NEW HAVEN COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY

Manuscripts
No. 64

I. Title Hotchkiss Papers, 1819-1870
II. The papers of Henry and Lucius Hotchkiss
    deposited in the Library on
    In converted the deposit to a gift.
III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 4 1/2 inches
    Approximate number of items: 96 plus one ledger
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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of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:
    Descended from Samuel Hotchkiss, who settled in New Haven in 1641,
    Henry (1801-1871) and Lucius Hotchkiss (1803-1880) were the only sons
    of Justus and Susanna Hotchkiss, a well-known lumber merchant. They
    attended the Fairfield Academy. At the age of 18, Henry clerked for
    his uncle, Russell Hotchkiss, who was in the family lumber business at
    Long Wharf, and at 21, Henry became a junior partner. When Russell
    Hotchkiss retired in 1828, Henry and Lucius continued and greatly
    expanded the business under the name "H & L Hotchkiss."
    Their business interests, particularly those of Henry, brought them
    into a wide field of investments. They furnished the capital for
    L. Candee Co., which was a pioneer in the manufacture of rubber shoes.
    Henry Hotchkiss became President and Treasurer of the company in 1863.
    Aside from L. Candee Co., Henry Hotchkiss accepted a number of
    responsibilities. He helped organize the New Haven Water Co.; Holmes,
    Booth and Hayden, a Waterbury brass factory; and the New Haven and New
    London Railroad for which he was a trustee for a number of years. He
    served for 21 years as President of the New Haven County Bank. He
    also was President of the United States Pin Company in Seymour and the
    first President of the Union Trust Co. He was a member of the New
    Haven Colony Historical Society and served as its director. At one
    time he was head of the New Haven Fire Dept., and was active in
    military affairs.
VIII. Analysis:
    The collection consists of one half box and one ledger representing (cont,
VIII. Analysis (cont)

the papers of Henry and Lucius Hotchkiss. The content is
arranged by subjects--contracts; warranty deeds; quit claim deeds;
miscellaneous business papers, account notebooks and financial
papers. Within each folder the arrangement is alphabetical by
client name unless otherwise indicated.

Finding Aid:
The folders are marked with the box and folder notation in the
center (1: A--Box 1: Folder A). The title of the collection and
the subject heading appears in the upper left hand corner and the
date in the upper right hand corner.
HOTCHKISS PAPERS, 1819-1870

Content Guide

Box I

A. Contracts, H. & L. Hotchkiss (unless otherwise stated)
1-3. John Beach, Henry Hotchkiss, and New Haven County Bank, 1839-1841.
4. Pernet Booth plus note, 1852.
6-7. Stephen A. Davis, 1849, 1852
8. Michael Herritz, 1854
9. Henry and Lucius Hotchkiss, 1831
10. Henry Hotchkiss, Lucius Hotchkiss, and Leonard Hotchkiss, 1842
11. Adna Whiting, 1850

B. Warranty deeds, H. & L. Hotchkiss (unless otherwise stated)
1. Eaton L. Andrews, 1847
2. Avery Atkins, 1845
3. James J. Baldwin, 1849
4. George G. Bartholomew, 1845
5. Samuel Beach, 1847
6. Samuel L. Blatchley, 1843
7. Hiel H. Botsford, 1846
8. Benjamin Broomhead, 1845
9. Hiram Camp, 1852
10. George A. Chapman, 1861
11. Isaac Chidsey to Henry Hotchkiss, 1848
12. James E. P. Daan, 1838
13. William R. Graham, 1846

C. Warranty deeds, H. & L. Hotchkiss (unless otherwise stated)
1. John B. Hanover, John B. Andover, and Willis G. Judson, 1853
2. Hartford & New Haven Railroad Co. (agent Samuel J. Hitchcock), 1845
3. Michael Herritz, 1860
4. Russell Hotchkiss, Henry O. Hotchkiss, and Edward Hotchkiss, 1853
5. G. Hoyt, 1836
6. Loyal B. Ives, 1852
7. Chauncey Jerome, 1853
8. Caleb Lines, 1837
9. John Mitchell, 1845
10. Truman Morse, 1849
11. Roger Sherman Prescott, 1846
12. B. A. Smith, 1853
13. Rachel Rowe, 1853

D. Quit claim deeds, H. & L. Hotchkiss (unless otherwise indicated)
1. Alden A. Askins, 1845
2. Asa Bartholomew and Adna Whiting, 1850
3-5. Pernet Booth, 1849-1853
6. Charles H. Bunce to Henry and Lucius Hotchkiss and Matthew G. Elliott, 1853
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7. Isaac Chidsey, 1841
8. New Haven Bank (agent Henry Sanford) to Henry and
   Lucius Hotchkiss and Matthew G. Elliott, 1850
9. New Haven Company (agent Henry Sanford), 1846
10. Henry and Lucius Hotchkiss to Adna Whiting, 1851
11. Mechanics Bank (agent John W. Fitch) to Henry and
    Lucius Hotchkiss and Matthew G. Elliott, 1850
12. Laban Smith, 1840

E. Miscellaneous business papers, H. & L. Hotchkiss
   1. Conveyance by decree of Superior Court from
      George W. Bartholomew, 1850
   2. Guarantee of bond redemption, Wm. B. Bristol, 1850
   3. Correspondence - Adna Whiting to H. & L. Hotchkiss, 1855
   4. Insurance policy - H. & L. Hotchkiss, 1860
   5. Guarantee of rent payment for Lucy Yale by
      S. H. Bartholomew, 1850
   6. Notes of meeting of directors of Hartford and New Haven
      Railroad (Horatio Fitch, secretary), 1845
   7. Mortgage - Seth Crosby, 1846
   8. Insurance policy with envelope - Mrs. Sophia M. Root, 1870
   9. Correspondence - Joseph R. Hawley to Dwight Morris, 1864, pertaining to Connecticut volunteers, addressed to James M. Townsend (2)

F. Miscellaneous Account Notebooks, H. & L. Hotchkiss
   1. Household account book (inscribed on cover S.
      Hotchkiss ?), May 19, 1842-Jan. 1845. circa 12 pages
   2. Balance Notebook, March 1844-June 1, 1845 circa 21 pages
   3. Notebook - accounts and assets circa 12 pages

G. Miscellaneous Financial Papers, H. & L. Hotchkiss
   (unless otherwise indicated)
   1. Account sheet, Nov., 1844
   2-3. Account sheets, 1851-1852
      (Eli Whitney listed as an account)
      for dividend payment, 1844.
   5-6. Insurance renewals, 1855, 1860
   7-9. Insurance renewals - Loyal B. Ives, 1855-1858
   10-12. Insurance renewals - Charles Root, 1855-1865
   13-17. Notes concerning client accounts
   18-22. Notes of payments received
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Item 11: Ledger of Hotchkiss Company, 1819-1833