

# Guide to the Henry White Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 551

**CREATOR:** White, Henry, 1803-1880

**TITLE:** Henry White papers

**DATES:** 1745-1886

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.5 linear feet (16 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Chiefly correspondence and legal papers of the law firm founded in New Haven by Henry White's father, Dyer White, in 1785. Henry White joined the firm in 1828. Records of 113 individuals, firms, and estates whose business the firm handled make up the business section of the papers. Also included are a small amount of Dyer White's family correspondence (1784-1836) and college lecture notes, account books related to church activities (1822-1837), and other miscellaneous papers of Henry White.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Roger S. White, the White law office, and Mr. Sanborn, 1913-1925.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

HENRY WHITE, the only surviving child of the Hon. Dyer and Hannah (Wetmore) White, was born in New Haven, Conn., March 5, 1803.

He received his BA from Yale in 1821. From 1823 to 1825 he served as a tutor at Yale. He then studied law, and entered on its practice in 1828 in his native city, where he continued to reside until his sudden death, from neuralgia of the heart, Oct. 7, 1880, at the age of 77. His tastes led him to appear rarely in court, but he was specially occupied with the settlement of estates and the care of trust funds, and in these duties had the entire confidence of the community through a long life. He was also much interested in matters of local history and had given particular attention to the compilation of a history of the ownership of land in New Haven. He was one of the founders and the first president of the New Haven Colony Historical Society. For nearly half a century he was a deacon in the Center Church. He was married, Jan. 7, 1830, to Martha, daughter of Roger Sherman, of New Haven, and granddaughter of the Hon. Roger Sherman. She survived him with six sons, graduates of this College in 1851, 1854, 1859, 1860, 1864 and 1866, a seventh son having died a few months before his father.

*Obituary Record of Graduates of Yale University, 1880-1890.*

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## Scope and Contents

The Henry White Papers, 1745-1886, consist of 6.5 linear feet of business, legal, and personal papers from the offices of Henry White, lawyer of New Haven. This firm, founded in 1785 by his father, Judge Dyer White (1762-1841), became White Brothers in 1880, when Henry White died, leaving the business to his sons. The papers are mainly those of individuals, firms, and estates whose business the firm handled. Also included are some papers of Dyer White as New Haven officeholder, some personal letters, and several lectures delivered by Henry White at Yale College and before the Mechanics' Society and the Young Men's Institute.

The Henry White Papers came to the Library from Roger S. White, from the White law offices, and from a Mr. Sanborn between 1913 and 1925.

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**Collection Contents**
**Inventory, 1745-1886***6.5 linear feet (16 boxes)*

	Correspondence and other papers relating to legal practice	1799-1880
b.1	Atwater - Bostwick	
b.1	Atwater, Jeremiah	1853-1871
b.1	Atwood, Charles	1839-1840
b.1	Augur, Hezekiah	1834-1856
b.1	Augustus, Scipio	1817-1854
b.1	Bacon, Asa	1847-1874
b.1	Bacon, Frederick A.	1860-1869
b.1	Baldwin, Martha N.	1861-1874
b.1	Barber, George C.	1832-
b.1	Barker, Charles S.	1863-1865
b.1	Bassett, John G.	1833-1867
b.1	Beers, Timothy P.	1858-1864
b.1	Benson, Wm. E. & Jennie	1868-1873
b.1	Bostwick, Wm.	1839-1868
b.2	Bostwick (cont'd) - Collins	
b.2	Bostwick, Wm.	1839-1868
b.2	Bradley, Abraham	1835-1845
b.2	Bradley, John	1827-1868
b.2	Brown, Mercy	1802-1846
b.2	Bulkly, Henry D.	1863
b.2	Burrows, Silas E. & John R.	1860-1873
b.2	Butler, Sarah V. H.	1854-1880
b.2	Collins, David C. & Clarissa E.	1841-1879
b.3	Cooke - Dexter	
b.3	Cooke, John	1825-1879
b.3	Daggett Family	1787-1876

## Correspondence and other papers relating to legal practice &gt; Cooke - Dexter (continued)

b. 3	Daggett, Oliver E.	1850-1867
b. 3	Darling Family	1796-1872
b. 3	Dexter, Normand	1826-1837
b. 4	Dickerman - Hallock	
b. 4	Dickerman, James P.	1855-1879
b. 4	Dutcher, L. L.	1848-1859
b. 4	Dwight, Timothy	1826-1829
b. 4	Eagle Bank	1826-1835
b. 4	Elliot, Wm. H.	1861-1870
b. 4	Elliot, Wm. H., Jr.	1853
b. 4	Ellsworth, Henry L.	1859-1870
b. 4	Forbes, Wm. J.	1839-1866
b. 4	Goodrich, James W.	1850-1871
b. 4	Goodyear, Nelson	1851
b. 4	Greene, David	1822-1843
b. 4	Greene, Mary A.	1864-1875
b. 4	Griswold, Leverett	
b. 4	Hallock, Gerard	1837-1864
b. 4	Hallock, Jeremiah H.	1848-1852
b. 4	Hallock, Wm. A.	1835-1844
b. 5	Herrick - Hughes	
b. 5	Herrick, Eunice T.	1866-1868
b. 5	Hillhouse, Mary L.	1845-1878
b. 5	Hitchcock, Samuel J.	1835-1863
b. 5	Holcombe, Hiram	1829-1844
b. 5	Hoppin, J. M.	
b. 5	Horton, Mary D.	1859-1878
b. 5	Hotchkiss, Samuel R.	1836-1881
b. 5	Howe, Hezekiah	1799-1851
b. 5	Howe Street Church	1858

## Correspondence and other papers relating to legal practice &gt; Herrick - Hughes (continued)

b. 5	Hoyt, W. W.	1852-1859
b. 5	Hubbard, James M.	1861-1878
b. 5	Hubbell, H. W. & Jane M.	1848-1862
b. 5	Hughes, Samuel, Estate	1845-1875
b. 6	Hughes (cont'd) - Leffingwell	
b. 6	Hughes, Samuel, Estate	1845-1875
b. 6	Ives, Eli	1839-1864
b. 6	Jenkins, Joseph and Wealthy Ann	1839-1862
b. 6	Jewett, Stephen	1865-1879
b. 6	Jones, Betsey	1849-1873
b. 6	Kansas Relief Com.	1861
b. 6	Ketcham, Lucy D.	1858-1879
b. 6	Leffingwell Family	1797-1875
b. 7	Lockwood - Percival	
b. 7	Lockwood, Le Grand	1857-1870
b. 7	Merriman, Betsey	1822-1860
b. 7	Mix, Silas	1849-1853
b. 7	Mix, William	1866-1869
b. 7	New Englander	1847-1852
b. 7	New Haven Almshouse	1852-1874
b. 7	New Haven Book Club	1848-1874
b. 7	Norton, Dudley	1858-1860
b. 7	Ogden, Mary C.	1802-1844
b. 7	Olmstead, Henry	1863
b. 7	Paddock, Dr.	1855-1856
b. 7	Parsons, Samuel	1857-1869
b. 7	Peck, Mary	1859-1865
b. 7	Peck & Stafford	1846-1851
b. 7	Percival, James G.	1835-1857
b. 8	Phelps - Sherman	

## Correspondence and other papers relating to legal practice &gt; Phelps - Sherman (continued)

b. 8	Phelps, Anson G.	1846-1864
b. 8	Pomeroy, Elizabeth	1832-1859
b. 8	Ray, Anna	1830-1833
b. 8	Rianhart, William E.	1848-1867
b. 8	Root, Joel	1821-1853
b. 8	Sage, Oliver	1832-1836
b. 8	Salisbury, Edward E.	1847-1874
b. 8	Seeley, Ebenezer	1837-1842
b. 8	Sheffield, Joseph B.	1849-1855
b. 8	Sheffield, William	1842-1847
b. 8	Sherman, Thaddeus	1858-1878
b. 9	Skinner - Wales	
b. 9	Skinner, John	1803-1880
b. 9	Spencer Estates	1839-1857
b. 9	Spencer, Horatio N. & I. S.	1853-1857
b. 9	Stone, Sidney M.	1843-1853
b. 9	Street, Augustus R.	1867-1875
b. 9	Tomlinson, Charles	1852-1873
b. 9	Townsend, Anna	1848-1859
b. 9	Tyler, Edward R.	1848-1850
b. 9	Upson, Henry	1853-1879
b. 9	Wadsworth, Mary	1859-1862
b. 9	Wales, John H.	1818-1821
b. 10	Webster - Wetmore family	
b. 10	Webster, Louisa	1873-1876
b. 10	Webster, Noah	1843-1876
b. 10	Western College Soc.	1852-1878
b. 10	Wetmore Family	1823-1877
b. 11	White - Yale, Misc. (1745-1846)	
b. 11	White, Eunice	1830-1869



Correspondence and other papers relating to legal practice > White - Yale, Misc. (1745-1846)  
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b. 11	Whitney, Eli	1863-1865
b. 11	Wickham, Joseph D.	1859-1878
b. 11	Wight, O. W.	1854-1862
b. 11	Williams, Cyrus	1844-1869
b. 11	Winship, James	1868-1875
b. 11	Wise, Sally	1849-1861
b. 11	Woolsey, T. D.	1873
b. 11	Wooster, Joseph L.	1775-1796
b. 11	Yale	1821-1864
b. 11	Miscellaneous	1745-1846
b. 12	Miscellaneous	1847-1880, undated
Family correspondence		
b. 12	Incoming and outgoing letters of Dyer White	1784-1813
b. 12	Sally White to Dyer White	1793-1836
b. 12	White family genealogy	undated
Notebooks		
b. 13	"Explanation of the Bible...," English	1810
b. 13	Mathematics exercise book	1810
b. 13	"Extracts of Sermons from various Authors," English	1815
b. 13	Account book of the Female Auxiliary Bible Society of New Haven and Vicinity	1822-1825
b. 13	Account book of church subscriptions	1837
b. 13	Names and locations of soldiers buried in Grove Street cemetery	1886
Lecture notes		
b. 13	Natural history lectures for the Young Men's Institute	1831-1833
b. 13	College lectures on various subjects	undated
b. 14	Classified extracts from early New Haven records, with notes	undated
b. 15	Collection of slips possibly used to prepare New Haven land records	[1844?]
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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  
Law  
Lawyers

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.) -- History  
New Haven (Conn.) -- Religion

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books

### **Names**

White, Dyer, 1762-1841  
White, Henry, 1803-1880  
White, Sally

### **Families**

White family

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Students