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VII. Biographical note: See Page 1

VIII. Analysis: See Pages 2 - 5
Biographical Sketch

The Sedgwick Family Collection represents the combined efforts of several family members which culminated in the collection amassed by Hubert Merrill Sedgwick (1867-1950). Hubert Sedgwick's death in 1950 prevented his plans of publishing a genealogy of the descendants of Captain Samuel Sedgwick (1667-1795) from being realized. About the time of Sedgwick's death his family gave the collection to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

For a brief history of the collection prior to its being given to the Historical Society, please see Box 1, Folder L. Biographical information on Hubert M. Sedgwick may be found in either Box 6, Folder G, or Box 11, Folder C under his code number of 411,324,1.

(See Analysis for an explanation of the code number.)
ANALYSIS

The collection is divided into four series. Series I contains papers concerning the collection itself, dealing mostly with the publication attempts by Hubert M. Sedgwick. This series may be found in Box 1, folders A through L.

The papers of Frederick J. Sedgwick (1853-1939) comprise series II. These items were all willed to Hubert M. Sedgwick. Consisting of Frederick J. Sedgwick's handwritten genealogies, correspondence, and genealogical notes, these papers are thought to be the first general record of the Sedgwick family. This series is located in Box 1, folder M through Box 4, folder D.

Series III, the bulk of the collection, consists of the papers of Hubert M. Sedgwick. An extensive set of indexes located at the start of this series provides access to most of the individuals listed in the genealogy. The keybook, Hubert's name for his earlier genealogy of the descendants of Capt. Samuel Sedgwick (1667-1735), is next. Following the keybook are the coded pages of a genealogy mixed with notes and correspondence. (An explanation of the code follows, see usage.)

After this extensive genealogical work, notes, Hubert M. Sedgwick's personal items, and his correspondence will be found. Lastly series III contains biographical information concerning three prominent members of the family.

Photographs, postcards, and memorabilia make up series IV. The arrangement of photographs is divided by individual, gravestone markers, and miscellaneous photos.

Usage

The key to utilizing this collection of papers is mastery of the coding system employed by Hubert M. Sedgwick. Learning an individual's code number will allow you to find that person in Hubert's papers and thereby facilitate locating that person in Frederick J. Sedgwick's works.
Almost every person included in Hubert's genealogy will have an entry in one of the indexes in box 5. The indexes were prepared around the mid 1940's, so any adult at that time or earlier who is a known descendant of Capt. Samuel Sedgwick should be included. If your ancestor's name is Sedgwick first consult box 5, folder D or one of the copies. On the other hand if you're looking for a related Non-Sedgwick surname check box 5, folder I or one of the copies. These indexes are alphabetical. If your individual is not listed, check for known siblings, parents, or cousins to find a code number.

If no individual is listed therefore leaving you with no code number, check box 5, folders A and B. In the event that you are still left without a code number your final resort is to attempt to find the individual through one of Frederick J. Sedgwick's finding aids, which are explained later.

Hopefully now you have obtained a code number for the person or persons you are searching for. Each code number uniquely represents one person by the order of their birth. Starting with the children of Capt. Samuel Sedgwick, children are assigned numbers by birth order. Each digit from left to right represents a generation. Capt. Sedgwick had 11 children, so his children received the code numbers of 1, 2, 3, ..., 9, A, B. Letters are used when more than nine children are born. With each succeeding generation, a new digit or letter is added to the right of the code number. For example the first child of Samuel (1) would be 11 and the first child of Benjamin (B) would be B1 and so on.

Using your code number consult the table of contents in the register to locate the folder your ancestor's information is contained in. A digit by digit comparison from left to right will determine where your ancestor will be found in the keybook or the later coded pages. If your individual is not found when the folder is consulted, take the right most digit off, which gives the parent's code number and look for the child under the parent's number.

Box 14, folder M contains a more detailed description of the coding scheme; please consult for more information.

The papers will usually have a code in the upper left hand corner. Any code numbers written in pencil and enclosed in brackets were supplied by the processor. Typed sheets usually come before correspondence, but not always. Occasionally the user will find a group of papers held together with a folded paper. These bunches of papers were originally pasted together, and folded over many times. By disconnecting the papers they have been made more accessible and serviceable,
but the original order is maintained. This arrangement often causes grandchildren to be placed under their grandparent's code, so it is advisable to examine the information under each preceding generation's code number.

If you are unable to obtain any code number on an individual or any of his relatives, he may still be found in Frederick J. Sedgwick's works. Box 1 folder M contains a list of Non-Sedgwicks with vital statistics which may give clues to relatives that are included in the coded indexes. If the name is Sedgwick, box 2 would be the place to look. These aids were prepared in the early part of the 1900's. Lastly some of the genealogies written by Frederick J. Sedgwick contain indexes that may reveal persons found no where else.

The processor attempted to put the code numbers used by Frederick J. Sedgwick on his correspondence found in box 3, folders G through I, but the effort was abandoned. The code numbers are not consistent between different versions of his handwritten genealogies and therefore caused more confusion. Again these numbers were placed in the upper left hand corner in brackets, but please disregard them. This coding scheme is in no way related to the one used by Hubert M. Sedgwick.

The photographs in box 19 are always listed with a code number in the table of contents when one was available. In both the keybook and the coded pages of Hubert M. Sedgwick, other photographs will be found pasted onto the pages.

The order of the gravestone photographs is by their "file" number. The reason for this numbering is unapparent. The "file" numbers range from 5000 through 5039 and are indicated on the reverse of a gravestone photo. The glass plate negatives for the photos taken at the Stockbridge, MA cemetery were transferred to the photographic department of the historical society. Geographical location of the graveyard is usually indicated on the reverse.

The dates of this collection need some explanation. Hubert collected the majority of the papers in the 1930's and 1940's while he was putting together the final version of the Sedgwick genealogy. A letter among the works of Frederick J. Sedgwick from the Vicarage of Woburn, England contained a true copy of early Sedgwick statistics from the vicarage records. The earliest date of a Sedgwick contained in those records was 1580, and that is why it was chosen as the earliest date. This letter may be found in box 3, folder D.
Several items originally found among the collection's papers have been placed outside the collection. To locate these six items listed below please consult the card catalog.

18th Ward Roll of Honor Dedication Ceremonies, 6 Aug. 1944. (Hubert M. Sedgwick was on this New Haven committee)

Dodge, John W., and Bert J. Dodge comp. A History of the First Presbyterian Church and Society of Verona, NY. Published by the Session, 1900.


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Folder O  "  "  "  , pages 63-110; B21,215,2-
          B29,154,41  (37)
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          B2A,301,3  (36)

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Folder C  Benjamin Sedgwick manuscript, pages 221-258; B43,466 - B47,454,2 (36)
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Folder F  Benjamin Sedgwick (1716-1757) and descendants coded, B - B13,8 (29)
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Folder H  " " "", B13,A - B15,215,7 (44)
Folder I  " " "", B15,216 - B15,349 (41)
Folder J  " " "", B2 - B21,123,221 (47)
Folder K  " " "", B21,16 - B21,219,22 (46)
Folder L  " " "", B21,21A - B23,46 (44)
Folder M  " " "", B29 - B29,152,211 (27)
Folder N  " " "", B29,152,3 - B29,2 (27)
Folder O  " " "", B2A - B2A,125,61 (31)
Folder P  " " "", B2A,3 - B2A,367,1 (28)
Folder Q  " " "", B2A,37 - B2A,393,1 (32)

Box 16

Folder A  Benjamin Sedgwick descendants coded, B2A,3C - B2A,3G4 (34)
Folder B  " " "", B2C - B2C,413 (25)
Folder C  " " "", B2C,5 - B2C,8 (39)
Folder D  " " "", B3 - B36,2 (47)
Folder E  " " "", B4 - B43,443,5 (60)
Folder F  " " "", B43,444 - B43,464,5 (23)
Folder G  " " "", B43,465 - B43,466,32 (12)
Folder H  " " "", B43,467 - B43,467,5 (14)
Folder I  " " "", B43,47 - B43,481 (31)
Folder J  " " "", B44 - B44,126,1 (35)
Folder K  " " "", B44,15 - B44,152,21 (24)
Folder L  " " "", B47 - B47,454,2 (74)
Folder M  " " "", B48 - B48,613 (27)
Folder N  " " "", B49 - B4A,14 (52)
Folder O  " " "", B4A,15 - B4A,153,2 (29)

Box 17

Folder A  Benjamin Sedgwick descendants coded, B4A,3 - B4A,422 (39)
Folder B  " " "", B4A,5 - B51 (19)
Folder C  " " "", B53 - B54,314 (37)
Folder D  " " "", B54,32 - B54,321,33 (45)
Folder E  " " "", B54,322 - B54,33 (32)
Folder F  " " "", B55 - B56,613,2 (41)
Folder G  " " "", B56,8 - B57 (21)
Box 17 continued

Folder H  Benjamin Sedgwick descendants coded,  
          B57.3 - B57.33  
          (19)  
Folder I  " " " " , B57.4 - B5A.112  
          (28)  
Folder J  " " " " , B5A.113 - B5A.144.13  
          (24)  
Folder K  " " " " , B5A.15 - B5A.163.33  
          (25)  
Folder L  " " " " , B5C - B64.913.21  
          (25)  
Folder M  Unplaced Sedgwick correspondences and  
          notes, alphabetically arranged  
          (59)  
Folder N  Unplaced Non-Sedgwick surname  
          correspondences and notes, alphabet-  
          ical  
          (104)  

Box 18

Folder A  Transcripts of extracts from a scrapbook  
           (n.d.) of Mrs. K. Irene Hadley (1858-  
           ) and another (1915) from Earl  
           P. Sedgwick (1867-1935)  
           (11)  
Folder B  Sedgwicks mentioned in various  
           printed sources  
           Sedgwicks mentioned in various  
           public records, also some town  
           origins cleared up:  
           within CT  
           within MA  
           (23)  
Folder C  Information concerning other families:  
           Foster, Francis, Gould, Hastings, Hyde,  
           Kelsey, King and Haines, Kingsley,  
           Merrill, Parker, Sackett, Seymour, and  
           Tuttle  
           (79)  
Folder D  Nonrelated Sedgwicks  
           (21)  
Folder E  Hubert Merrill Sedgwick (1867-1950)  
           genealogical and non-genealogical  
           personal items; includes pamphlet  
           entitled, Centennial of the founding  
           of Westfield State Teachers College at  
           Barre, MA; 1939; also several articles  
           by W.S. Allen (b.1841)  
           (82)  
Folder F  Correspondence (1946) concerning George  
           Bruce Cortelyou, 1862-1940  
           (12)  
Folder G  Correspondence (1941-1942) concerning  
           Capt. Stewart Dean, f1 1770-80 father  
           of Margaret (Dean) Sedgwick, d. 1850,  
           with William J. Wilgus, 1865-1949  
           (16)  
Folder H  Correspondence (1938) concerning Sarah  
           (Sedgwick) Leverett, c. 1631-1705,  
           sister of Robert Sedgwick, 1611-1656  
           (11)  
Folder I  Correspondence (1925-1941) with William  
           Lyon Phelps, 1865-1943, also several  
           newspaper articles by him  
           (35)
Box 18 continued

Folder J Correspondence (1839) ALS from Adam Sedgwick, 1785-1873, to Charles F. Sedgwick, 1795-1882 (6)

Folder K Correspondence (1952-1953) with Edith (Todd) Sedgwick, (b. 1867) (13)

Folder L Correspondence (1930-1947) with Ellery Sedgwick, 1872- (76)

Folder M Correspondence (1933-1939) with Francis M. Sedgwick, 1872-1939 (95)

Folder N Correspondence (1907-1928) with Frederick J. Sedgwick, 1853-1939 (40)

Folder O Biographical information concerning Ernest Franz Sedgwick Hanfstaengl, 1887- , also includes correspondence (1934-1941) alphabetical by author, with two ALS from Mr. Hanfstaengl (57)

Folder P Articles by or about Ernest F. S. Hanfstaengl dated 23 Mar 1933 - 28 Jan 1943 (36)

Folder Q Biographical information concerning General John Sedgwick, 1813-1864, also correspondence (1933-1943) concerning Gettysburg monument and Liberty Ship named for him (57)

Folder R A Biographical Sketch; John Sedgwick, major general New York, The Devinne Press, 1899 by Emily (Sedgwick) Welch (1819-1902) (1 vol.)

Folder S Biographical information concerning Robert Sedgwick (1611-1656), the immigrant ancestor (34)

Box 19 Series IV Photographs

photographs as listed, with code when available

Folder A Miss Sedgwick, an actress (1)
Rev. Obadiah Sedgwick (1)
Adam Sedgwick, F.R.S. (1785-1873) (2)
21B,421,12 Francis Morris Sedgwick (1)
21B,424,7 Robert James Sedgwick (1)
21B,424,71 Michael James Sedgwick (2)
21B,43 Amasa P. Sedgwick (1)
411,211,151 David Beryl Parmeter (1)
411,27 Lewis Upham Sedgwick (2)
411,271,411 Emmet Hanson Miller (1)
411,32 Otis Sedgwick and three descendants (1)
411,324,1 Hubert Merrill Sedgwick and daughter Ruth (1)
411,E Harvey Sedgwick (1)
Box 19 continued, photographs

Folder A

| 414,1  | Marien (Henry) Sedgwick (1) |
| 414,14 | George Sedgwick (4) |
| 414,161,1 | Anne Douglas Sedgwick (1) |
| 414,17 | Samuel Sedgwick (2) |
| 414,172(5)(1) | Charles Summer Sedgwick either 1st, 2nd or 3rd (1) |

Folder B

| 414,18 | Frederick Sedgwick (1) |
| 414,181 | Frederick J. Sedgwick (2) |
| 414,41 | Datus Ensign Sedgwick (1) |
| 418,252 | Irving M. Sedgwick (7) |
| 41C,1 | Dr. Parker Sedgwick (1) |
| 41C,1H1 | Julius Parker Sedgwick (1) |
| 41C,1H2 | Allan Ernest Sedgwick (1) |
| 41C,46 | James Hadley Sedgwick (1) |
| 41C,461 | Dr. Howard M. Sedgwick (1) |
| 41C,51... | Edith J. Funch-Rasmussen Robert Jenkins Rasmussen Richard Wildman Richard Pettis (1) |

Folder C

Uncoded photographs:

| 41D,55 | Wallace Bartlet Spofford (1) |
| 41D,552 | Katherine Sedgwick (Battles) Spofford (1) |
| 41E,1 | Stephen James Sedgwick (2) |
| B21,1 | Charles F. Sedgwick (2) |
| B29,2 | General John Sedgwick (2) |
| B31,1 | Catherine M. Sedgwick (2) |

Folder D

Gravestone photos as listed, with code when available

| Captain Samuel Sedgwick (6) |
| Mary (Hopkins) Sedgwick (4) |
| Captain Samuel Sedgwick and Mary (Hopkins) Sedgwick (3) |
| 1 | Samuel Sedgwick Jr. (3) |
| 5 | Stephen Sedgwick (2) |
| 3 | Ebenezer Sedgwick (4) |
| 3; 5 | Ebenezer and Stephen Sedgwick (3) |
| B | Dea. Benjamin Sedgwick (5) |
Box 19 continued, photographs

Folder D continued, gravestone photographs

B3 Benjamin Sedgwick and Mary (Tuttle) Sedgwick (2)
B4 Judge Theodore Sedgwick (1)
B41 Elizabeth Mason (Sedgwick) Pomroy (1)
B43 Frances Pamela (Sedgwick) Watson (1)
B44 Theodore Sedgwick and family (1)
B48 Robert Sedgwick and family (1)
B49 Charles Sedgwick and B4A Catherine Sedgwick (1)

Folder E

"Mumbet" Elizabeth Freeman also B49 and B4A (1)
B47 Henry Dwight Sedgwick and family (1)
B47,5 Louise M. Sedgwick (1)
B47,4 Henry Dwight Sedgwick (1)
B48,5 Henrietta Ellery (Sedgwick) Sedgwick (1)
B47,4 Henry Dwight Sedgwick and his wife B48,5 Henrietta Ellery (Sedgwick) Sedgwick (2)
B29 Benjamin Sedgwick and family (3)
B29,2 Major Gen. John Sedgwick Memorial (4)
B2C,7 Judge John Sedgwick (2)
B21,1 Charles F. Sedgwick and his wife Betsey (Swan) Sedgwick (1)
414,1 Samuel Sedgwick and his wife Marien (Henry) Sedgwick (1)
414,14 George Sedgwick and his wife Martha (Pope) Sedgwick (3)
414,16 James Sedgwick and first wife Maria (Stanley) Sedgwick, also (3)
414,164 James Peck Sedgwick his son (3)
B31 Theodore Sedgwick and his wife Abigail (Couch) Sedgwick (5)
319 Asher Sedgwick and his wife Temperance Deming (2)
319,3 Temperance Sedgwick (2)
31B,2 Fanny Sedgwick (4)
31B,2 Elijah Hyde, Betsey (Hyde) Steel, and their niece Fanny Sedgwick (8)

Duplicates of gravestone photographs with the "file" numbers 5036 and 5038 with the packet they were placed in (3)
Box 19 continued, photographs

Folder F Miscellaneous photographs of places and things, includes: homes, coat of arms, and Sedgwick memorials and namesakes (29)

Folder G Postcard pictures from England:
   Burford (16)
   Pontefract (4)
   Woburn with a listing of Sedgwick statistics on the reverse of one card (6)

Folder H Views of Woburn, Woburn Sands, and District . . . , printed and published by Fisher & son, printer and stationers, Woburn, Beds. (n.d.) (24)

Folder I Memorabilia:
   50th Wedding Anniversary booklet of Myron Day Downs and Elizabeth Allen Bishop (10)
   Newspaper article on book-plate collecting with an illustration of the coat of arms of Robert Sedgwick (1)
   Reprint of The Spector a New York newspaper, dated 26 Jul 1800 (1)
   Original copy of Columbian Centinel, a Boston newspaper, dated 11 Aug 1798(2)
   (Both newspapers contain the name of Theodore Sedgwick who was then the Speaker of the House of Representatives)

Folder J Photographs
   Gen. Sedgwick
   Emily Sedgwick
   1 unidentified woman