Manuscripts
No. 82

Date processed: July, 1978

I. Title
Lum Papers, 1645-1849

II. The papers of Harpin Lum
deposited in the Library on
in , by
converted the deposit to a gift.

III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 5 inches (1 box)
Approximate number of items: 550

IV. Restrictions: none

V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
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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: See p. 2

VIII. Analysis: See p. 3

*included also are one 1820 document and letters dated 1978, plus
two undated documents - all in Folder"U". Items 3-6, Folder"U"
given by Miss Gladys E. Gray.

Folder V was added in August, 1980, consisting of the papers of
earlier members of the Lum family, found in a NHCHS scrapbook
(ca. 1900) evidently donated by Benjamin C. Lum (1841-1912) a clerk
at the New Haven Savings Bank. See p. 10 of Register for listing
of these papers.
VII. Biographical note: The Lum family is descended from John Lum (b. ca. 1620 in Yorkshire, England) who is recorded as one of the pioneer settlers of Stamford, Conn. in 1642. He appears to have lived in several towns in Conn. His name was last mentioned in known documents in 1673 when he was a witness to a will made in Fairfield, Conn by John Knowles.

Harman Lum (1806-1849) was born in Woodbury, Conn. on October 27, 1806. In 1845 he married Nancy Maria English (born February 14, 1823, died September 26, 1904), the daughter of James and Nancy (Griswold) English. The couple had two children. Harman Lum died on October 15, 1849 and is buried in Southford, Conn.

Joseph A. Lum, whose name appears on some of the bills in this collection, was born on August 25, 1818, the son of Reuben and Sarah Lum. On October 8, 1849 he married Julia A. Castle, and then moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was a carriage manufacturer. The couple had no children.

New Haven city directories yield considerable information about the Lums. The 1840 edition lists a Mrs. Sarah Lum as residing at 88 Olive Street. Mrs. Lum appears once more in the directory, in the 1844-45 edition, in which she is listed as residing at 98 York Street.

Harman Lum is listed in the 1843-44, 1844-45, and the 1845-46 directories as residing at 98 York Street. The 1847-48 directory lists him as living at 12 Greene Street. The last two directories in which his name appears, those of the years 1848-49 and 1849-50 give his residence as 9 Greene Street. In all these directories his occupation is given as builder.

Joseph A. Lum is listed as an architect with an office in Room 15 of the Phoenix Building, 104 Chapel Street, in the directories of 1842-43, 1843-44, 1844-45, and 1845-46. The 1845-46 directory also lists him as boarding at the Eagle Tavern. The last two editions in which he is listed, those of 1846-47 and 1847-48, refer to him as a builder who resides at 98 York Street.

All the above streets are located in New Haven.
VIII: Analysis: The collection consists of some 553 items. Ca. 498 are receipted bills for supplies and services purchased by Harpin Lum for his building business between the years 1845-49. These are arranged in alphabetical order by vendor in folders A-R.

There are three additional folders in the collection. They are Folder "S" consisting of checks dated in 1845 from the Mechanics Bank, Folder "T" consisting of Harpin Lum's personal receipts such as for church dues, city taxes, newspapers, etc., and Folder "U" consisting of a few items about the Lum family of Southbury, Conn. A listing of the material in the last two folders is given in "Contents."

Harpin Lum's business bills have been arranged by the name he originally used in filing them, as written on the back of the bill. If two individuals are named on a bill, the bill is filed under the name of the first individual. Bills issued by companies, i.e. Smith and Jones are filed by the first surname on the bill, after surnames of individuals of the same name, i.e. Smith & Co. after Smith, Thomas.

Initials sometimes replace the given name either in the signature or filing notation, so T.J. Jones may be filed as Thomas Jones, etc. Bills from firms having more than one surname are filed by the first surname with a "see" reference for the second, i.e. Smith & Jones would be listed under Smith, with the words "Smith & Jones, see S" placed with the "J's".

In case of discrepancies between spelling of names in the signatures and as spelled for filing, the signature version has been used on the theory that a person is less likely to misspell his own name than another person writing it.

Bibliography:


Lum, Edward H. Genealogy of the Lum Family. Edward H. Lum, Chatham, N.J. 1927 p. 50, 57, 82

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CONTENTS

Arranged alphabetically by name of vendor

Folder A - Bills - "A" - Anthony, John H. [33]

King and Abbe - see "K"
Alling, Asa
Alling, Samuel
Alling, Thomas
Alling, William
Andrews, Ben
Andrews, E.B.
Andrews, Franklin
Anthony, J. G.
Anthony, John H.

Folder B - Bills - Atwater, E. & L. B. - rest of "A" [33]

Atwater, E. & L.B. (bill of November 20, 1846 - 2 fragments)
Atwater, H. & Charles
Atwater, Elihu
Atwater, Medad
Atwater, James
Atwater, Wm.
English & Atwater - see "E"
Augur & Tuttle
Austin, Henry

Folder C - Bills "B" (except Willis Barnett - separate folder following) [45]

Bacon, N.A.
Osborn & Baldwin - see "O"
Peck & Baldwin - see "P"
Bassett, Marcus
Beach, C. & G.
Beach, Clark
Beach, John
Beach, Josiah
Beals & Frazer
Beecher, John D.
Phipps & Beecher - see "P"
Bigelow, John S.
Bishop, J.A.
Bishop, J.W.
Booth, Nathaniel
Botsford, H.H.
Bowditch, J. B.
Bradley, Mr.
Bradley, Frank
Bradley, George T. (?)
Bradley, S.
Brewster, James
Brockett, Gustavus (?)
Brown, George
Brown, William C.
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Folder C - Bills - "B" (cont.)

Burrett, Eli
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Button, Justus

Folder D - Bills - Barnett, Willis

Folder E - Bills - "C & D"

Campbell, Angus
Chamberlin
Chapman, Capt.
Chattendon, Thomas
Treat & Chatfield - see "T"
Chidsey, John B.
Cunningham, Timothy
Clancy, William
Colburn, John
Cook, James
Cornell & Jackson (2 fragments)
Crampton, J. H.

Davis, Ransford
Deming, Calvin
Dickerman, Thomas P.

Folder F - Bills - "E"

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English, Charles L.
English, George
English, J. E. & H.
English, John
English, W. A.
English & Atwater
English & Welch

Folder G - Bills - "F" - "G"

Fisk, Edward W.
Ford, Harvey
Fowler, George S.
Mason & Franklin - see "M"
Beals & Frazer - see "B"

Gilbert, Lucius
Gilbert & Jumper
Gilbert, J. & Sons
Gill, George
Peterson & Glenny - see "P"
Gorham, Samuel B.
Graniss, Horace
Green, John
Griffing, T. S.
Folder H - Bills - "H"

Harrison, Henry E.
Heaton, A.
Hemingway, Augustus
Hemingway, Willis B.
Hine, Edward
Hine & Perkins
Hitchcock, William
Hoadley, P.
Hooker, Henry
Hotchkiss, Sheldon A.
Hotchkiss & Lewis
Rich & Hotchkiss - see "R"
Howarth, John H.
Hoyt, A.
Hughes, E. B. M.
Elan. Hull and Son

Folder I - Bills "I" - "J"

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Cornell & Jackson - see "G"
Jacobs, Zadphon (first bill - Nov. 20, 1844-May 31, 1845 - 2 sheets of 4 p. each)
Jones, William
Gilbert & Jumper - see "G"

Kelsey, Alsop
King & Abbe
Kirkwood, James
Knight, Tod

Folder J - Bills "L" - "M"

Potter & Landcraft - see "P"
Langdon, Louisa
Larkin, Elihu
Leonard, Lucius
Hotchkiss & Lewis - see "H"
Lines & Smith
Raphael, Mallory & Co. - see "R"
Mansfield, Giles
Mansfield, N. L. & H.
Marble, Edwin
Marks, Justin
Marvin, George P.
Mason & Franklin
F. Merwin & Co.
Merwin, Smith
Meshural, W. R.
Mills, Chauncey
Mooney, Morgan
Morel, L. F.
Moulthrop, Elihu
Munson, C. N.
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Nelson, A. T.
Nettleton, C. A.
North, John G.
Northrop, Lewis H.

Oatman, William L.
Osborn, Charles H.
Osborn, T. S.
Osborn & Baldwin
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Perkins, Isaac
Perkins, Stephen P.
Hine & Perkins - see "H"
Perry, George
Peterson & Glenny
Phipps & Beecher
Pierpont, Elias
Potter, Tabey
Potter & Landcraft
Prescott, B. M.
Prescott & Co.
Prescott & Treat
Purdy, R. E.

(no bills in "Q")

Folder M - Bills "R" (except John Reilly- 2 folders following)

Raphael, Mallory & Co.
Reilly, Bernard
Reilly, Michael
Rich & Hotchkiss
Rowland E. S.

Folder N - Bills - Reilly, John - 1845

Folder O - Bills - Reilly, John - 1846, 1847, 1848, no date
Folder P - Bills "S"

Sanford, A.
Sanford, E.
Sanford, Terit M.
Saunders & Son
Scott, E. T.
John H. Scranton Co.
Sharp, Henry
Sheffrey, P.
Smith, Augustus
Smith, Enoch L.
Smith, John L.
Smith, Kelly
Smith, Levi
Smith, Roswell
Lines & Smith, see "L"
Stevens, Stiles
Stone, B.W.
Thomson & Storey - see "T"

Folder Q - Bills - "T"

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Thompson, Horace
Thompson, W. J.
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Thomson, Isaac
Thomson & Storey
Thorne, Nathaniel A.
Todd, Caleb
Tomlinson, David
Treadway, Lyman
Prescott & Treat - see "P"
Treat & Chatfield
Tuttle, Smith
Augur & Tuttle - see "A"
Tyler, Jared
Tyler, Julius

(No bills under "U", "V", "X", "Y", or "Z")

Folder R - Bills - "W", plus one bill with no name

Walker & Wadsworth
Warner, Eliphalet
Warner, Elias
Warner, H. N.
Warner, Horatio N.
Warner, Jason
Warner & Mansfield
English & Welch - see "E"
Wharf Contractors
Willcox, C.
Willcox, Cyprian
Wolcott, Jeremiah
Worall & Co.
Bill - May 13, 1846 - no name
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Folder S - Checks - Mechanics Bank - 1845
(check of Mar 22, 1845 in 2 fragments) [38]

Folder T - Personal Receipted Bills [11]

City of New Haven - Tax bills
"Columbian Register"
"Daily Palladium" (newspaper)
Franklin House (bill for board)
Parish of St. Paul's Church
Woodward, Charles (milk bill)

Folder U - Lum Family of Southbury, Conn. [8]

1. Letter of June 30, 1978 from Miss Gladys E. Gray, 156 Cherry Street, Geneva, New York, 14456 explaining the material in this folder.

2. Copy of letter of July 11, 1978 to Miss Gray from the New Haven Colony Historical Society acknowledging the unrestricted gift of the contents of this folder.

3. Quit Claim Deed - Southbury, Conn. - February, 1820 - from Adam Lum to Chauncey Lum (2 fragments)

4-6 - Genealogical Record Sheets:

Adam Lum - 1753-1830

Chauncey Lum, 1792-1847; wife of Melissa Johnson, 1792-1862; children - Ann Elize, 1821-1880, Ann Louisa 1823-1880, David C., 1825-1850

Gailey, Albert William b. 1846; wife Ann Eliza Munn b. 1843; children, Fred William b. 1871, Minnie May b. 1878.

7-8 - Distribution of property to Nancy Lum (d. 1870, age 80), widow of Adam Lum of Southbury, Connecticut (first married to Betsey Curtis, April 23, 1807, his will probated at Woodbury, Connecticut, November 5, 1859) 2 undated documents.
Folder V - Additions, August, 1980 - Papers of:

1) Jonathan Lum (1666-1758) Lum Genealogy, p. 12-13
   Deeds to son, Capt. Joseph Lum, 1741, 1751, 1757 [3]

2) Capt. Joseph Lum (1715-1796) Genealogy p. 17
   Deed to him, 1747, Derby
   Distribution of his estate, n.d. [2]

3) Reuben Lum (1754-1829) Genealogy, p. 33
   Appointment as assessor in Derby, 1798 [1]

4) Joseph Lum (n.d.), son of Reuben, Genealogy p. 58
   ALS to his father, Gosport Navy Yard, March, 1814

5) David Lum (1778-1842) Genealogy, p. 56
   (grandfather of Benjamin C. Lum)
   Receipts for taxes, 1814, 1815 [2]
   License to make boots 1816
   Order from Eben. Huntington, 1813 re arms
   Bill from J.G. Lines, Leather Goods, New Haven, 1820

[1] [2] [3]