

Guide to the Wadsworth Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 525

CREATOR: Wadsworth family

TITLE: Wadsworth family papers

DATES: 1745-1914

BULK DATES: 1775-1862

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Chiefly correspondence of the Wadsworth, Silliman, and Trumbull families. Of note in the eighteenth century correspondence is the exchange between Joseph Trumbull and Jeremiah Wadsworth concerning the business of the Commissary General during the American Revolution. Major correspondents in the later period are Faith Trumbull Wadsworth, Benjamin and Harriet Trumbull Silliman and their children. There is a long series of ninety-one letters (1806-1846) to Eliza Winthrop Sebor from Faith Trumbull Wadsworth and also a diary kept by her between 1803 and 1846. Another by John Noyes Wadsworth from 1790 to 1815 is largely made up of his financial accounts from Durham, Conn. and Genesee, New York. This volume was continued (1815-1835) by John's son, Wedworth. Also in the papers are miscellaneous legal and financial papers, clippings and memorabilia.

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- b. box
- f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Maria Trumbull Dana, 1943.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

For charts outlining the genealogical relations of the Wadsworth, Silliman, and Trumbull families, please consult the [Genealogical Charts](#).

Scope and Contents

The major part of this collection is approximately 250 letters received and sent by members of the Wadsworth, Silliman, and Trumbull families between 1745 and 1862. Most of the eighteenth-century letters are from Joseph Trumbull to Jeremiah Wadsworth, concerning business of the Commissary General during the Revolution. The later correspondence consists mainly of letters by Daniel and Faith (Trumbull) Wadsworth to Benjamin and Harriet (Trumbull) Silliman and their children and to Miss Eliza W. Sebor of Middletown. This family correspondence deals mainly with such personal matters as illness, death, visits, and gossip. The letters are individually catalogued.

Among other items in this collection is a small diary of Faith Trumbull Wadsworth (Mrs. Daniel), mainly religious musings and family nostalgia, 1803-1846. This diary is in two small books copied by Susan Forbes Silliman (Mrs. Benjamin II), a great-niece of Mrs. Wadsworth. The other volume is an account of John Noyes Wadsworth, 1758-1815, a cousin of Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth, begun in 1790 and continued after 1815 by John's son Wedworth until 1835. There are also notes, clippings, memorabilia, and legal and financial papers.

The Wadsworth Family papers were given to Yale University Library by Maria Trumbull Dana. There are related items in the Silliman Family papers and the John Trumbull papers.

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b. 1, f. 7	1809 Jan-Jun	
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b. 1, f. 9	1810 Jul-1811 Dec	
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b. 1, f. 28	Arguments prepared for debates by James Wadsworth (1730-1817)	1745

b. 1, f. 29	Ledger belonging to John Noyes Wadsworth	1790-1835
b. 1, f. 30	Journal of Faith (Trumbull) Wadsworth	1803-1846
b. 1, f. 31	Poem; critical notes on a book or manuscript	undated
b. 1, f. 32	Deeds of sale	1826, 1856
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b. 1, f. 34	Account of funeral expenses for Henry C. Trumbull	1855
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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Families

Geographic Names

Connecticut
Durham (Conn. : Town)
Genesee (N.Y.)
United States -- History -- Revolution,
1775-1783 -- Equipment and supplies

Genres / Formats

Account books
Diaries

Names

DuBlanc, James
Fitch, Jonathan, 1727-1793
Mitchell, Stephen Mix, 1743-1835
Sebor, Eliza Winthrop
Silliman, Benjamin, 1779-1864
Silliman, Faith Wadsworth, 1812-1887
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Families

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