

Guide to the Bishop Family Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 839

CREATOR: Bishop family

TITLE: Bishop family papers

DATES: 1793-1883

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Financial and legal papers of the Bishop family of Connecticut. The largest part of the papers consists of deeds for properties in New Haven, East Haven, Fair Haven, Branford, Hamden and Guilford, Connecticut. Also included are manifests for slaves shipped from New Haven to Savannah, Charleston and Norfolk (1822-1824). The major figures are Elias Bradley Bishop of New Haven and Jonathan Bishop Sr. and Jr. of Guilford.

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Administrative Information

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Preferred Citation

Bishop Family Papers (MS 839). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Scope and Contents

The Bishop Family Collection consists of approximately 120 items — deeds, manifests of slave cargoes, and miscellaneous papers. The deeds (ca. 1801-1883) are for properties in New Haven, East Haven, Fair Haven, Branford, Hamden, and Guilford, Connecticut, and in Rock Island County, Illinois, that were bought or sold by Jonathan Bishop, Sr. (1762-1828), Jonathan Bishop, Jr. (1797-1887), or Charlotte G. Bishop (fl. 1867-1883). The manifests are for slaves shipped from New Haven to Savannah, Charleston, and Norfolk between October 1822 and November 1824. The miscellaneous papers consist mainly of 19th-century financial records and documents, including accounts, bills, receipts, and notes of exchange, related to various members of the Bishop family.

Included in the materials are the following (from an older description):

43 miscellaneous papers, mainly deeds, 1824-1859, and undated, to, from or relating to Elias Bradley Bishop, 1795-1866, of New Haven, Conn. Included are 32 deeds, 1824-1859, to or from Elias B. Bishop for land in New Haven, East Haven, Fair Haven, Branford, and Hamden, Conn. and in Rock Island County, Illinois; also 1 promissory note [signature partially cut out, but probably Elias B. Bishop]; 4 sheets from unidentified account books, [1851], [1857], and undated; 2 notes of exchange, Sep 14, 15, 1859; 1 blank check on Hudson county Bank; 2 blank notes of exchange; and 1 MS map of a plot of land in Rock Island Co., Ill. showing the owners of various sections, undated.

2 manuscript bills issued by Jonathan Bishop to town of Guilford, Dec 6, 1802, June 29, 1808. Bill to Joseph Weld and various other residents (all on one sheet), 1798. Bill from Johnson Bishop, Sep. 29, 1814. List of Jonathan Bishop, 1846.

Bishop, Charlotte G. 12 deeds granted to Charlotte G. Bishop from various people of Guilford, 1867-1888.

Bishop, Jonathan, Sr. 1762-1828 (15 deeds), Bishop, Jonathan, Jr., 1797-1887 (30 deeds). 45 deeds granted to Jonathan Bishop Sr. & Jr. from various people in the town of Guilford, 1801-1875. Also letters, patent to Jonathan Jr. for a thrashing machine, Oct 29, 1834, and a bill, Aug 1, 1803 from Jonathan Sr. to the town of Guilford.

Essex Savings Bank—Deeds to Edwin Griswold from Essex Savings Bank, July 29, 1861.

Bishop, Abraham, collector of U.S. customs, New Haven. 7 manifests for slaves shipped from New Haven, to Savannah, Charleston, and Norfolk, Oct 12, 1822-Nov 10, 1824, and 2 receipts signed by James Hillhouse and Samuel Ward for money received from Samuel Bishop, collector, New Haven district, Oct 23, Nov 2, 1801.

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b. 1, f. 1 - 4	1793-1883, n.d.
b. 2	Undated map of township 16, Rock Island County, Illinois

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

African Americans
Families
Shipping
Slave trade

Geographic Names

Branford (Conn.)
East Haven (Conn.)
Fair Haven (Conn.)
Guilford (Conn.)
Hamden (Conn.)
New Haven (Conn.)

Genres / Formats

Deeds

Names

Bishop, Elias Bradley, 1785-1866
Bishop, Jonathan, 1762-1828
Bishop, Jonathan, 1797-1887

Families

Bishop family