

Burr Family Papers

COLLECTION, MS B20

DATE

1743 – 1955

CONTRIBUTOR

Fairfield Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

The Burr family settled in Fairfield in the 1600's. The Burrs in this collection were town officials, farmers, storekeepers, sea farers, and business people. Among the more distinguished family members were Thaddeus Burr (1736-1801) at whose house John Hancock was married and Aaron Burr (1756-1836) whose father moved from Fairfield to Newark, NJ.

SCOPE & CONTENT

This collection consists of 23 boxes and 10 oversize items. Box 1 contains deeds, probate records and writs. The rest of the boxes have been arranged chronologically and by family members where possible. Box 2 is an assortment of family members.

Box 3 and 5 pertain to David Burr and his wife Magdalen while Box 4 contains seafaring type materials including Bowditch's Practical Navigator. Box 6 contains William Burr's papers and Boxes 7 and 8 hold James O. Burr's papers, consisting mostly of letters from "Mame". Box 9 has the papers of Josie, David A. and Emma Josephine Burr.

William O. Burr's papers make up Boxes 10 and 11 and include Fairfield Tercentenary papers as well as a "phrenological character" of W.O. His wife Aretta's papers are in Box 12 as are Eunice Dennie Burr and Harry Hill Sherwood. Papers from Lillian Burr's college days at Mt. Holyoke can be found in Boxes 13 and 14.

Box 15 contains Florence Burr Shelton's papers and some photos. Papers belonging to Theodore B., Raymonde Pezard and Theodosia Burr are in Box 16 and include interesting World War I related items. Box 17 is made up of miscellaneous items but of particular note are letters written to Florence A. Wright (Mrs. George Wright) from "Da Da" while both traveled with the Elsie DeWolf theatre company.

Box 18 holds various account books while Box 19 contains family photos and postcards. Copies of Howard Burr's papers are in Box 20 while Box 21 holds Mrs. Frederick A. Burr (Alice) papers. William T. Burr's items, including his Civil Air Patrol papers, are in Box 22 while Fred A. Burr's papers are in Box 23.

RELATED PEOPLE/INSTITUTIONS

Cpt. David Burr (created by)

Collection Contents

Burr Family Papers

Oversize Item L: Frederick A. Burr

Land Associated w/ 166 Elm Street

Handwritten Tax Assessment (L2021.5)

William Burr papers

Folder H: Surety bond and Elm St. house costs 1891, n.d.

Folder A: Account books and Produce sales 1862-1890

Folder B: Account books 1862-1880

Folder C: Books

Folder D: Bills and bills receipted 1841-1906

Folder E: Bills and bills receipted for house on Elm St. 1858-1862

Folder F: Contracts and permits

Folder G: Letters

James O. Burr papers

Folder J: Loose stamps and covers with evaluations 1890's

Folder I: Miscellaneous papers

Folder H: Letters from Mame n.d.

Folder G: Letters from Mame 1896

Folder F: Letters from Mame 1895

Folder E: Letters from Mame, 7-12 1894

Folder D: Letters from Mame, 1-6 1894

Folder C: Letters from Mame 1893

Folder B: Letters from Mame (b. 8 Oct. 1871) 1891-1892

Folder A: Letters from unidentified woman 1881-1882

James O. Burr Books

Folder D: School books 1870's, 1880's

Folder C: School books 1850, 1870, n.d.

Folder B: Scripture and songbooks 1870's and n.d.

Folder A: Bible and Scripture dictionary 1869

Josie and David A. Burr

Folder B: David A. Burr (1864-1923) papers

Folder A: Emma Josephine Burr (1860-1901) scripture and songbook 1850's, 1860's

William O. Burr

Folder H: Papers presented by W.O. Burr 1933, n.d.

Folder G: Phrenological character of W.O. Burr, programs and pamphlets 1887, 1900's

Folder F: Letters and financial statements 1914, 1940's

Folder E: Remodeling 254 N. Benson Rd. house plans 1894

Folder D: Bills and bills receipted 1919, 1940's

Folder C: First Church of Christ Papers 1930-1950

Folder B: Fairfield Tercentenary papers 1938

Folder A: Fairfield Tercentenary papers 1938-1939

William O. Burr Diaries

Folder D: Diaries 1906-1909

Folder C: Diaries 1902-1905

Folder B: Diaries 1898-1901

Folder A: Diaries 1892-1894, 1897

William O. Burr books and diaries

Folder F: Rental books, farm account book 1895-1934

Folder E: Loose diary papers 1946-1951

Folder D: Fairfield diary 1946-1951

Folder C: Fairfield diary 1939-1945

Folder B: Fairfield diaries 1885-1889

Folder A: Travel diaries 1889, 1941

Aretta Burr Sherwood, Eunice Dennie Burr and Harry Hill Sherwood papers

Folder J: Miscellaneous clippings

Folder I: Eunice Burr diary 1915-1919

Folder H: Aretta Burr Sherwood diary 1932-1944

Folder G: Aretta Burr Sherwood diary 1931

Folder F: Aretta Burr Sherwood diary 1929

Folder E: Diary of H.H. Sherwood in France with YMCA 1919

Folder D: Letters from H.H. Sherwood to Eunice Burr 1918

Folder C: Letters to Aretta Burr Sherwood from H.H. Sherwood 1918-1919

Folder B: Letters to Aretta Burr Sherwood from H.H. Sherwood 1918

Folder A: Letters to Aretta Burr Sherwood from H.H. Sherwood 1918

Lillian Burr's Mt. Holyoke College Papers, class of 1905

Lillian Burr papers

Folder F: Business letters to Lillian Burr

Folder E: Letters from W.H. Burr

Folder C & D: Letters

Folder A & B: College papers

Florence Burr papers

Folder H: Jennings family photos

Folder G: Morris Lyon Burr's Yale Class Day book and Manual of the First Church of Christ 1905, 1881

Folder F: Letter to Lillie

Folder E: Letterheads and envelopes

Folder D: Handwritten recipe book

Folder C: Patterns and transfers

Folder A & B: School class notes n.d.

Theodore B. Burr, Raymonde Pezard Burr and Theodosia Burr papers

Folder J: Photographs

Folder I: Newspaper clips 1941, 1945

Folder H: Miscellaneous papers

Folder G: Photographs and clips of Jean Parkermeye (Lyon) 1940's

Folder F: Theodosia Burr Thomas Lyon papers; letter to Alice Burr from her mother 1920, 1930's and 1940's

Folder E: R.P. Burr's war rations, stock certificates and citizenship certificate 1917, 1931

Folder D: Postcards 1917-1940

Folder C: War ration books, World War I certificate, liquor permit and misc. 1920's-1940

Folder B: Business papers 1939-1940

Folder A: Schools books 1914-1915

Miscellaneous papers

Folder G: Newspaper clips 1844, 1927

Folder F: Newspaper clips

Folder E: Genealogy notes



Folder D: Reminiscences of Fairfield of C.H. Phelps 1940

Folder C: Letters to Dr. Childs from Anna F. Burr 1904

Folder B: Eben Burr's Bible and passport book 1908, 1924

Folder A: Letters to Florence A. Wright from "Da Da" while in the theatre with the Elsie DeWolf Company 1901-1902

Account books (owner unknown)

Folder B: Brewery sales book

Folder A: Checkbooks and account books 1912-1915

Burr Family photographs and postcards

Folder B: Postcards 1919-1922

Folder A-I: Burr family photographs

Howard Burr Papers

Folder D: Henry S. Burr papers

Folder C: Peter Burr papers

Folder B: Ephraim Burr papers

Folder A: General Assembly resolution, Southport boundaries 1832

Oversize Item K: Autograph books kept by Louise Burr

Oversize Item J: Photographs

Oversize Item I: A general chart of the Mediterranean, Adriatic, Black Seas and Grecian Archipelago owned by David Burr 1830, 1844-1849

Oversize Item H: Map of Pine Creek, Fairfield, n.d.

Oversize Item G: Theodore B. Burr's grammar school diploma 1914

Oversize Item F: Lillian Burr's topographic maps and Westporter Herald 1902

Oversize Item E: David A Burr's Deputy Sheriff certificate 1907

Oversize Item D: James Burr's Seamen's Friend Society 1878

Oversize Item C: Store Account book of William Burr 1762-1769

Oversize Item B: Nehemiah Burr's Account book 1757-1788

Oversize Item A: Alva Burr's Day book 2/6/1802-3/8/1802

William H. Burr and Morris L. Burr Ledgers

Fred A. Burr papers/Miscellaneous

Folder E: Miscellaneous papers

Folder D: Frank B. Taylor's detective papers 1879-1884

Folder C: Police department news clips 1931

Folder B: Fred A. Burr papers

Folder A: Fred A. Burr papers 1917-1918

Folder F: Miscellaneous papers

William T. Burr papers

Folder F: 4-H Park papers 1970-1979

Folder E: Checkbook and Police manual 1920

Folder D: Civil Air Patrol papers 1940-1949

Folder C: Letters 1920-1929

Folder B: Bills 1930-1939

Folder A: Bills 1930-1939

Folder G: Photographs circa 1950

Mrs. Frank A. Burr papers

Folder E: Photographs

Folder D: Bank books 1927-1930

Folder C: Wednesday afternoon Music Club 1907-1927

Folder F: Photographs

Folder B: Miscellaneous papers 1910-1929

Folder A: Letters 1920's

Deeds

Folder K: Writs 1771-1911

Folder J: Photocopies of Probate Papers (incomplete): Thaddeus Burr and his wife Eunice Dennie Burr from the CT State Library 1806

Folder I: Probate Papers of William Burr 1902, 1914, 1915

Folder H: Probate Papers 1810-1927

Folder G: Probate Papers of David A. Burr 1923-1924

Folder F: Probate Papers of David A. Burr 1923-1924

Folder E: Probate Papers 1827-1924

Folder D: Deeds 1910-1955

Folder C: Deeds 1850-1889

Folder B: Deeds 1794-1847

Folder A: Deeds 1752-1794 (1 record)
Letter: from Thaddeus Burr 5 August 1782

Papers belonging to assorted family members

Folder R: Daniel and Charlotte Pierson Burr - misc. receipts, 1829-1875

Folder Q: Daniel and Charlotte Pierson Burr - correspondence and poems

Walter Burr's Sunday School Certificate

William H. Burr - permission to pass toll gates

Folder M: School papers of Zalmon Burr

MISSING - Folder L: Mary Burr Will (1785), Nathaniel Burr Will (1784), Dist. to Dan Grissel (1785)

Folder K: Unidentified bills 1786-1822

Folder J: David Burr (1826-1866) school papers n.d.
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Folder I: David Burr (1826-1866) Letters 1847-1850

Folder H: David Burr (1826-1866) Letters to William Burr 1849-1857

Folder G: Eben Burr (1798-1873)

Folder F: Caroline Burr (b. 1798) book 1811

Folder E: Nathaniel Burr Jr. (b. 1767)

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- Custodianship of his affair by the Selectman of Fairfield 1823
- Zalmon Burr (1869-1932) county surveyor's certificate 1814

Folder D: Ebenezer Burr III (b. 1750's)

Folder C: Peter Burr (1754-1816)

Folder B: George Burr (b. 1740) 1808, 1812

Folder A: Thaddeus Burr (1735-1801) 1752-1829

David Burr books

Folder B: Books belonging to David Burr (Italian and Spanish grammar) 1850's

Folder A: Books belonging to David Burr (Italian grammar) 1850's

Seafaring papers

Folder C: Books for use of crew and passengers 1850

Folder B: Bowditch's Practical Navigator 1807

Folder A: Miscellaneous papers

David Burr papers

Folder E: Magdalen Burr books and papers, sympathy letters 1901

Folder D: Magdalen Burr bills and papers 1890-1913

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Folder C: David Burr

Folder B: David Burr school books 1850's

Folder A: David Burr 1850's

Folder P: Daniel and Charlotte Pierson Burr - legal papers