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I. Title Hotchkiss Papers, 1819.-1870

II. The papers of Henry and Lucius Hotchkiss
deposited in the Library on _____, by _____
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V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of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 (I:A--Box I: 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

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 - 6-7. Stephen A. Davis, 1849, 1852
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- F. Miscellaneous Account Notebooks, H. & L. Hotchkiss
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- G. Miscellaneous Financial Papers, H. & L. Hotchkiss
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