



## Prichard Family Papers

**COLLECTION, M-9**

**DATE**

1749 – 1920

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Mattatuck Museum

**ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT**

Elizur Prichard (1804-1860), Father to Sarah and Katherine. He was a manufacturer of buttons, and worked with the American Suspender Company based out of New Haven. After retirement, he purchased Charles Island and ran a resort house until the Civil War.

Betsey J. Prichard (1806- ) Mother to Sarah Prichard, Katherine and Florence.

Sarah J. Prichard (1830-1909) Author of 12 historical children's books and countless essays on local Waterbury history. Sarah wrote and conducted original research over the span of 9 years for the seminal text on Waterbury history, *The Town and City of Waterbury CT* published in 1896.

Katherine A Prichard (1837-) Historian. Katherine also wrote and researched local history for *The Town and City of Waterbury CT* published in 1896.

David Prichard Sr. (1825-) Was a "house carpenter". David Prichard Jr. (1861- ) Owned a cabinet making business.

**SCOPE & CONTENT**

The Prichard Family Papers documents several generations of the Prichard family, who were from Waterbury, CT. The collection is entirely paper based and includes document types: newspaper clippings, correspondence, financial documents, ledgers, scrapbooks, and legal documents.

The collection is focused on two themes: professional and personal. Roughly fifty percent of the collection documents various family businesses including carpentry, cabinet making, button making, and the Charles Island Resort. A small portion of the collection reflects personal activities and relationships largely through correspondence. The remaining portions of the collection document Sarah and Katharine's research into local history and their professional writings, which is both professional and personal.

Lastly, the collection is naturally divided into sections based on which Prichard family member created or received the document. General and unknown items are listed in the beginning.

**RELATED PEOPLE/INSTITUTIONS**

Sarah Johnson Prichard (created by)

Elizur E. Prichard (created by)

Katherine A. Pritchard (created by)