

# Guide to the Sanford Family Papers

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**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of account books, letterbooks, and papers of the Sanford family of New Haven, Connecticut. The merchant activities of Nelson D. Sanford and David P. Calhoun are detailed. Also included is a microfilm of Samuel Simons Sanford's album which documents his career as a professor of applied music, and his association with Yale.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Provenance is unknown.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Associated Materials

Album of Samuel Simons Sanford is available on microfilm (100 frames on 1 reel, 35mm.) from Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library, at cost. Order no. HM27.

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## Biographical / Historical

Strong Sanford was the son of Elihu, a soldier in the French and Indian War, and Hannah Sanford. He was born on October 9, 1760 and died on May 3, 1846. He fought for the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War and worked as a merchant. He married Temperance Hotchkiss.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1	Legal and financial papers	1717-1887, undated
	Volumes	
b. 1	Strong Sanford (1760-1846; general merchant of Washington, Conn.): account book	1788-1793
b. 1	Julia Sanford (1831-1900): notebook containing poems, religious observations, reflections on the 50th wedding anniversary of her parents (Elihu and Susan (Howell) Sanford), and her mother's death	1851, 1863-1864
b. 1	Sanford [Nelson D.] & Blakeslee [Jotham T.] (flour and grain dealers of New Haven, Conn.): day books	1868-1869
b. 1	David P. Calhoun (1821-1875; freight agent): letter-copy book relating to the foundry and iron railing factory, D. P. Calhoun & Co.	1871-1874
	Nelson D. Sanford (1832-1870; grocer of New Haven, Conn.)	
b. 2	Day books	1860-1863
b. 2	Account books	1862-1868

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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  
Merchants  
Music

### Geographic Names

Connecticut  
New Haven (Conn.) -- Commerce

### Genres / Formats

Account books  
Deeds

### Names

Blakeslee, Jotham T.  
Calhoun, David P., 1821-1875  
Calhoun, Fanny Ophelia Sanford, 1828-  
Dick, Joseph  
Gately, Dennis C.  
Hook, John Dewint  
Osborn, Walter  
Sanford, Julia, 1831-1900  
Sanford, Nelson D., 1832-1870  
Sanford, Samuel Simons, 1849-1910  
Sanford, Strong, 1760-1846  
Smith, S. R.  
Sturges, Isaac M., 1807-1877  
Townsend, Isaac H. (Isaac Henry), 1803-1847  
White, Henry, 1803-1880  
White, Roger Sherman, 1837-1924

### Families

Sanford family

### Corporate Bodies

Sanford and Blakeslee  
Yale School of Music  
Yale University -- Faculty