

Guide to the Munson Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 734

CREATOR: Munson family

TITLE: Munson family papers

DATES: 1710-1888

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1 linear foot

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, financial papers, and deeds of two branches of the Munson family of New Haven and nearby Connecticut towns. Most of the correspondence pertains to Edwin Beach Munson (1817-1879), his sons Albert L. Munson (b. 1842) and Edward Munson (b. 1854), and Edwin's brother Francis Munson (b. 1827), a book dealer in Chicago. Several letters ca. 1866 concern a patent for making paper napkins. The remaining papers, consisting of deeds and financial papers, relate to the family of Baszel Munson (1730-1803). An addition to the collection consists of a commonplace scrapbook of Emily C. Munson of New Haven.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from M. Earle, 1944 and 1946; transferred from Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, 1999

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Biographical / Historical

For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Munson family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#).

Scope and Contents

These papers consist of correspondence and legal and financial papers of two distantly related branches of the Munson family of New Haven and nearby towns in Connecticut.

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Further details are available in *The Munson Record* by Myron A. Munson.

Most of the correspondence pertains to Edwin Beach Munson (1817-1879) and includes family letters from his brother Francis (1827-?), who was a book dealer in Chicago, and his sons Albert (1842-?) and Edward (1854-?), a few business letters, and some correspondence of other members of his family. Legal and financial papers from 1849 and 1879 relating to this branch of the family include the will of Charles Munson (1792-1879), various deeds to land in New Haven, receipts, and an unidentified photograph.

The rest of the papers stem from the family of Bazel Munson (1729-1803), and consist entirely of legal and financial papers dating from 1710 to 1844. Most are deeds for land in New Haven and vicinity, the earliest being a deed from David Yale (1693-1757) to Isaac Stiles, father-in-law of Bazel Munson. Papers other than deeds include promissory notes, lists of debts, a lease to Bazel Munson for a sawmill, and other similar items.

The Munson Family Papers were purchased by Yale University in 1944 and 1946.

Collection Contents

Inventory, 1710-1879

0.25 linear feet (1 box)

b. 1, f. 1-3	Letters of Francis Munson to Edwin B. Munson to Edwin B. Munson	1872-1878
b. 1, f. 4-6	Other correspondence	1866-1879, undated
b. 1, f. 7-21	Legal and financial papers See also: MG Common folio, No.37	1710-1879, undated
b. 1, f. 22	Receipts	1872-1879
b. 1, f. 23	Newspaper clippings	undated
b. 1, f. 24	Photograph (2 copies)	undated
OVERSIZE: Legal and financial Papers		
b. 3	4 deeds	1714, 1861
b. 3	MS list of deeds,	1794-1847, undated

Accession 1999-M-090: Additional Material

Munson, Emily C.

b. 1	Commonplace scrapbook [Vol. 6, contains newspaper clippings and memorabilia pertaining to New Haven history, women’s issues, literature and poetry]	1887 May-1888 November
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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
Paper products

Geographic Names

Middle West
New Haven (Conn.)

Genres / Formats

Deeds
Patents (license)

Names

Munson, Albert L., 1842-
Munson, Baszel, 1730-1803
Munson, Edward, 1854-
Munson, Edwin Beach, 1817-1879
Munson, Francis, 1827-

Families

Munson family