

# Guide to the Pond Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 638

**CREATOR:** Pond family

**TITLE:** Pond family papers

**DATES:** 1716-1896

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, Pond and Norton family deeds, and financial papers of the Pond family of Connecticut together with records pertaining to the town of Wolcott. The papers also contain a partial autobiography of Peter Pond (1740-1807) describing his experiences in the French and Indian War and as a fur trader in the northwest.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from S.S. Hurwitz in 1946 and gift of Legrand Cannon, Jr., in 1947.

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## Conditions Governing Access

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## Biographical / Historical

Moses Pond (1787-1873): lawyer; Connecticut State representative (1837-1855); and selectman of Wolcott, Connecticut. Peter Pond (1740-1807): soldier in the French and Indian War; fur trader in the West, 1765-1785; and explorer of the U.S. Northwest.

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## Scope and Contents

The bulk of the Pond Family Papers relate to Moses Pond (d. 1819), to his sons Moses, Jr., Aaron, and Alpheus, and to Henry A. Pond, son of Moses, Jr. Moses Pond, Jr. (1787-1873), was a lawyer, executor of numerous estates, state representative (1837-1855), collector of the ecclesiastical tax, and selectman of the town of Wolcott, Connecticut.

The Pond Family papers contain a selection of business correspondence (1818-1896), a large number of deeds for land in Farmington, Wolcott, Southington, Waterbury, and Bristol, Connecticut, belonging to the Pond and Norton families, and legal and financial documents, both originals and copies, such as leases, papers from various estates, and receipts. Also in the papers are letters patent for Seth Peck's tinware manufacturing machine, Adam Pond's petition concerning privateering, various papers relating to the town of Wolcott, including tax records of the ecclesiastical society, and an account book for the Wolcott sawmill. The final item in this collection is the partial autobiography of Peter Pond, describing his experiences in the French and Indian War (1756-1760) and afterwards as a trader in the northwest.

Information on the genealogy of the Pond family can be found in *A Genealogical Record of Samuel Pond, and his Descendants* by Daniel S. Pond.

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| b. 1, f. 1 - 2   | Correspondence   | 1818-1896,<br>undated |
| b. 1, f. 3 - 15  | Deeds  | 1716-1885             |
| b. 1, f. 16 - 19 | Legal and financial papers   | 1774-1873,<br>undated |
| b. 1, f. 20      | Letters patent; petitions  | 1819-1848             |
| b. 1, f. 21      | Town of Wolcott papers   | 1821-1835             |
| b. 1, f. 22      | Sawmill account book   | 1834-1841             |
| b. 1, f. 23 - 25 | Peter Pond: autobiography (with manuscript and photostatic copies) | 1756-1761             |

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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  
Lawyers

### Geographic Names

Connecticut  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca.  
1600-1775  
United States -- History -- French and Indian  
War, 1754-1763  
Wolcott (Conn. : Town)

### Genres / Formats

Account books  
Deeds

### Occupations

Fur traders

### Names

Pond, Henry A.  
Pond, Moses, 1787-1873  
Pond, Moses, d. 1819  
Pond, Peter, 1740-1807

### Families

Norton family  
Pounds family