whitlock, December, 1986 (3)

Folder A: Alsop, Clara P. - Memory album, entries
1822-1832

Clarke, Roxana P., Litchfield - Memory Album,
entries 1819-1825

Smith, Eliza, Derby - Memory Album -
entries 1833-1840

Folder B: Loose papers removed from albums in
Folder A. (13)

Folder C: The Capers,(Women's group) 1953-1961 with lists
names, chairman:Mrs. Stanley Trotman(Ruth) and
treasurer:Mrs. Thomas R. Forber(Helen) (129)
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Box/Folder       Contents

VIII/Item 1  "Experiences or spiritual exercises of Hannah Heaton"

VIII/ 1  Handwritten genealogical notes
  Piece of Hannah Heaton's wedding dress
  [see also HQ 1394 .H43 L3 and *HQ 1394 .H43]

VIII/ B  National Society of American Women

Mrs. Sidney Withington

VIII/ C  Recipes

IX/A      Photo Album 1913-?
IX/B      Photos
IX/C      Photos
IX/D      Genealogy notes
IX/E      Articles about child development by Norma Cutts
IX/F      1852 letter from her great grandmother
IX/G      Misc. photos of women

The following items were removed from the collection:

LC3993.C8  Teaching the Bright and Gifted / Norma E. Cutts and Nicholas Moseley
LC4801.C8  Teaching the Disorderly Pupil in Elementary and Secondary School /
   Norma E. Cutts and Nicholas Moseley

Harriet Garfield Clark

IX/H      Various certificates

Oversized Item  #5  Whitneyville Womans Club
                Scrapbook, 1949-1950
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Harriet Frances Meigs, Papers

These items were given to the Historical Society in 2005. They had been found in the attic of St. Hilda’s House, Christ Church, Broadway, New Haven. The four pages which follow this listing in the finding aid were supplied by Paula Johnson, the Historian of Christ Church.

10/A
1. Travel Diary, 1895
2. German vocabulary list
3. 1899 handwritten commonplace book
4. Unbound vocabulary book, 1901-1904

10/B
1. 1908 Travel Diary
2. Undated fragment of a Travel Diary
4. Diary, 1929

10/C
Diaries:
1. 1930
2. 1931
3. 1931
4. 1932
5. 1933
6. 1935
Meigs, H[arriet] Frances: *Materials found in attic of St Hilda’s House, Christ Church, New Haven CT, summer 2005.*

Fifteen items found:

I. Travel diary, 1895 (mainly Germany) and 1898 (Washington DC)

II. German vocabulary list (softcover, handwritten; no date, but possibly connected with the 1895 trip)

III. 1899 (date of blank book’s publication) handwritten commonplace book

IV. Unbound vocabulary book (English), with items dated 1901–1904

V. Leather-bound vocabulary book (English), with items dated 1904–1906

VI. 1908 Travel diary, 1908 (Norway and Russia; Poland, Austria)

VII. Undated fragment of a travel diary, beginning August 14 (in England); with other brief passages

VIII. Leather-bound commonplace book, inscribed 1919; added items dated 1934–1935

IX. Diary, 1929

X. Bible, published 1929, with “H. Frances Meigs” stamped on the cover

XI. Diary, 1930

XII. Diary, 1931

XIII. Travel Diary, 1931 (small purple-covered notebook)

XIV. Diary, 1932

XV. Diary, 1933

Summaries:

In general, Meigs is a laconic writer, listing places she went, things she did and she saw, people she met—all with very little commentary or description. In the later diaries she does a very little more in the way of evaluation and reports of her feelings. She comes across as sociable, sensible, energetic; careful about money, but enjoying good food, nice clothes, and her annual summer jaunts; an able musician and craftswoman, and a music lover. It seems odd that Eunice, apparently her daughter, is not on her birthday lists along with Susie, except in V, where Susie does not appear. Meigs does not seem to have had much contact with her daughters; but the diaries may mislead here, since she spent every Sunday morning writing letters, and was very likely in weekly correspondence with them. There is no clue in the diaries as to how she met Ruby Thomson, or why the diaries ended up where they did.

I. FHM refers to “Fred,” evidently her husband, who travels with her. Via London and Paris, they go to Leipzig, where she spends time with a master piano teacher, taking both piano and “method” lessons. Frequent attendance at the opera. Sends “postal cards” to her pupils; gets letters from her mother. Keeps careful expense log. In a later diary (1930) we learn that her wedding anniversary was November 29.

IV. Definitions of words (not always exactly the meanings we would expect today); examples of use, when they involve a singular possessive pronoun, normally use not “his” or one’s,” but “her.” Final page records weight,
approximately monthly, from March 1901 through May 1904: It ranges from 157 to 167, staying mostly 160 to 162. A note that "Black walking skirt weighs 3 1/2 lbs."

V. List of names near the end may be a Christmas card list. A list of birthdays follows, including F. D. M. [Fred], May 7; Mother, Oct 29; Mrs F I Thompson, Sept 25; Eunice, Feb 18 [HFM's daughter, see below]. Weights, approximately weekly, from May 1904 through Oct 1905 just slightly lower than list in IV. Printed 1903 calendar on back flyleaf. Inside front flyleaf, printed: "Compliments of / Hackett, Carhart & Co. / manufacturers of / Medium & Fine Grades of Clothing / - for / - / Men, Youths, Boys and Children, / 841 Broadway, / Corner 13th Street. / New York." Two handwritten notes in back: (1) "My beautiful Steiway Grand was placed in my music room at #31 Wall St - Oct 20' 1904. $1000.00 Paid $675.00." (2) "I began to wear glasses for reading and sewing on our 29th Anniversary of our marriage — Nov 29' 1906"

VII. At the beginning of the book, she signs herself "H. F. Meigs." Fred is still in the picture, but ill much of the trip. Mentions sending "post cards," but not pupils. They sail to Hamburg, then go via Copenhagen to what was then called Cristiana, at the southern end of Norway; thence via fiord and overland to Bergen; up the Norway coast to North Cape, and back to Trondheim; overland to Stockholm; by steamer to St Petersburg, then by train to Moscow; to Cracow, then to Vienna, where the account ends because the book is used up.

VIII. Inscribed "Hattie from Carrie / January 12 - 1919" (This inscription is the only evidence for HFM’s first name in the material.) About the first 2/3 of the book contains quotable quotes in the same hand as the inscription; then HFM’s hand continues with further items. Items on about the last dozen pages are dated from November 25, 1934 through January 18, 1935; content suggests a course of instruction based on parts of the Bible, and sounding rather like Christian Science, probably in connection with the "Unity" religion often mentioned in the diaries just prior to this time.

IX–XV. From content, one learns (1929) that Meigs is living alone in an apartment in Washington DC. She does a fair amount of handcraft work (beading purses, crochet, tatting edges for handkerchiefs) for sale. Her 1929 financial log, which is not quite complete, shows for 11 months an income of $4153, mainly from an annuity and some mortgages; and expenses for 16 months of $1585; succeeding years, where there’s data, indicate that the market crash did not affect her situation—in fact, she never mentions it. Her living arrangement appears to be a sort of co-op: though she pays rent, she goes to "directors’ meetings" in the "lobby"; she is on (possibly chairs) a committee to plan redecoration of the lobby, and, with two other persons, buys furniture for this; in the front of the 1929 book, she lists maintenance staff and what they’re paid. Two 1929 references (4/24 and 4/30) indicate that the name of the apartment house may be Avondale Court.

She and a house guest attend Hoover’s inauguration on Capitol Hill. She almost always eats dinner out, often at the YWCA, but also at named restaurants or at friends’; in later diaries her main dining place is the 17th Street Cafè. She attends the Cathedral, Epiphany Church, and St Thomas’s; but many Sundays in 1929 listens to the cathedral service on the YWCA radio, then stays for a musical program and dines there. She continues to spend the Christmas holidays at the "Dodge each year. She sends lots of Christmas cards: 82 in 1930; 120 in 1932.

Every summer, she goes for an extended period to Chataqua, and for shorter periods to other places. In two or three of the summers she pays a brief visit to "Sesie and Jim" in New Haven, CT; from the birthday list, this is pretty certainly Susie Meigs Hughes, presumably HFM’s daughter. There seems to be another daughter named Eunice, with a husband named Rob. In 1929 HFM attends St Paul’s church with the Thomsons (evidently Ruby’s parents), with whom she stays for part of her visit. She receives a birthday gift from Ruby, and sends her a Valentine gift; she annually makes her a nightie for Christmas. On July 27, 1929, Susie goes with HFM to put flowers on Fred’s grave, this being the 17th anniversary of his death. (Annually on his birthday, May 7, HFM burns a candle in front of his picture, as she does on the anniversary of her mother’s death [March 16; see 1930], and on her mother’s birthday, October 29.) A person named Marion Meigs is mentioned, apparently living in DC. In October, 1929, HFM rewrites her will, leaving $10,000 each to Eunice and Susie. In 1931 she mentions the sale of “Uncle Will’s” house, from which Susie and Eunice get some money.

In the fall of 1929, HFM begins to have a health problem, apparently cardiovascular (her ignorance of matters medical and her terseness make it difficult to tell just what’s wrong); apparently an outgrowth of this, she begins to take a serious interest in a religious or quasi-religious movement which she calls simply “Unity.” The one book title she gives us, “In Tune with the Infinite,” and other references suggest a sort of 1930s New Age affair, emphasizing silent meditation, called “demonstration,” especially for healing oneself. HFM ceases to go to the YWCA except for an occasional meal, and for one stretch of time, for piano practice (she has a “clavier” in her apartment; but the YWCA has a “good upright”); instead, she goes often to the "Unity" service on Sunday morning, where she is much impressed by Judge Franklin, the speaker, then spends the rest of the day at the "Dodge.”
reading, tatting, and staying for dinner and their 5:00 pm "musical." She receives a notice of Rob's death (Eunice's husband), 11/17/1930, but does not go to the funeral. In the latter part of 1933, she begins to take a more prominent role in the Unity group, and develops with Judge Franklin an intimacy of some warmth, about which she consults (separately) two of her women friends.

Her birthday was January 21. Occasional allusions indicate that she did a good deal of traveling for which we do not have travel diaries: to Ceylon (12/17/1930); a world cruise (1/3/1931); California (4/30/1932). She had a fur coat, and a fur "coatee," which she had made over into a stole. For her Chataqua trips she took her diamonds out of the bank "locker," returning them there when she got home. She cared about clothes and took pride in dressing well, though she must have been rather stout—not surprising, considering her appreciation of good food—and wore a size 18 dress; records of a weight loss in 1933 show that she reduced from about 170 pounds down into the 150s, on doctor’s orders.
Birthday lists:

1930:
- Mr E. S. Ender, July 22
- Mrs E. A. Ender, July 28
- Ruby Thomson, Aug 5
- Mr Ernst Sahm, Sept 10
- Susie Meigs Hughes, Aug 12
- Mrs W. L. Lines [Luies?] , Aug 12
- Mrs A. H. Schwarz, Sept 15
- Mildred Horsington, Sept 15
- Mrs S. B. Thomson (Ruby), Sept 23
- Mrs F. I. Thompson, Sept 25

The Enders were a family in Baltimore whom HFM visited. At the end of each year, HFM sent National Geographics to a Mrs Sahm in California.

1932 (no 1931 list)
Same as 1930 but omits Mrs Lines, Mrs Schwarz, and Mildred Horsington, adding:
- Mr Howard Hayner, June 27
- Alice Harvey, June 24
- Mrs D. H. Gladding, June 25
- Mrs Jessie Eastwood, June 27
- Mrs Elizabeth McGarvey, Aug 9

Hayner was on the committee of “directors” at FHM’s apartment house. Gladding is probably the Grace Gladding mentioned as a friend in New Haven CT. Eastwood may be the Jessie that FHM visited in Toronto in 1932 (6/14-28). McGarvey was a woman whom FHM met and liked at one of the places she went to during the summer, possibly Chautauqua (I don’t exactly recall, and it’s not worth looking up).

1933
Retains all on 1932 list, and adds:
- Miss Pratt, June 16.
NEW HAVEN WOMEN'S COLLECTION
MSS #58

Box/Folder Contents

10/D Diary, Lucy Moss, 1889-1901

Melissa A. Smith (b. 12 March 1846, d. 21 June 1870)

(Given by Susan Dudley, 2011)

11/A Diary, 1865 and 1867, with partial transcript

11/B Graded compositions, 1863
Correspondence regarding the diaries, 1975
Data Sheet regarding M.A. Smith and her parents, 2011

(Note: Along with this manuscript material, an oil portrait of Melissa Smith was given to the Historical Society. This has been transferred to the Curatorial Department.)

Louise B. Flannigan

(Given by Anita L. Sause, 2011)

11/C Manuscript Diary “From Ocean to Ocean: an overland trip from New Haven, Conn. to the Pacific Coast thro’ the Golden State and the Northwest leaving New York, May 1897, returning June 1897.”

Photograph of Flannigan family.