

# Guide to the Selden Warner Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 536

**CREATOR:** Warner, Selden, d. 1834

**TITLE:** Selden Warner papers

**DATES:** 1780-1839

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and family legal and financial papers. The bulk of the papers relate to the activities of family members in the shad fishing industry near Lyme, Connecticut.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Henry Selden Johnston in 1945.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Selden Warner was a son of Jonathan Warner, of Hadlyme Parish, in Lyme, Connecticut, and grandson of Andrew Warner. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Selden, Junior, of Haddam.

He became a physician in Hadlyme, and married in 1788 his second cousin Dorothy, youngest daughter of Colonel Samuel and Elizabeth (Ely) Selden, of Lyme, who died in 1825, at the age of 57.

He died in Hadlyme, from paralysis, on March 1, 1843, aged 82 years. His children were seven sons and two daughters. One son was graduated at Yale in 1817, who followed his father's profession; and a granddaughter married Chief Justice Morrison R. Waite (Yale 1837).

From *Biographical Sketches of the Graduates of Yale College* by Franklin B. Dexter.

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## Scope and Contents

Correspondence and other papers (1798-1839) of Selden Warner and various members of his family make up the Selden Warner Papers. Both family correspondence and a few business letters, one written by Jeremiah Day, are included, as are legal and financial papers such as indentures and documents relating to the estates of Elizabeth and Jonathan Warner. Over half of the collection consists of accounts and other papers relating to the shad fishing industry near Lyme, Connecticut, in which Selden Warner and his sons were active.

These papers were given to Yale University by Henry Selden Johnston in 1945.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	J. T. Warner: correspondence	1831
b. 1, f. 2	Richard Warner: correspondence	1819
b. 1, f. 3 - 4	Selden Warner: correspondence	1812-1838
b. 1, f. 5	William H. Warner: correspondence	1824
b. 1, f. 6 - 7	Legal and financial papers	1797-1827, undated
	Receipts	1805-1838, undated
b. 1, f. 8 - 13	Shad fishing accounts	1780-1839, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Records of grass sales	1836-1839

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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**

Business  
Families  
Shad fishing -- Connecticut  
Shipping

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Commerce  
Lyme (Conn.)

### **Occupations**

Fishermen

### **Names**

Warner, Selden, d. 1834

### **Corporate Body**

Yale University -- Students