

Huntington Family Collection

COLLECTION, MS B16

DATE

1811 – 1907

CONTRIBUTOR

Fairfield Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

Enoch Smith Huntington (1804-1862), around whom the collection is built, was born in Ashford, Connecticut, the son of Andrew and Zerviah Smith Huntington. He was a Congregational minister and a missionary in Illinois. His youngest sister was Amelia (1811-1847). In 1836, Enoch married Lucy Cowles (d. 1843), the daughter of Chester and Sally Cowles. Lucy's siblings included Frances and William. Enoch Huntington's third wife, whom he married in 1853, was Esther Lyon (1819-1904), daughter of Burr (1789-1867) and Abigail (Burr) Lyon and granddaughter of Wakeman (b. 1764/65) and Esther Hubbell Lyon. Enoch and Esther's children were Lucy, Frances, William Smith, Eliza Matilda, Andrew Burr (b.1857) and Enoch Smith. Esther's siblings were Mary, Eunice Sherwood (1789/90-1889), Eleanor B. (1825-1899), Morris Wakeman (1826/7-1906), and Eliza A. (1828-1898). Morris Wakeman Lyon was a graduate of Yale and for a number of years he ran a school in New York City. He was also a major donor to the Fairfield Memorial Library. In 1853, he married Isabella Beard Wildman (1831-1912), daughter of William Bradley and Elizabeth Field (Beard) Wildman. Eunice Lyon married Daniel Thatcher (1789-1867), wholesale drug merchant and bank president in Bridgeport, Conn. She was his second wife. Thatcher's first wife was Julia Ann Hubbell (1798-1852). For more information about these families, see the genealogical pages in the collection file.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The materials in this collection are arranged first by family and alphabetically under each family by first name.

Papers relating to the Huntington family are arranged in Sub-group 1. Series A encompasses the estate account and division of property of Amelia Huntington, 1847. Andre Huntington's school diary, 1868, in in Series B. The papers of Enoch Smith Huntington in Series C encompass certificates and letters concerning assuming pastorships, 1833-1850; preaching record, 1847-1861, and a chap book with answers to religious questions as well as a preaching record and vital records, 1837-1865; diaries, 1835-1836; correspondence, 1839-1850; and assorted material including a bill, 1856, printed material, 1825 n.d., and a photograph of his Ashford home, n.d.

Esther Lyon Huntington is represented by correspondence, 1880-1893, primarily concerning genealogy, and Hubbell genealogy notes in Series D. Series E consists of the correspondence of Lucy Cowles Huntington, 1833-1842, including letters from her mother Sally Cowles, her brother William Cowles, and from her sister Frances and Mary B. Waters. The final series in the sub-group is a photograph album that belonged to Harriet Bulkley. The images are primarily cartes-de-visite and tintypes and most have been identified. Harriet Bulkley is related to the Huntington's through marriage. See the collection folder for genealogical information.

Sub group 2 consists of the papers of the Lyon family. Series A encompasses correspondence, 1811-1812; a receipt, 1839; and a bond, 1843 for Burr Lyon, and a set of temperance publications bound into a single volume, with his manuscript notes at the back, 1828-1842. Series B and C consists of the Estate records of Sisters Eleanor Lyon, 1900, and Eliza Lyon, 1898-1899. The papers of Morris Lyon are arranged in Series D. They include a diary, 1849-1850, 1856; legal documents, including deeds, 1851, 1866; a letter of administration, 1879, leases, 1867-1875; correspondence, 1898-1901, including a petition to President McKinley concerning war with Cuba and a response from Ebenezer Hill, 1898; a historical address about the ministers of First Congregational church in Fairfield, 1902; catalogs of the Collegiate Institute in New York City, 1861-1875; two volumes with the constitution and by-laws and minutes of meetings of the Literary Society at the Collegiate Institute, 1866-1867; two copies of the address given at his funeral and memorial resolutions, 1906-1907; gift acknowledgements, 1871-1872; and math exercise books, 1803-1804. Morris' wife Isabella is represented in Series E by correspondence, including sympathy notes, and a letter from her nephew Leonard concerning his experiences during the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco. Series F consists of correspondence and financial records concerning the Greenfield Hill Church, 1811-1828; deeds, 1801, 1810; and receipts, 1809-1828, kept by Wakeman Lyon.

Thatcher family papers are organized in Sub-group 3. Daniel Thatcher is represented in Series A by correspondence, 1838, 1860, 1868; deeds, 1826-1861, 1878 stock transfers, 1838-1860; and power attorney letters, 1838-1856; financial records, including bills, receipts and promissory note, 1845-1866; and accounts with his son George (b. 1825), 1838-1861; and plot maps, 1832. Eunice Lyon Thatcher's estate records, 1891, are in Series B. Assorted materials in Series C include genealogy notes on the Thatcher family; a copy of the 1810 Greenfield tax list; mechanical drawings; a blank petition for women's men's emancipation; an inventory of a trunk marked "E.S."; a letter to Esther Lyon; a poem; a receipt from Thomas Couch to Titus Freeman, a free black man, 1819; and a photograph of a man with a dead bear.

ARRANGEMENT

Sub-Group 1. Huntington Family Papers, 1825-1893

Sub-Group 2. Lyon Family Papers, 1801-1907

Sub-Group 3. Thatcher Family Papers, 1819-1866

Sub-Group 4: Misc and unidentified items

Print of "Star-Spangled Banner"

Announcement of ninth annual session of the Fairfield County Temperance Society, 1855

Manuscript copy of "Christmas Hymn - Sally Osborn's Hymn," 1822

Manuscript "Distance from Albany"

Letter from A. Lyon to brother, n.d.

Sub-Group 3: Thatcher Family Papers, 1810-1866

Thatcher Family Papers, 1810-1866

Series B: Eunice Lyon Thatcher papers, 1891

Eunice Lyon Thatcher papers, 1891

Folder 1

estate distribution, 1891

Series A: Daniel Thatcher papers, 1826-1866

Daniel Thatcher papers, 1826-1866

Folder 9-10

financial records, 1838-1866

Folder 2-8

legal records, 1826-1878

Folder 1

correspondence, 1838, 1860, 1866

Folder 11

plot maps, 1832

Series C: Assorted Thatcher Family papers, 1810-1819, n.d.

Assorted Thatcher Family papers, 1810-1819, n.d.

Folder 2: Thacher Family

Mechanical drawings, anti-slavery petition, inventory, religious letter from Eunice Wakeman, poem, receipt, 1819, and photograph

Folder 1

Thatcher genealogy, n.d.; Greenfield Hill tax list, 1810

Sub-Group 2: Lyon Family Papers, 1801-1907

Lyon Family Papers, 1801-1907

Series E: Isabelle Wildman Lyon Papers, 1906

Isabelle Wildman Lyon Papers, 1906

Folder 1

correspondence, 1906

Series D: Morris Lyon Papers, (b.1826 - d.1906)

Morris Lyon Papers, (b.1826 - d.1906)

Folder 8



gift acknowledgements, 1871-1872; notes, n.d.

Folder 7

funeral address, memorial resolutions & obituary, 1906-1907

Folder 6

constitution and by-laws, 1866; minutes, 1866-1867, of the Literary Union at the Collegiate Institute

Folder 5a

Estate papers of Morris Lyon, 1907

Folder 5

Collegiate Institute catalogs, 1856, 1861-1875, parting hymn for students, 1856 letter to parents, 1887 Letter from Elliot Shepherd

Folder 4

historical address, 1902 and essay on early Fairfield, 1889

Folder 3

correspondence and petition regarding USS Maine, 1898-1901

Folder 2

legal documents, 1851-1879

Folder 1

diary, 1849-1850, 1856

Folder 9

math exercises, 1803-1804

Series C: Eliza Lyon Papers, 1898-1899

Eliza Lyon Papers, 1898-1899

Folder 1: estate records

estate records, 1898-1899

Series B: Eleanor Lyon Papers, 1900

Eleanor Lyon Papers, 1900

Folder 1

estate records, 1900

Series A: Burr Lyon Papers, 1811-1843

Burr Lyon Papers, 1811-1843

Folder 1

Yearly journal entries; estate papers; correspondence, 1811-1812; receipt, 1839; bond, 1843

Folder 2

temperance publications bound in one volume, with manuscript notes, 1828-1842

Series F: Wakeman Lyon Papers, 1801-1828

Wakeman Lyon Papers, 1801-1828

Folder 2

deeds, 1801, 1810; receipts, 1809-1828

Folder 1

Greenfield Hill Church correspondence and financial records, 1811-1828

Sub-Group 1: Huntington Family Papers, 1825-1893

Huntington Family Papers, 1825-1893

Series E: Lucy Cowles Huntington Papers, 1833-1842

Lucy Cowles Huntington Papers, 1833-1842

Folder 2

correspondence from William Cowles, 1839-1842

Folder 1

correspondence from Sally Cowles, 1833-1839

Folder 3

correspondence from Mary B. Waters and Frances, 1839-1842

Series D: Esther Lyon Huntington Papers, 1880-1893

Esther Lyon Huntington Papers, 1880-1893

Folder 1

correspondence, 1845; 1880-1893

Includes letter from Oliver B. Jennings to Esther Lyon

Folder 2

Hubbell genealogy, n.d.

Misc. documents

Series C: Enoch Smith Huntington Papers, 1825-1865

Enoch Smith Huntington Papers, 1825-1865

Folder 4

correspondence, 1847-1850

Folder 3: Enoch Huntington diaries

diaries, 1825; 1835-1836

Folder 2: Enoch Huntington preaching record and chap book

preaching record, 1847-1861; chap book, 1837-1865

Folder 1: Enoch Huntington certificates and letters

Certificates and letters concerning his pastorship, 1833-1850

Folder 5

bill, 1856; printed material, n.d., 1825; photograph, n.d.

Series B: Andre Huntington Papers, 1868

Andre Huntington Papers, 1868



Folder 1
school diary, 1868

Series A: Amelia Huntington Papers, 1847
Amelia Huntington Papers, 1847

Folder 1
estate account and division of property, 1847

Series G: Andrew S. Huntington

Folder 4: Unidentified correspondence

Folder 3: Research on Roads and Boundaries

Folder 2: Research on Roads and Boundaries

Folder 1: Town Streets and Sewers

Series F: Mary Burr Sherwood Huntington

Folder 2: Copy, Autobiography of Elom Beardslee

Folder 1: Map of Benjamin Sherwood property (photocopy)

Folder 3: Program of Service for Centennial of Inauguration of George Washington, 1889

OS Item C: Diaries of David H.S. Huntington at Yale, 1913-1916

OS Item B: Photo album, Bulkley, Sherwood, Stevens
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OS Item A: Morris Lyon pocket diaries, 1884-1894
Morris Lyon pocket diaries, 1884-1894