

Guide to the Pond Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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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

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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

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.

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.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1 - 2	Correspondence	1818-1896, undated
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b. 1, f. 16 - 19	Legal and financial papers	1774-1873, 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

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