

BRANFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

RECORD GROUPS

1. FAMILY PAPERS
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The Branford Historical Society archive collection was originally stored at the Society's museum, Harrison House, at 124 Main Street. When the Blackstone Memorial Library was renovated in 1994, a mutual agreement was reached for most of the archives to be housed at the library for better access and environmental conditions. Larger items and the Towner albums remain at the Harrison House (2014). The photograph and negative collection, cataloged separately from the archives, is also housed at the library.

In 1999 it was decided that Branford historical papers donated to either the James Blackstone Memorial Library or the Branford Historical Society would be archived together. A group of papers at the library that had never been catalogued were added to the Branford Historical Society archive system. Some of these papers may be duplicates of papers already in the collection. The majority of the library papers in R.G. #3 are church booklets and records. The Blackstone Library also has an archive of Branford material as a separate collection organized before 1999 by Betty Linsley.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

OLIVE POND ROSS PAPERS

HARRISON PAPERS

J. WARREN UPSON PAPERS

LANPHIER PAPERS

BEACH PAPERS

TYLER PAPERS

DAVIS-BRAGG PAPERS

LOEB PAPERS

JOURDAN-LINSLEY PAPERS

LESTER TOWNER PAPERS

SHELDON PAPERS

HAMMER PAPERS

GREGORY PAPERS

NICHOLS-COOK PAPERS

FOOTE PAPERS

PALMER-PLANT PAPERS

JOHNSON PAPERS

OSBORN PAPERS

DEEVEY PAPERS

FOWLER PAPERS

REGINALD S. BALDWIN PAPERS

ZACHER PAPERS

FRISBIE PAPERS

SEABURG PAPERS

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FAMILY PAPERS

FOOTE-PRANN PAPERS

COREY PAPERS

KELSEY PAPERS

ALICE POND GORDON PAPERS

JIM KELLY PAPERS

CHARLOTTE PFEIFF PAPERS

ROGERS FAMILY PAPERS

DAVID DUNCAN BEACH PAPERS

VEDDER PAPERS

BLACKSTONE LIBRARY PAPERS

HOWARD V. YOUNG, Jr. PAPERS

PLANT FAMILY PAPERS

JOHN CUNNINGHAM PAPERS

WILFORD-AYER PAPERS

McGRAIL PAPERS

BETTY M. LINSLEY PAPERS

BISHOP-BAXTER PAPERS

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RECORD GROUP #2
BUSINESS PAPERS

MALLEABLE IRON FITTINGS COMPANY

C. W. McLEAN & SONS

TOTOKET PHARMACY

S. V. OSBORN

SLOOP "FREEDOM"

SLOOP "MARY"

MONTOWESE HOUSE

SHELDON HOUSE

BRANFORD LOCK WORKS

BRANFORD POINT HOUSE

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

SCHOOLS

Northwestern District
Second and Third District
Stony Creek District
Branford High School
The Academy
Miscellaneous

CHURCHES

Connecticut Council of Churches
First Congregational Church
Stony Creek Church of Christ
Methodist Episcopal Church
Trinity Episcopal Church
First Baptist Church
St. Mary's Church
Tabor Lutheran Church
St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church
Pine Orchard Chapel
Short Beach Union Church
St. Elizabeth's Church
North Branford Churches

TOWN BUILDINGS

Blackstone Memorial Library
Community House
The Cenotaph

MILITARY

East Shore Barracks

GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

Branford Town papers
Short Beach Association
Branford Ambulance Service
Police & Fire Departments
Charter Revision

SPECIAL EVENTS

Tercentenary
Bicentennial
Branford Carnival
Welcome Home
350th Town Celebration
'38 Hurricane

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RECORD GROUP #4
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

THE REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF BRANFORD

THE BRANFORD ORCHESTRAL CLUB

THE SHORT BEACH ASSOCIATION

THE BRANFORD ART LEAGUE

THE BRANFORD SUNSHINE CLUB

AMERICAN RED CROSS, BRANFORD CHAPTER

RECORD GROUP #5
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RECORD GROUP #1 FAMILY PAPERS

The Branford Historical Society archives were originally sorted and cataloged by Betty M. Linsley in the 1980s. Linsley was a teacher, administrator, librarian, certified genealogist, and member of the Society board. Since her death in 1993, Jane Peterson Bouley has maintained the collection.

DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

The documents in this record group are collected in family sub groups. Some bear the name of the family which generated the materials, others bear the name of the donor. In the latter case, the papers usually relate to more than one family, often the ancestors of the donor.

Reginald S. Baldwin Papers

The account books, ledgers, and other papers were donated by Barbara Baldwin Mudgett in 1988 as part of a larger collection of photographs and other artifacts depicting her father's long involvement in Branford business and public affairs. He worked at several enterprises as a youth, served in WWI and was active in the local and national veteran's organizations. It was largely through his efforts that the Community House was dedicated as a veteran's memorial in 1981. He was a principal in the Branford Realty & Investment Company and founder of Branford Federal Savings and Loan Association. For over 50 years he was active in town politics, organizing and supporting several splinter parties. He served as Town Treasurer, on the RTM, Board of Assessors and Zoning Board.

Beach Papers

This is one of the most extensive groups of papers in the Society's collection. The materials were donated by descendant Mary Bragg Reichert in 1982. The earliest papers are those of Andrew Beach, born at Haddam in 1713, and moved to Branford before 1738. His grandson Andrew and great grandson Eber were shoemakers and their account books are in the collection. There are also estate inventories in the collection. Of particular interest is the 1816 letter to Andrew Beach from Benjamin Bartholomew who had emigrated to Ohio (Box 2, folder 13). There is a collection of almanacs from 1797 to 1922. There are also Beach papers in the collection from the Blackstone Library.

Polly Beach's copy book was donated to the Library in 1965 by Ray U. Plant. Polly married William Plant. Nellie Beach's autograph book was donated by granddaughter Cornelia Brewer in 1997. Another group of deeds and leases concerning Pawson Park from the Samuel Beach family were donated by descendant John H. Beach in 2012. In Public Papers, also from John Beach, are the meeting records of the First Ecclesiastical Society concerning leases from 1866-1893.

David Duncan Beach Papers

The family of David Duncan Beach donated these papers after his death. There are a variety of records, in particular those of the Branford Yacht Club.

Bishop-Baxter Papers

The items in this collection were donated to the Society by Brian Deevey in 2004. Some of the papers in the collection concerning Charles Baxter's mother, unrelated to Branford, were turned over to the New England Historical Genealogical Society.

Blackstone Library Papers

A variety of material was housed at the Library in various filing cabinets and drawers. The collection included photographs, public and family materials. The papers have been added to the

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Branford Historical Society Archives in the appropriate record groups and into the photograph archives. The papers in Box 26 concern Branford families. Also in Box 26 is the scrapbook and biographical information of Carolina Lazzari, a Stony Creek resident and noted opera singer. This material was donated by Leocadia Lazzari Sullivan in 2000. Box 26, folder 27 is the Martha Russell Genealogy scrapbook donated in 2002 by Kenneth and Marjorie Otten. Martha Russell of North Branford was a poet and author of several books in the late 19th century. She kept a book of genealogical information on her family.

The papers of Dr. H.V.C. Holcombe were removed from his desk before it was sold to the Connecticut Historical Society. Most of his papers went with his desk there. Also removed from the desk were private business letters of Daggett Bartholomew, the second husband of Mrs. Holcombe. In Box 9 are papers relating to the Blackstone family.

Bradley-Hoadley Papers

Susan Dudley donated papers concerning the Richard Bradley family and those of his daughter Harriet wife of William H. Hoadley. Included are Richard's diaries, deeds, and genealogy. Many photographs are cataloged in the photograph archives. Unrelated but in the same box is the Civil War diary for 1863 of George Granniss Bradley of Branford and the 1870 diary of his wife Lois Elizabeth (Rowland) Bradley. George was killed in 1864 near Darbytown Road, Virginia. The two diaries and an autograph book were donated by descendant Clifford B. O'Hara of Greenwich in 1998. In Box 32 are papers belonging to Abbott C. Page- his autobiography and Page family deeds. They were donated by Marilyn Cook of Doylestown, Penn. in 2012 (she was related to his second wife). The poetry book belonging to Mary Ann Frisbie was sent by Liz Boomer of Illinois in 2008.

Corey Papers

The papers were donated by Norman Plant and were found in the Corey house at Rockland Park, later owned by the Plant family. It contains deeds for Rockland Park and genealogy notes on the Downs family, mostly of Wallingford.

John Cunningham Papers

This small group of papers concern John V. C. Cunningham who emigrated from Ireland to Branford. The papers in Box 28, folder 17 were donated by Joyce Rank in 1993.

Davis-Bragg Papers

Included in the Reichert donation are the papers of her great grandparents, Eckford and Sarah (Beach) Davis and her grandmother Mary (Davis) Bragg. Included is an invitation for the opening of the Blackstone Library in 1896.

Foote Papers

This collection belonged to Mabel Foote and was given by her cousin Colonel Bradley Prann and his wife Mary Virginia Prann. The Foote family was prominent in Branford. Mabel's father William R. and brother Wallace were founders and officers of the Branford Savings Bank and the Branford Trust Company. The family was active at Trinity Church. Included are Branford Garden Club Yearbooks from 1932-1962. See also the Foote-Prann papers.

Foote-Prann Papers

Colonel Bradley and Mary Virginia Prann donated these documents which belonged to Bradley's grandmother Mary Jane Foote Bradley (Mrs. F. Cline). There are papers about Branford Savings Bank founded by Mary Jane's brothers Walter and William R. Foote. Of interest are registers of the Double Beach House and an account book of Timothy Bradley, a blacksmith. There is also a collection of wedding and anniversary invitations sent to Mr. and Mrs. F. Cline Bradley.

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Fowler Papers

Pearl Blackstone Milne gave these papers in 1986. They belonged to the family of Ozias Fowler who lived in the Damascus district. One letter in folder 18 is written by Pamela Fowler Parmelee to her sister Lucretia Fowler Chapman (sisters of Ozias) in 1816. Pamela recounts her flight from Vermont to Canada with her husband who was wanted by federal marshals on smuggling charges. An 1850 letter from Samuel O. Fowler to his sister Pamela refers to a "Daguerrean Saloon" set up on the green for people to have their pictures taken.

Frisbie Papers

The items in this collection were donated by Guilford Savings Bank and sent to the Society by David D. Dudley. They were left at the bank by a customer. There are 18th century deeds for the Frisbie family, the majority belonging to Daniel Frisbie, grandson of Edward, the original settler.

Fullerton Papers

A group of Short Beach, Bostwick and Fullerton family papers were donated by Lenore Manley in addition to Short Beach photographs. In the same box are papers relating to Harrison Bristol of Cheshire and Short Beach donated by Brooke Jaron of Philadelphia, Penn. in 2013 & 2014. They were found in the attic of a colonial home in Cheshire that belonged to Bristol which Jaron purchased in the 1968. Some of papers concern the Hiram Clark children of Short Beach to which Bristol was guardian.

Alice Pond Gordon Papers

This collection of a few early books was given to the Society in the 1980s. The donor was the niece of Olive Pond Ross.

Gregory Papers

Elizabeth Hitchcock Gregory gave these papers in 1985. Of interest is a copy of an Indian deed and John Wilford's lease to use apple and fruit trees at the First Society's land at Indian Neck.

Hammer Papers

This collection consists of clippings and articles about Branford history and that were given by Delphina Hammer Clark. An extensive collection of papers donated by Mrs. Clark can be found in the Blackstone Memorial Library collection.

Harrison Papers

The donor of this collection is not known. Most of the collection concerns deeds of property at Brushy Plain and Beaver Swamp during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The copy books belonging to Jeremiah Harrison of North Branford were donated by James Neely in 2013.

Ives Papers

Charles P. and Phoebe (Taintor) Ives owned "Fellsmore" Farm at 18 Totoket Road, in the Damascus section of Branford. Charles was a Yale graduate, a newspaper editor in Meriden, the first person in Connecticut to market glass milk bottles, and a national known breeder of poultry. Papers relating to the home and family were donated by Cornelia Ives of Baltimore in 2013. Included are Charles' diaries 1903-1905 and genealogy notes.

Johnson Papers

These papers were the property of Henry Johnson and given by Mrs. Albert Tucker in 1986. They mostly comprise of oyster applications and deeds for oyster beds.

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Jourdan-Linsley Papers

This family collection was donated by Elizabeth Jourdan Barrows in 1982. There are school workbooks done by Edward and Milla (Baldwin) Linsley. There are many Jourdan family deeds in the group. There are also land records involving Frederick Jourdan and his son Henry for Woodland Lodge, Knights of Pythias at the corner of Montowese and South Main Streets. This building later became the Community House.

Jim Kelly Papers

Jim Kelly was a member of the Stony Creek Drum Corp for over 50 years. He donated his papers concerning that organization to the Society.

Kelsey Papers

This collection was given to the Society by Roger Kelsey in 1989. Rogers' grandfather, Judge Edwin R. Kelsey, served as treasurer of the Short Beach Union Chapel. His great grandfather, "Fisherman" Kelsey, helped to build the church, said to have taken only two weeks. The church was built on land donated by David Corey (see Corey collection). Folder 30 contains invoices for materials used in the construction of the church.

Lanphier Papers

The papers in this collection were given to the Society by Anne Link in 1983. The Lanphiers owned considerable property in the Branford Point and Short Beach areas. Most of the collection concerns land records of the Lanphier and Robinson families at Lanphier's Cove. Of interest are the right of way agreements with the utility companies involving the camp at Lanphier's Cove (folder 22). Additional Lanfare papers in Box 5 were donated by descendant Betsy Slade in 2008.

Betty M. Linsley Papers

Jane P. Bouley was the recipient of the historical and family papers of Betty M. Linsley and donated the papers to the Society after Linsley's death. A large collection of photographs taken by Betty's grandfather Harry O. Andrews were added to the photograph collection. The diary of Ellen F. Linsley in Box 30, folders 6 & 7 were donated by Linsley descendant Walter Burnett.

Loeb Papers

The items in the collection were given by John Loeb who found them in the Winthrop Towner house near Mill Plain Road.

McGrail Papers

The papers in Box 28 concern Lawrence McGrail of Branford Hills, a native of Ireland. They were donated in 1992 by his granddaughter Mary McGrail Kennedy. Of interest is an 1865 steerage record from Liverpool.

Nichols-Cook Papers

Barton Santello found these items in the Lester Nichols house on Main Street near the library and turned them over to the Society in 1985. Lester J. Nichols died in 1947 at the age of 98 at his desk at the Malleable Iron Fittings Company where he was still working. Included are letters from Alice Cook Nichols to her daughter Elsie Nichols Towner and fragments of financial records for the early 20th century. These papers relate to the Towner family collection.

The business papers of Lester J. Nichols, mostly letterheads, were donated by Rhoda Leshine in 2009. Included in this collection are letters from Timothy Blackstone of Chicago to Lester Nichols concerning the purchase of Nichols' property for the library.

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Osborn Papers

Lois Osborn donated the account book fragments. The rest of this collection was given by Cornelia Osborn Brewer in 1988. See also Osborn business papers in Record Group #2.

Palmer-Plant Papers

Norman Plant and Ann MacCready Plant (Mrs. Ray U.) donated these papers in 1984 and 1986. There are records concerning the Palmer house at Main and Cedar Streets, originally the home of Edmund Palmer and later Palmer-Plant Insurance. Walter Palmer left the house to Mildred Plant, a family friend. There are several items from Harriet Palmer's father, Warren Smith of East Haven. One of the interesting items in the collection is the account book of Elias Plant (1808-1860). See also the Plant family papers.

Plant Family Papers

This is a continuation of the Palmer-Plant family papers, this grouping donated by Norman and Marion Plant. There are Plant vital record information and early deeds of Plant property on the Branford Hills. Also in the collection is a record of the 12th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry (CVI) and the published history of the 27th CVI both from the Civil War. A copy of The Nature and Character of Granite Bay by Bishop Goodsell (about Short Beach) includes original photographs glued over the printed ones and notes probably by the author.

Charlotte Pfeiff Papers

She was active in a variety of local political activities. The collection consists mostly of papers of the Short Beach Civic Association.

Rogers Family Papers

This collection consists of early records, mostly deeds of Abraham Rogers of Stony Creek. His son Henry Rogers was a merchant and active in local affairs. Henry was an avid genealogist and corresponded with many people and his letters are included in this collection. Another large group of papers for this family can be found in the Blackstone Library manuscript collection. Some of his letters are found in Box 36 amongst genealogy notes and letters found at the Blackstone Library.

Olive Pond Ross Papers

In 1980 and 1981, Olive Pond Ross gave the Branford Historical Society a number of documents and artifacts. A Branford native, Olive Ross graduated from Branford High School in 1908 and from the New Haven Normal School in 1910. Of particular interest in this collection is the account book of Zaccheus Baldwin, a deacon and prominent citizen. Also included is the diary of Lewis F. Morris.

Seaburg Papers

The Society acquired this large collection in 1988 through Maureen Bloss, conservator of Kathleen Mitchell Seaburg. There are many papers and a large photograph collection taken by Arthur L. Seaburg a son of Swedish immigrants and member of the Baptist Church. Arthur was born in Branford in 1909, served in WWII, worked as an engineer at the MIF and later in life as custodian at the Blackstone Library. Important materials in this collection are some papers of the MIF since so little of the company's archives survived.

Sheldon Papers

The papers in this collection were donated by Helen Preble Munson in 1961, a descendant of the Sheldon family. The bible of Almira Apley Sheldon dated 1830 is in the collection. Most of the documents concern the Sheldon family's land holdings at Pine Orchard. The family owned and

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operated the Sheldon House, a summer hotel. There are diary fragments of Edward Sheldon's experiences in the Civil War.

Lester N. Towner Papers

Lester Nichols Towner of Baltimore, Maryland donated these papers over a 15 year period (1973-1988). He obtained the 18th and 19th century documents about 1940 in the attic of the family homestead (The Solomon Tyler House) near Mill Plain Road. The 1874 diary of Edna Hoadley is very newsy. There is a collection of wedding and anniversary invitations (1893-1927) which were sent to Edna Hoadley and Clifford Bartholomew. There are several folders of genealogical notes researched by three generations of the Towner family. The collection also includes notebooks stored at the Harrison House. See descriptive guide for the separate volumes.

In Box 34 are ninety-three letters written during the Civil War by J. Edwin Towner. The Society previously received copies but the originals were donated by Lester Eugene Towner (son of Lester above). Edwin was sergeant of Co. C 15th Conn. Volunteer Infantry, wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Kingston.

Tyler Papers

This small collection was part of the Mary Reichert donation and concerns Mary Tyler, wife of Eber Beach. It includes Hannah Tyler's will of 1738.

J. Warren Upson Papers

In 1972, Warren Upson of Woodbury, Connecticut gave the Society this small but interesting collection of 18th century documents, mostly deeds from the Hoadley and Palmer families. Of interest is the list of distribution of Samuel Harrison's estate in 1734 and the power of attorney given to Capt. William Stewart by Rufus Palmer in 1771 to recover 27 gallons of West India rum owed Palmer by Samuel Jones.

Vedder Family Papers

Priscilla Vedder Purse donated these family papers in 2000. The collection consists of letters between family members, often from Stony Creek to New York. When the house of Jennie Vedder was sold, many of her papers were discarded and retrieved while they were being dumped at the landfill. These were donated by Jane Bouley in 2008.

Wilford-Ayer Papers

In Box 28 are some genealogy papers concerning the Wilford and Ayer families. Laura Wilford Ayer lived at 7 Sybil Avenue. These papers were donated by Carl Mangs.

Howard V. Young, Jr. Papers

Howard V. Young, Jr. was the only child of Howard & Grace (Osterle) Young. He was raised in Branford and was a lifelong friend of Blackstone librarian Betty M. Linsley. After his death in 1994, his executor sent this box of papers consisting of family records and WWI material (Box 27). There are some additional materials in Box 27- a few Vedder papers, the account book of Henry Jourdan and a Baldwin letter donated by Alice Lambert. The materials in Folders 17-19 were donated by Robert and Phebe Smith in 1994.

Zacher Papers

Roger Kelsey donated most of the papers in this collection in 1988. The materials in folders 1-3 were given by Francis Kelsey Zacher and contain deeds of the Rogers family. The property at Main and Rogers Street was later owned by Judge Edmund Zacher. Among the papers are some Civil War papers and the obituary of Dr. H.V.C. Holcombe, a Civil War surgeon who settled in Branford.

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

OLIVE POND ROSS PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	1821-1835	Deeds- Timothy Baldwin
1	2	1758	Account book & diary- Lewis F. Morris
1	3	c1920	Scrapbook- Walter Pond, a little book of herbal medical remedies (no date but probably early 1800s)
1	4	c1890-1905	Scrapbook- photos of Harrison House & Old Branford; poetry & inspirational readings; items by & about Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Henry B. Plant, Rev. & Mrs. James F. Morris, The Leatherman & Mother Parker
no folder 5 or 6			
1	7	1854-1872	Ladies Wreath & Parlor Annual, Nast's Almanac, Herbal by John Williams
1	8	1910	New Haven State Normal School Graduation Program (1910), Olive Pond's historical sketch of Branford

HARRISON PAPERS

1	9	1790-1824	Deeds, settlement of boundary dispute- Farrington Harrison & John Harrison
1	10	c1780-1812	Estate papers- David Harrison & Desire Harrison
1	11	1792-c1880	Arbitration award- Farrington Harrison, receipts- John Harrison, house specifications- Henry G. Harrison
1	11b		Writing and arithmetic practice books belonging to Jeremiah Harrison (1789-1853) of North Branford

J. WARREN UPSON PAPERS

1	12	1724-1749	Appraisal of collection (1972), Deeds- Hoadley
1	13	1724-1800	Distribution of estate, tax receipt- Harrison; deed, power of attorney & certificate of militia appointment- Palmer

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LANPHIER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	14	1783-1930	Deeds- Branford Point, Lanphier's Cove, Scotch Cap, Long Meadow
1	15	1895-c1907	Deeds & maps- Lanphier's Cove for Georgiana Robinson letter- W. A. Robinson
1	16	1907-1909	Deeds & other papers- Montowese Street for John Robinson, heirs to Consolidated Railway Company
1	17	c1910	Copy of deeds- Lanphier's Cove for Nellie Rathburn
1	18	1911-1916	Copy of deeds- Lanphier's Cove for J. Stone Landon & Wright
1	19	1917	Deeds- Lanphier's Cove for Joseph Chatterton & Robert Eaton
1	20	1937	Land inventory- estate of Harriet Robinson Lanphier
1	21	1873-1891	Insurance policies- Horace & Henry Lanphier
1	22	1905-1922	Agreements with utility companies
1	23	1927	Power of attorney- Howard Lanphier for Hobart Robinson
1	24	1902-1911	Misc. bills & receipts
end Lanphier			
1	25		Essays about growing up in Stony Creek by Randolph Bishop
1	26		Essay about growing up in Stony Creek by Randolph Bishop, correspondence

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BEACH PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Land Records</u> 1752-1862			
2	1	1752-1762	Deeds- Andrew Beach
2	2	1766-1794	Deeds- Ephraim & Sarah Beach
2	3	1798-1807	Deeds & appraisal- Ephraim Beach
2	4	1793-1814	Deeds, survey- Andrew Beach
2	5	1815-1829	Deeds, fencing meadow- Andrew, Timothy, Eber & Asa Beach
2	6	1835-1842	Deeds- Andrew, Timothy & Asa Beach
2	7	1827-1862	Deeds- Eber Beach
<u>Wills, Probate & Estate Papers</u> 1775-1885			
2	8	1775-c1810	Will & distribution- Andrew Beach to Elizabeth Beach
2	9	1827-1829	Inventories- Ephraim & Sarah Beach; distribution- Ephraim
2	10	1849-1850	Will, inventory, distribution- Andrew Beach
2	11	1877-1885	Bills, inventory, probate record, bible records- Eber Beach
<u>Legal Papers</u> 1815-1855			
2	12	1815-1855	Militia commissions & discharge- Eber Beach; license & attachment- Asa Beach
<u>Correspondence</u> 1798-1837			
2	13	1798-1837	Letters to Andrew Beach & Eber Beach
<u>Financial Papers</u> 1750-1854			
2	14	1750-1793	Account book, navigation manual- Ebenezer Beach Mill Plain school rate books- Andrew Beach
2	15	1757-1773	Arithmetic workbook, account book- Ebenezer Beach
2	16	1794-1810	Account books- Asa Beach

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2	17	1810-1828	Account book- Asa Beach
2	18	1814-1843	Accounts, receipts, invoices- Asa Beach

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
3	1	1795-1850	Misc. accounts- Asa Beach
3	2	1826-1852	Account book- Asa Beach
3	3	1783-1850	Town rate book (1802); account book- Asa Beach
3	4	1815-1834	Pages from account book- Asa Beach
3	5	1817-1850	Pages from account book & inserts- Asa Beach
3	6	1822-1850	Pages from account book & inserts- Asa Beach
3	7	1822	Polly Beach's copy book
3	8	1832-1845	Letters to Harriet D. Cooke and Miss Ann Beach
3	9	1877	Nellie (Cornelia) Beach's autograph book
3	10	1722-1836	Samuel Beach family deeds and probate
3	11	1819-1847	Samuel Beach family deeds
3	12	1859-1867	Samuel Beach family deeds
3	13	1869-1896	Samuel Beach family deeds
3	14	1902-1932	Samuel Beach family deeds and leases at Pawson Park
3	15	1893-1896	Leases at Pawson Park & Linden Avenue from the Samuel Beach family
3	16	1896-1905	Leases at Pawson Park & Linden Avenue from the Samuel Beach family
3	17		Accounts of leases at Pawson Park

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Financial Papers</u> 1750-1854			
4	1	1828-1843	Dike tax book- James Blackstone; Mill Plain school bill & meeting notice
4	2	1827-1833	Invoices- Eber Beach
4	3	1834-1836	Invoices- Eber Beach
4	4	1837-1839	Invoices- Eber Beach
4	5	1840-1847	Invoices- Eber Beach
4	6	1848-1854	Invoices- Eber Beach
<u>School Papers</u> 1803-1824			
4	7	1803-1804	Arithmetic book- Ammi Beach
Shelf		1810	<u>System of Geography of the World</u> by Nathaniel Dwight
Shelf		c1815	<u>Daboll's Schoolmaster's Assistant</u> (arithmetic)
Shelf		1824	<u>A History of the United States of America</u> by Rev. Charles A. Goodrich- Eber Beach
<u>Miscellaneous</u> 1797-c1950			
4	8	1797-1799	Stafford's <u>Almanacks</u> ; Beers' <u>Almanack?</u> ; notes- Ebenezer & Asa Beach (?)
4	9	1800-1804	Stafford's <u>Almanacks</u> ; Daboll's <u>New England Almanac</u> ; Lilly's Almanac 1803; notes- Andrew Beach (?)
4	10	1805-1810	Sanford's <u>Almanack</u> ; Beers' <u>Almanacks</u> ; notes- Andrew Beach
4	11	1811-1816	Beers' <u>Almanacks</u> ; Middlebrook's <u>Almanacks</u>
4	12	1817-1823	Daboll's <u>New England Almanack</u> ; <u>The Connecticut Almanac</u> ; Beers' <u>Almanacks</u> ; notes- Andrew Beach (?)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

BEACH PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u> 1797-c1950			
4	13	1828-1843	<u>The Churchman's Almanac</u> ; <u>The Christian Almanac</u> ; Middlebrook's <u>Almanacs</u> ; Prindle's <u>Almanacks</u> ; notes- Eber Beach (?)
4	14	1844-1855	Beers' <u>Connecticut Almanac</u> ; Prindle's <u>Almanacs</u> ; notes- Eber Beach (?)
4	15	1884-1922	Ayer's <u>American Almanac</u> (1889); assorted Prindle's <u>Almanacs</u>
4	16	1817-c1950	Recipes; "New Mode of Liming Hides and Skins"- Eber Beach; genealogy of George Washington Beach

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

TYLER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
5	1	1713-1783	Deeds- Roger Tyler; will- Hannah Tyler; judgment against William Scott (for Edward Frisbie); thoughts & meditation- Hannah Tyler, copy of John R. Tyler bible

DAVIS-BRAGG PAPERS

5	2	1873-1907	Land records- deeds & agreements, oyster grounds- Sarah & Eckford Davis
5	3	1862-1907	Militia exemption certificate, correspondence & bills- Eckford Davis; invitation to opening of the library; Bragg family genealogy
5	4	1833-c1915	<u>My Mother's Ring</u> ; <u>Slocum's Pocket Almanac</u> (1857); diary; Branford Military Band solo cornet music- Eckford Davis
5	5	1829	<u>Intellectual Arithmetic</u> - Sarah E. Beach (later Davis)
no folder 6			
5	7	1832	<u>American Preceptor Improved</u> - Sarah E. Davis
no folder 8			
5	9	1877-1909	Deeds; inspirational writings- Sarah & Mary Bragg

LOEB PAPERS

5	10	1889-1901	G[eorge] Hoadley's account with C[harles] Wilford; recipe book; work papers & reference (in Swedish)- Thure Lindberg
5	11		Leshine/Loeb papers- concerning house at Alps Road corner West Main Street, citizenship papers for Rose Leshine 1933, History of <i>Branford Review</i>

LANPHIER-THOMPSON PAPERS

5	12		Marriage certificate George Lamphire & Emily Augur, obituary Capt. William Lanfare 1890, How the Lanfare Family Saved the Bacon at Scotch Cap, genealogy notes
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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

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| 5 | 13 | | Marriage certificate Arthur Thompson & Edna Lanfare, Baptism record Marjorie Clayton Thompson, death records Arthur and Edna Thompson, Thompson deeds, copy of Aaron Lanfare bible |
| 5 | 14 | | Records of Chester & Marjorie (Thompson) Tuttle |
| 5 | 15 | 1848 & 1875 | Poetry book Caroline C. Page, 1857 autograph book Edna J. Hoadley |
| 5 | 16 | 1760 & 1770 | Will and inventories for Nathaniel Harrison II & III (copies) |

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

JOURDAN-LINSLEY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Land Records</u> 1805-1926			
6	1	1805-1855	Deeds- Edward Linsley from Obed Linsley & others
6	2	1855-1890	Deeds- Frederick Jourdan
6	3	1884-1926	Deeds, covenant & court judgment- Henry F. Jourdan
6	4	1885-c1911	Deeds, construction permit & agreement- Henry F. Jourdan at Dutch Wharf, map of the river
6	5	1890-1923	Deeds- Henry F. Jourdan from the Bryans
6	6	1897-1923	Deeds & mortgage papers- Henry F. Jourdan at Stony Creek from Kelsey
6	7	1906-1913	Deeds- Henry F. Jourdan at Short Beach
6	8	1919-1925	Deeds, titles & mortgage papers- Henry F. Jourdan at Milford
6	9	1927-1928	Mortgage & judgement- Henry F. Jourdan from Kizer
6	10	1906-1923	Misc. mortgage & quit claim deed- Henry F. Jourdan
<u>Wills, Probate & Estate Papers</u> 1903-1921			
6	11	1903-1921	Receipts, invoices, correspondence- estate of Frederick Jourdan to relatives in Switzerland, signature F. Jourdan
<u>Legal Papers</u> 1891-1933			
6	12	1891	Contracts, agreements, bill of sale for a boat, power of attorney- Frederick & Henry F. Jourdan
6	13	1896-1920	Lease, mortgage papers, deeds- Woodland Lodge No. 39, Knights of Pythias
6	14	1895-1931	Receipts, insurance papers, memoriam (Henry F. Jourdan)- Woodland Lodge No. 39, Knights of Pythias

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Financial Papers 1917-1919

Correspondence 1848

6 15 1848 Letter- Fannie to Martha Linsley

School Papers 1796-1825

6 16 1796 Arithmetic book- Edward Linsley

6 17 1797-1807 Writing & arithmetic books- Milla Baldwin, includes record of her marriage to Edward Linsley

6 18 1813-1819 Geography notebook, writing book- Benjamin Baldwin with loose page of c1780 North Branford names, Benjamin Baldwin Catechism 1811,

6 19 c1820-1835 Writing books- Vina & Sophrona Linsley

Miscellaneous 1829-1908

6 20 1829-1839 The Low-Dutch Prisoner- Fannie Jourdan; The Children's Magazine- V.E. Linsley; Ladies Calculator and Almanac

6 21 1882-1886 Recipe books

6 22 1831-c1908 Attendance book- North Branford Center District; news clippings- razing of Branford Point Hotel, funeral of Fannie Linsley Jourdan; booklet Branford Point Hotel

end Jourdan-Linsley

6 23 1862-1863 Copies of Civil War letters from Harvey Beach to his wife

Box 6- full

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

LESTER N. TOWNER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
7	1	1741	Deeds- Isaac & Obadiah Tyler (most are copies)
7	2	1937-1969	Land surveys- property of Lester Nichols & Edna Hoadley Bartholomew; copy of news clipping- Tyler House, E. Main
7	3	1784-1844	Bond list, promissory notes, excise licenses
7	4	1885-1921	Letters- L.J. Nichols & J.B. Towner
7	4A	1930-1935	Letters & photograph- gift of Jonathan Towner's plow to the Blackstone Library (on loan to Historical Society)
7	4B	1968	Letters & map- transfer of meadow by Lester Towner to Branford Land Trust
7	5	1737-1861	Copies- birth, marriage & records; Tyler family bible
7	6	1789-1967	Copies- Towner/Hoadley family bible
7	7	1803-1947	Copies- Nichols family bible
7	8	1688-c1756	Copies- births during pastorates of Rev. Samuel Russell & Rev. Philemon Robbins
7	9	c1868-1874	Misc. birth & marriage notes; diary- Edna Hoadley 1874
7	10	1760-1775	Account book- Solomon Tyler
7	10A	1829-1836	Account books- George Hoadley
7	11	1839-1893	Day book (1839-1841); account book- Merle Towner
7	11A	1837-1839	Account book- Wyllys Blackstone (in New York)
7	11B	1860-1872	Check book, bank records- Wyllys Blackstone (in New York)
7	12	1747-1823	Accounts & receipts- Isaac Tyler, Abigail Hoadley, Solomon Tyler, Abigail Towner, Pennock Howd, David Towner
7	13	c1825-1867	Accounts & receipts
7	14	1814-c1820	Tax lists- First Ecclesiastical Society

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

7	15	1911-1931	Nichols genealogy & notes- Lester J. Nichols
7	16		Genealogy notes- Sperry family by Lester J. Nichols
7	17	1898-c1937	Genealogy notes, clippings, photographs- Nichols, Sperry, Booth families
7	18	c1970	Notes & photocopies- Cook family
7	19	c1925	Notes & photocopies- Cook & Nichols family
7	20	1920-1943	Correspondence- Towner family genealogy by Merle E. Towner
7	21	c1925	Genealogy notes- Towner family
7	22	c1967	Genealogy notes- Towner family
7	23	1935	Letter concerning Upson house on East Main Street
7	24	1932-1939	Notes & correspondence- Tyler family
7	25	c1970	Notes & photocopies- Tyler & Hoadley families
7	26	1938-1951	Notes, clippings & correspondence- Hoadley family
7	27	c1970	Notes, photocopies- Rogers family

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

LESTER N. TOWNER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
7A	1A		Notes & photocopies- Hoadley family
7A	1B	1911-1976	Programs & news clippings- Branford history
7A	1C	1832-1840	<u>Hymns of Zion</u> - Hoadley; <u>Catechetical Assistant</u>
7A	2	1822-1869	Center School District register- J.E. Hoadley; report card forms; penmanship book- Julius Tyler
7A	3	c1820-1830	Arithmetic workbooks
7A	4	c1820-1830	Arithmetic workbooks
7A	5	c1820-1835	Arithmetic workbooks, atlas- Charles Hoadley
7A	6	1896-1933	Tyler Kindred of America- programs, clippings, correspondence
7A	7	c1910-1939	Nichols Family Reunion Association- notes, correspondence
7A	8		Booth-Nichols Family Reunion
7A	9	1866-1947	Pictures & biography- L. J. Nichols
no folder 10 & 11			
7A	12	1688-1758	Copy- records of the 1 st Church of Christ
7A	13	1893-1927	Wedding invitations
no folder 14			
7A	15	1894-1895	Calendar- Frank E. Peckham, druggist
7A	16	1885	Program- dedication of the soldier's monument
7A	17	c1922-c1941	Birthday book- Lester J. Nichols, list of MIF employees in back
7A	18		Music for brass trombone- Charles Hoadley
7A	19	1895	First District- registered voters
no folder 20			
7A	21	c1945	Branford Monument Works- list of clients

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

7A 22 1981 Finding list for Towner papers at Yale Library

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

SHELDON PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	1	1830-1862	Deeds- Jerre, Caty & Truman Sheldon
8	2	1843-1864	Deeds- Truman & Asher Sheldon
8	3	1867-1871	Deeds- Edward D. & George L. Sheldon
8	4	1872-1915	Deeds- Edward D. & George L. Sheldon
8	5	1878-1915	Misc. deeds- oyster committee, Town of Branford; quit claims- H.C. Rowe right of way
8	6	1862-1863	Civil War letter & diary (fragment)- Edward D. Sheldon
8	7	1841-1865	<u>Introduction of the Study of Nature; American School Hymn Book; Happy Voiced: New Hymns & Tunes</u>
8	8	1914	News clipping- Asher Sheldon's 100 th birthday
8	9	c1863-1900	Fractional paper money- several countries; early envelopes with stamps
no folder 10			

HAMMER PAPERS

8	11	c1889	Republican ballot; election results; Conn. General Assembly- list of members
8	12	1885-1918	Correspondence- E. Tasker about the Leatherman; Julia Hammer about Congregational Church and old Branford
8	13	1877-c1936	News clippings- Branford history, Pine Orchard charter change, Abbott C. Page reminiscences
8	14	1874-1923	Alfred E. Hammer memorabilia- report card, biography

GREGORY PAPERS

8	15	1741	Copy of deed (1821)- First Society from Indians
8	16	1745/6	Lease- John Wilford from First Society
8	17	1761	Deed- John Wilford from Nathaniel Harrison
8	17b	1975	<u>The Wilfords of Branford</u> by Elizabeth Hitchcock Gregory

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

NICHOLS-COOK PAPERS

8	18	1913-1915	Estate of Samuel Cook- will, financial records
8	19	1909-1916	Letters- Lester J. Nichols to Alice Nichols
8	20	1916	Letters- Lester J. Nichols to Alice Nichols
8	21	1916	Letters- Lester J. Nichols to Alice Nichols
8	22	1920-1924	Letters- Lester J. Nichols to Alice Nichols
8	23	1913-1935	Misc. letters- Towner & Hammer
8	24	1899-1933	Bills, receipts- Alice Nichols
8	25	1918-1924	Record of property expenses- Lester & Alice Towner
8	26	1920-1927	Yearly expenses- Lester J. Nichols & Alice Nichols
8	27	1926-1933	Bank statements, checks- Alice Nichols

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

FOOTE PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
9	1	1805-1836	Deeds- Frederick & Sarah Russell; real estate distribution-estate of Frederick Russell
9	2	1814	Correspondence- William Linsley
9	3	1900-1909	Correspondence- William R. & Wallace Foote
9	4	1790	Copy of town record- building of bridge across the river by Capt. Stork
9	5	1880-1937	Stock market quotes; bank withdrawal receipt- Mabel Foote
9	6	1895-1898	Invoices, receipts, memoranda (A-G)- William R. Foote
9	7	1895-1898	Invoices, receipts (J-W)- William R. Foote
no folder 8			
9	9	1902-1935	Genealogies- various families
no folder 10-12			
9	13	1932-1949	Branford Garden Club- yearbooks (1945 missing)
9	14	1950-1962	Branford Garden Club- yearbooks
9	15	1909	Misc. calling cards & programs, opening of Masonic Hall 1909
9	16	1871-1906	Advertising flyer; Gaylord Opera House- program; news clipping- Branford Carnival
9	17	c1920-1984	News clippings- various obituaries; reminiscences- Chet Prann
no folder 18-22			

BLACKSTONE FAMILY

9	23		Blackstone family bible records, memorial card for James Blackstone, probate distribution to Edward Blackstone, List of owners of tide meadow at Hobart's Bridge
9	24		Memories of Pearl Blackstone Milne, bio of Rev. William Blackstone
9	25		Letters from Isabella Blackstone, Jane Blackstone, Harriet

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Blackstone

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| 9 | 26 | 1882-1896 | Accounts of Wyllis Blackstone's property |
| 9 | 27 | 1885 | Emeline Blackstone's autograph book (dau of Ralph) |

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

PALMER-PLANT PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
10	1	1819	Deed- Edmund Palmer II
10	2	1849-1875	Deeds- Isaac H. Palmer & Edmund Palmer, jr.
10	3	1883-1909	Deeds- Harriet L. Palmer & Isaac H. Palmer, jr.
10	4	1842-1868	Deeds- Warren Smith of East Haven, later Branford
10	5		Fragments from land survey- Stony Creek?
10	6	1850-1884	Cemetery deeds- Isaiah Bringhurst in Penn.
10	7	1868-1909	Will- Betsey Smith; estate papers- Isaac H. Palmer & Sally E. Palmer
10	8	1833	Militia commission- Capt. William Russell
10	9	1884	Birth certificate- Walter H. Palmer
10	10	1881-1925	Marriage certificate- James H. Hotchkiss & Anna L. Pardee; Odd Fellows Resolution of Respect- J. Henry Hotchkiss
10	11	1808-1860	Account book- Elias Plant
10	12	1837-1876	Poem- Lydia A. Palmer; Normal School diploma- Harriet Smith
10	13	1897-1912	Report card, nursing diploma, certificate of registration- Harriet Pardee; diplomas, Sunday School certificate- Mildred Hotchkiss
10	14	1808-c1848	<u>Apples of Gold</u> by Thomas Brooks- William Plant; <u>Hymns of the Episcopal Church</u> - Lucy M. Linsley; <u>Richard and Rover</u> - Isaac H. Palmer
10	15	1857-1859	Sunday School teacher's class books; superintendent roll book

end Palmer-Plant

Harrison Bristol Papers

10	16-21	Letterheads, receipts and accounts
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Box 10- a few more folders

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

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| 11 | wrapped | c1814 | Parish's <u>Modern Geography</u> - William Plant |
| 11 | wrapped | 1819 | <u>Elements of Geometry</u> by John Mayfair- William Plant |
| 11 | wrapped | 1830 | <u>A System of Geometry and Trigonometry</u> by Abel Flint |
| 11 | wrapped | 1856 | <u>Elements of Surveying and Navigation</u> by Charles Davies |
| 11 | wrapped | 1828 | <u>A Compend of History from the Earliest Times</u> by Whelply |
| 11 | wrapped | 1873 | <u>Sixth Reader</u> by Lewis B. Monroe- Hattie L. Smith |
| 11 | wrapped | 1917 | <u>Grammar School Geography</u> by Alexis E. Frye |
| 11 | wrapped | 1876 | <u>Improved System of Geography</u> by Francis McNally |

Box 11- a little room for another wrapped book

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FAMILY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
12	no folder 1		
12	2	18??-1964	“Specifications for a church to be built in Branford”; sketch for development of Rock Pasture by J. Wesson Phelps for Ray Plant
12	2A	1929	Maps- Palmer Road area

JOHNSON PAPERS

12	3	1866-1871	Applications & deeds- oyster grounds for various people
12	4	1873-1878	Applications & deeds- oyster grounds for various people
12	5	1863-1865	Civil War discharge papers- Henry Johnson

OSBORN PAPERS

12	6	1858-1874	Account book fragments- S.V. Osborn
12	7	1884-1885	Beach genealogy
no folder 8-14			

FOWLER PAPERS

12	15	1821-1870	Deeds, boundary settlement, plans for house- Ozias Fowler
12	`16	1816-1869	Letters- Samuel O. Fowler, Lucretia Fowler Chapman, Pamela Fowler Parmalee
12	17	1834-1838	Damascus School District records (fragment); Ozias Fowler’s account with E.J. & E. Rogers, bank note for William W. Fowler
12	18	1859	Damascus highway tax 1859 (copy, original belonged to Pearl Milne, never donated)
end Fowler			

LESTER N. NICHOLS PAPERS

12	19	1890	Letters between Timothy Blackstone of Chicago and his lawyer H. Lynde Harrison to and from Lester Nichols of Branford concerning using Nichols’ house and lot for the site of the new Blackstone Library
12	20	1891-1893	Blackstone-Nichols letters concerning the library site still 3.5”

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

REGINALD S. BALDWIN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Land Records</u>			
13	1	1898-1943	Deeds- West Main Street (Plantsville)- Linsley, Close, Baldwin
13	2	1919-1959	Deeds- Soundview Heights- Jenkin, Snow, Agnew, Connelly, Woodruff
13	3	1929-1945	Deeds- Soundview Heights- Jenkin, Kligerman, Baldwin
13	4	1920-1948	Deeds- #37-39 Hillside Avenue- Chaprighione, Begley, Babcock, Desi, Baldwin
13	5	1928-1939	Deeds- Kenyon Street- Baldwin
13	6	c1945-1947	Deeds, agreements & maps- Kirkham & Elm Street- Meffert, Fresenius, Rosenthal
13	7	1921-1944	Deeds, certificate of title- Pawson Park- Ronaldson, Jenkin, Coe-Nichols
13	8	1950-1967	Certificates of title & statements- various names
13	9	1938-1967	Lease, deeds, letters & quit claim
13	10	1930-1967	Sales agreements, notes & summons- Branford Realty & Investment Co.
13	11	c1950	Maps- Linden Avenue, Indian Neck
13	12	1950-1961	Correspondence- First Congregational Church about leased land
<u>Probate, Wills & Estate Papers</u>			
13	13	1936-1963	Estates of Edwin E., Caroline M. & Edwin H. Baldwin
13	14	1943-1947	Estate of Cecil R. Monroe
13	15	1963-1964	Estate of William C. VanWilgen
13	16	1953-1959	Estate of Robert E. Griswold, John Ross & Cornelia I. Preble (fragments)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Legal Papers

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| 13 | 17 | 1942-c1960 | By-laws- Pawson Park on the River Association; Branford Chamber of Commerce; Branford Cemetery Association
By-laws 1905, 1942, 1972 |
| 13 | 18 | 1915-1956 | Licenses- Reginald S. Baldwin- commercial navigator, real estate broker, notary public; Edwin H. & Edwin E. Baldwin- commercial navigator |

Political Papers

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| 13 | 19 | c1927-c1954 | Flyers- Independent Republican Party, Independent Citizens Party, Independent Voters Committee |
| 13 | 20 | 1940-c1945 | Correspondence- Conn. Federation of Taxpayers Association, Branford Taxpayers League; By-laws- Conn. Federation of Taxpayers Association |
| 13 | 21 | c1944-1949 | Undated press release- Branford Taxpayers Party |
| 13 | 22 | 1945-1947 | Flyers & Caucus List- Branford Taxpayers Party |
| 13 | 23 | 1945-1955 | News clippings- Branford Taxpayers Party |
| 13 | 24 | c1920-1929 | News clippings- Republican Party |
| 13 | 25 | 1949-1959 | Election flyers- Republican Party |
| 13 | 26 | 1960-1961 | Election flyers & news clippings- Republican Party |
| 13 | 27 | 1963-1969 | Election flyers & news clippings- Republican Party |
| 13 | 28 | 1972-1978 | Election flyers & news clippings- Republican Party |
| 13 | 29 | 1949-1958 | Election flyers & news clippings- Democratic Party |
| 13 | 30 | 1961-1969 | Election flyers & news clippings- Democratic Party |
| 13 | 31 | 1971-1978 | Election flyers & news clippings- Democratic Party |
| 13 | 32 | 1930-1975 | Election flyers & news clippings- misc. |
| 13 | 33 | c1930-1961 | Voter registration lists; ballots; voter certificates |

Political Papers- Town Government

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| 13 | 34 | 1899-1961 | Borough of Branford- by-laws, annual reports, news clippings |
| 13 | 35 | 1928-1941 | Official Tax Directories- Branford 1928/9, 1931/2, 1934/5, 1935/6, 1936/7, 1937/8, 1940/1 |

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

end Reginald Baldwin

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Copies of papers relating to Civil War soldier George C. Baldwin, David Baldwin report card (copy)

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

REGINALD S. BALDWIN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Political Papers- Town Government</u>			
14	1	1945-1960	Financial Reports- recommended budgets
14	2	1961-1962	Annual Budget- Branford
14	3	1961-1966	Recommended budgets & news clippings- Branford
14	4	1923-1953	Board of Assessors- correspondence, news clippings re: assessments & revaluation
14	5	1925-c1927	Board of Assessors- news clippings & affidavit re: taxation of lands of First Ecclesiastical Society
14	6	1972	Proposed Zoning Regulations
14	7	1970-1979	Zoning Board of Appeals- correspondence & memoranda
14	8	1971-1972	Zoning Board of Appeals- correspondence including St. Stephens A.M.E. Church
14	9	c1972	Zoning Board of Appeals- misc. documents
14	10	1925-1961	Laws Relating to Town of Branford; Rules & Regulations- Police Dept. 1925 & 1947
14	11	1958-c1959	RTM Charter; RTM correspondence
14	12	1960-c1978	News clippings, flyers- Charter proposals; fiscal year; mayor-council form of government
14	13	1955-c1962	News clippings, letter- new Town Hall; firehouse; court house
14	14	1959-c1961	News clippings- RTM meeting
14	15	c1954-c1961	News clippings- trash removal
14	16	1959-1961	News clippings- sewers
14	17	1959-1964	Letters, flyers, assessment lists, map-town sewers
14	18	1916-1961	Report of the town school committee (1916-1917); news clippings re: new high school (1927); Senior class lists & teachers salaries (1961)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

14	19	1953-1955	Letters, flyers, news clippings- new schools
14	20	c1954-1955	News clippings, flyers- new junior high school vs. senior high
14	21	1965-1966	Veterans Affairs Committee- meeting minutes, correspondence
14	22	1955-1983	News clippings & programs- Memorial Day & Veterans Day
14	23	1950-1955	Inventory of records pertaining to town treasurer, misc.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

REGINALD S. BALDWIN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Correspondence</u>			
15	1	1942	Letters- Branford Federal Savings & Loan re: Nelson Tryon
15	2	1960	Letters- town funding for library, building community house
15	3	1962-1963	Letters- Branford Historical Society including 1962 by-laws & membership
15	4	1916-c1975	Misc. letters
<u>Financial Papers</u>			
15	5	1838-1965	Giles T. Baldwin account book
15	6	1920-1944	Tax receipts- Baldwin & Jenkin family
15	7	1921-1924	Statements & receipts- Griswold Co. to Baldwin Brothers
15	8	1922-1962	Statements- Baldwin Garage to members Baldwin family
15	9	1922-1923	Statements & receipts- E.E. Baldwin & Baldwin Brothers
15	10	1912-1955	Invoices & receipts- R.S. Baldwin
15	11	1935-1964	Real estate- bill receipts
15	12	1952-1961	Bill of sales- Peter Hansen & R.S. Baldwin
15	13	1960-1969	Invoices & receipts- R.S. Baldwin
15	14	1970-1975	Invoices & receipts- R.S. Baldwin & Florence J. Baldwin
15	15	1922-1981	Banking papers- Baldwin family & Baldwin businesses
15	16	1910-1919	Account book- R.S. Baldwin
15	17	1922-1923	Account book- various Baldwin business ventures
15	18	1909-c1920	Tariff book of rates, Branford, Guilford & Madison; rubber stamp for Baldwin's peanut business
15	19	1929-1954	Rental properties A-F

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15 20 Rental properties G-N

15 21 Rental properties R-Z

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

REGINALD S. BALDWIN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Business Papers</u>			
16	1	1918-1919	Oliver Typewriter Co.- R.S. Baldwin, various papers
16	2	c1922	The Baldwin Candy Co., Baldwin Brothers- advertising material, inventory, order pad
16	3	c1924	Shell-on-Salted-Peanuts Co.- invoices, blank checks, stationary
16	4	1928-1974	Branford Realty & Investment Co.- incorporation papers
16	5	1928	Branford Realty & Investment Co.- by-laws & meeting notes
16	6	c1928-1945	Branford Realty & Investment Co.- trademark logos, invoices & correspondence, announcement card
16	7	1936-1968	Branford Realty & Investment Co.- invoices, advertising, stationary
16	8	1939-1950	Branford Realty & Investment Co.- rental & maintenance
16	9	1939-1945	Branford Realty & Investment Co.- ledger sheets
16	10	1944-1958	Branford Federal Savings & Loan Ass.- financial statements
16	11	1935-1959	Branford Federal Savings & Loan Ass.- news clippings stamp
16	12	1943-1968	Branford Federal Savings & Loan Ass.- annual meeting notes, advertising, correspondence
16	13	1914-1943	Insurance commissions- certificates
16	14	1945-1946	Partnership agreement- R.S. Baldwin & Lars M. Fromen
16	15		Insurance companies- letterheads & envelopes
16	16		R.S. Baldwin- business cards & membership plaque
16	17		Misc. letterheads
16	18		Business blotters
16	19	c1930-1966	Brochures of Branford businesses

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Military & War Papers

16	20	1915-1938	Conn. National Guard- honorable discharge Edwin Baldwin; invitation & program 47 th annual ball
16	21	1918	7 th Co. 2 nd Battalion, 151 st Depot Brigade- muster rolls, payroll, roster, organizational chart
16	22	1918	Correspondence from Camp Devons
16	23	1917-1918	<u>Infantry Drill Regulations U.S. Army</u> , Camp Devons

Military & War Papers

16	24	1917-1919	Drafts papers; commission application & supporting letters- R.S. Baldwin as 2 nd Lt.
16	25	1924-1929	Application papers & commission- R.S. Baldwin as 1 st Lt.
16	26	1960-1963	Veterans of WWI of the USA- flyers, certificates
16	27	1963-1966	Veterans of WWI of the USA- flyers, certificates
16	28	1962-1967	Veterans of WWI of the USA- convention programs, resolutions, financial statements
16	29	1963-1964	Veterans of WWI of the USA Ladies Auxiliary- constitution, by-laws & ritual

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

REGINALD S. BALDWIN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Military & War Papers</u>			
17	1	1967-1969	East Shore Barracks No. 2098, Veterans of WWI of the USA- membership report
17	2	1960-c1969	East Shore Barracks No. 2098, Veterans of WWI of the USA- membership list & data cards
17	3	1960-1981	East Shore Barracks No. 2098 & Auxiliary- officer lists;, constitution, by-laws, various papers; memorial dedication of the Community House
17	4	1960-1967	East Shore Barracks No. 2098- correspondence
17	5	1960-1964	Veterans of WWI of the USA- Dept. of Conn. correspondence
17	6	1962-1968	Veterans of WWI of the USA- Dept. of Conn. financial reports, correspondence, certificate, poster
17	7	1961-1979	Veterans of WWI of the USA- Dept. of Conn. convention programs
17	8	1927-1962	Corcoran-Sundquist Post No. 83, American Legion- membership lists, correspondence, misc. papers
17	9	1919	<u>A Brief History of the Fighting Yankee Division, A.E.F.</u>
17	10	1942-1946	Citizen's Defense Corps- correspondence; WWII photo; WWII Honor Roll
17	11	c1965	News clippings- Branford war heroes
no folder 12			
<u>Misc. Papers</u>			
17	13	1946-1954	Georgia Chapter No. 48 O.E.S.- by-laws
17	14	c1917-1979	Georgia Chapter No. 48 O.E.S.- membership certificates; Widows Son Lodge No. 66 A.F. & A.M.- membership card, correspondence, architect's plans; oversea voucher
17	15	c1915-c1969	Club & association certificates- R.S. Baldwin; Pawson Tribe No. 61- by-laws

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17	16	1939-1975	Programs- M.P. Rice Co. Field Day; Irish Minstrel; Elk's Institution Day; Testimonials- Earl Bradley & John Coolac
17	17	1914	<u>Branford Cook Book</u> - Cong. Church Comfortable Society
17	18	1948-c1960	Brochures- Town of Branford
17	19	1937	Building plans- Governor's Island
17	20	1937-1955	News clippings- R.S. Baldwin
17	21	1926-c1960	U.S. Sesquicentennial poem; list of Branford names & addresses
17	22	1929-1938	Baldwin rental properties, ledger A-F
17	23	1929-1938	Baldwin rental properties, ledger G-N
17	24	1929-1938	Baldwin rental properties, ledger R-Z

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

ZACHER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
18	1	1818-1822	Deeds- Benjamin R. Fowler, Rogers Street
18	2	1844-1892	Deeds & map- Elizur Rogers & Edmund Zacher
18	3	1794	Inventory- estate of Jason Atwater
18	4	c1885	Petition concerning Board of Finance
18	5	1897-1903	Certificates appointing Edmund Zacher Judge of Probate petition from businessmen appointing Zacher judge
18	6	1917-1931	Certificates appointing Louis B. Zacher Deputy Judge of the Town Court
18	7	1925 & 1959	Letters- deaths of Edmund Zacher & Madolin Zacher
18	8	1881	Marriage certificate- Edmund Zacher & Julia A.M. Griswold
18	9	1921-1945	Obituaries- Fern Bradley Zacher & Edmund Zacher; memorials- Rev. Daniel J.M. McCarthy & Julia Griswold Zacher
18	10	1870-1886 & 1950	Account book- Samuel Griffing; invoice- Kaminsky Cleaners
18	11	1910-1912	Tax receipts- Short Beach Improvement Association
18	12	1910-1919	Tax receipts- Town & Borough of Branford
18	13	1862-1874	Muster, commission & discharge papers, Civil War & obituary- Dr. H.V.C. Holcombe
18	14	c1925	Blackstone Library notes & typescript- biography of Edmund Zacher, library trustee, Edmund Zacher obituary
18	15	1862-1865	Papers of Dr. H.V.C. Holcombe of Branford, surgeon of the 15 th Conn. Volunteer Infantry from his Civil War desk, mostly hospital inspection papers
no folder 16-19			
18	20	1953-1956	Poems by Emily Birbarie; note to Madolin Zacher
18	21	1906	Diploma from Hopkins Grammar School- Louis B. Zacher
18	22	1873-1875	Branford High School report cards- Julia Griswold

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18 23 1935-1936 DAR- correspondence & directory- Madolin Zacher
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18 25 1895-1896 Baptism certificate- Madolin Russ Zacher; invitation to
Blackstone Library dedication

18 26 1879-? Autograph book; calling cards- Julia Zacher & Allie Hood

FRISBIE PAPERS

18 27 1702-1764 Deeds- Caleb Frisbie

18 28 1736-1742 Deeds- Hannah, Caleb, Daniel & David Frisbie

18 29 1750-1757 Deeds- Daniel Frisbie

18 30 1771-1786 Deeds- Daniel Frisbie

18 31 Land record fragments

18 32 1767-1768 Copy- birth & marriage from Branford town records- Howd &
Frisbie families

18 33 1755-1767 Receipts- Daniel Frisbie

18 34 Fragment of medicinal recipe

18 35 1932 Letter to Mrs. Scott M. Bryan, re: Josiah Frisbie

18 36 1739 Deed- Ebenezer Frisbie to John Page (copy)

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

SEABURG PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
19	1	1855	Map tracing of Branford
19	2	1934	Funeral & gravestone expenses- John A. Seaburg
19	3	1917	Flyers- Citizens Party
19	4	1908-1956	Caucus certificate- John A. Seaburg; Annual Report- Community Council; Correspondence- Parker Memorial Park Commission
19	5	1923	Letter- re: Arthur Seaburg, to come visit the shore
19	6	1944	Letter- Arthur Seaburg, U.S.N. and Edward Simon, U.S.N., letter MIF to Seaburg
19	7	1943-1944	Letters- Mrs. John Seaburg & Kay Mitchell to Arthur Seaburg
19	8	1943-1944	Letters- Walter T. Barbour, U.S.N. & Charles W. Briggs, U.S.N. to Arthur Seaburg, U.S.N.
19	9	1944-1945	Letters- Ralph I. Davis, U.S.N. to Arthur Seaburg, U.S.N.
19	10	1944	Letters- H.D. Howe, jr., Arthur Kavensanky, George M. Klien to Arthur Seaburg all U.S.N.
19	11	1944	Letters- F/J/ Murphy & "Bill" to Arthur Seaburg all U.S.N.
19	12	1909	Birth certificate- Arthur I. Seaburg
19	13	c1920	Scrapbook- Arthur Seaburg
19	14	1873 & 1941-1949	Account books- the latter dates possibly Al Johnsons
19	15	1905-1920	Receipts- J.A. Seaburg & Carl Johnston
19	16	1911-1914	Tax receipts- John Seaburg
19	17	1918-1922	Receipts- John Seaburg to Svea Lodge No. 40, Independent Order of Odd Fellows
19	18	1915-1917	House loan & payments to John C. Barnes from John A. & Selma Seaburg
19	19	1915-1919	Invoiced- building house on Stannard Ave. for John Seaburg

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19	20	1917-1965	Invoiced- John Seaburg, Arthur Seaburg & Kathleen Mitchell
no folder 21-23			
19	24	1915 & c1930	MIF Architectural survey; Branford Oil Burner brochure
19	25	1945	Arthur Seaburg WWII Navy discharge paper
19	26	1963	Employment record- Arthur Seaburg
no folder 27			
19	28	1918	War tax certificate- John A. Seaburg; War Bond pledge card
19	29	1918	Draft registration- John A. Seaburg
19	30	1940-1943	Draft papers- Arthur L. Seaburg
19	31	1943-1944	Navy course certificates- Arthur Seaburg
19	32	1943-1945	Service Star Banner (for hanging in window)
19	33	1918-1925	Report cards- Arthur Seaburg
end Seaburg			

REGINALD BALDWIN PAPERS

19	34		Reginald Baldwin- articles, bio, notary public certificates, lobster permit 1912
19	35		World War II rationing books
19	36		Letters to Reggie Baldwin
19	37		Documents relating to Dedication of Community House to World War II veterans
19	38		Programs, club membership

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FAMILY PAPERS

SEABURG PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
no folder 1-3			
20	4	1929-1930	Pratt Institute- report cards & commencement ticket, programs- Arthur Seaburg
20	5	1932	Brooklyn Edison Co.- course certificates- Arthur Seaburg
no folder 6			
20	7	1880-1926	Tickets, programs & invitations- Citizen's Fair, Totoket Lodge No. 3019 ball, concert, Dedication of Branford Armory
no folder 8-10			
20	11	c1965-1972	Brochures, Branford map
20	12	1908-1951	Vasa Star Lodge No. 150- constitution, by-laws & dues book; Swedish-Finnish Mission tickets
20	13	1923-1924	Order of the Eastern Star- membership cards- Kathleen Mitchell
20	14	1928-1969	Branford Yacht Club- membership card, constitution, by-laws, year book
20	15	c1940	Identification card- Arthur L. Seaburg
20	16	1986	Memorial from the President- Arthur L. Seaburg

FOOTE-PRANN PAPERS

20	17	1805-1816	Deeds- Ephraim Foot
20	18	1826-1842	Deeds- Ephraim Foot
20	19	1835-1876	Deeds- Samuel Foot
20	20	1889-1914	Deeds- Mary Jane Bradley
20	21	1841 & 1863	Survey- heirs of Hannah Hobart; deed- Malachi Linsley
20	22	1807-1937	Fragments from estates- Isaac Harrison, Ephraim Foot (sr.), Harrison Foot, Samuel Foot & Robert Foot
20	23	1826 & 1867	Estate of Frederick Russell; claims against Malachi Linsley

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20	24	1879-1885	Letters regarding suit against Nancy Linsley re: Double Beach House
20	25	1881-1886	Bills, statements, quit claim deed re: Double Beach House
20	26	1846-1899	Letters, Christmas card- Polly Foot, Mary Jane Bradley
20	27	c1900-1925	Letter, promissory note- Mary Jane Bradley
20	28		Notes of Mabel Foote on Branford Revolutionary War soldiers
20	29		Hoadley family genealogy notes, one old fragment
20	30		Misc. papers- WWII card Prann to Averill, WWII letter William Robinson to Eugenia Bradley, envelope from Spalding Drug Store, poem about Abigail Hoadley, list of deeds Averill House where the Armory is, poem by Mary Foote
20	31		Birthday book belonging to Eugenia Bradley
Shelf		1777-1800	Account book- Timothy Bradley, blacksmith, part used as scrapbook by Eugenia Bradley

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

FOOTE-PRANN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
21	1	1848-1862	Double Beach House register; Nancy Linsley's day book
21	2	1897-1908	Report cards- Roberta Bradley
21	3	1882-1902	Wedding invitations B-F (by woman's maiden name)
21	4	1881-1898	Wedding invitations H-M
21	5	1893-1902	Wedding invitations P-W
21	6	1894-1900	Wedding anniversary invitations
21	7	c1890-c1900	Assorted invitations and at home cards
21	8	c1880-c1900	Foote family calling cards
21	9	c1880-c1900	Calling cards
21	10	1886-1903	Autograph book- Maria Bradley; Menu- New Haven Yacht Club opening day; dance program, door check for Branford Dancing School

KELSEY PAPERS

21	11	1884-1889	Rockland Park deeds- Corey, Blount, Horton, Goodsell
21	12	1903-1939	Rockland Park Deeds- Corey, Skirrow, Plant, Paradise; probate settlement- Reynolds, Broadhurst
21	13	1946-1957	Cemetery deed receipt (Stamford)- Paradise Rockland Park property assessment
21	14	1659-1926	Genealogy of the Downs family
21	15	1924-1950	Map of Sunset Manor- articles of association, 1 st Ecclesiastical Society
no folder 16			
21	17	1676-c1920	Notes from land records re: Indians, 1 st Ecclesiastical Society (copies)
21	18	c1920	Draft & typed copies- land records re: 1 st Ecclesiastical Society
21	19	1912-1913	Deeds- Short Beach Union Chapel

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21	20	1893-1904	Correspondence- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	21	1905-1914	Correspondence- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	22	1910-1928	Letters- Edwin R. Kelsey
21	23	1893-1910	Treasurer's accounts- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	24	1883-1890	Treasurer's Reports- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	25	1891-1907	Treasurer's Reports- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	26	1908-1910	Treasurer's Reports- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	27	1911-1915	Treasurer's Reports- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	28	1883-1914	Subscription lists- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	29	1893-1902	Insurance policies- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	30	1883-1884	Invoices- building of the Short Beach Union Chapel
21	31	1883-1884	Invoices- building of the Short Beach Union Chapel
21	32	1886-1899	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	33	1900-1902	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	34	1904-1905	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	35	1906-1910	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	36	1911-1915	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	37	1916-1922	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	38	1901-1917	Invoices- Short Beach Union Chapel
21	39	1897-1916	Wedding invitations & announcements
21	40		Business cards
21	41	1878-1897	Programs- Sunday School convention; Short Beach Chapel Saturday Night
21	42	1891	Short Beach Chapel- library catalogue & blank cards
21	43	1918-1919	Short Beach Chapel- Sunday School collection envelopes
21	44	1945	Articles of association- Lanphier Cove

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21 45 1912-1923 Deeds- Claus Johnson, Robert A. Palmer

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FAMILY PAPERS

ALICE POND GORDON PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
22	1	1793	<u>The New England Primer</u>
22	2	1880	<u>Elementary Spelling Books</u> by Noah Webster; First Lessons In Geography by James Monteith
22	3	1810-1887	<u>Zion's Progress, Course of Time, Divine & Moral Songs For Children, Friendship Jewel, New Testament</u>

JIM KELLY PAPERS

22	4	1933-1950	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- letters re: uniforms; letterhead
22	5	1933-1938	James F. Kelly- invoice, billhead
22	6	1935-1960	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- news clippings
22	7	1960-1970	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- news clippings
22	8	1971-1979	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- news clippings
22	9	1980-1990	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- news clippings
22	10	1936-1988	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- programs, announcements
22	11	1936-1940	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- field day programs, 100 th anniversary program 1986
22	12	1929-1949	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- dance & raffle tickets
22	13	1940-1978	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- history & postcards
22	14	1957-1986	Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps- magazine articles
22	15	1935, 1978, 1998	<i>Branford Review</i> commemorative issues
22	16	2003	<i>Branford Review</i> commemorative issue

PFEIFF PAPERS

22	17	c1962-1973	Letters re: medicare, from Lowell Weicker & Prescott Bush
22	18	1975	Letters re: U.S. Postal Service to Abraham Ribocoff
22	19	1962-1972	Letters re: insurance on blasting

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22	20	1971-1977	Letters re: school buses, politicians
22	21	1971-1974	Misc. letters- Weicker, Meskill, Clark
22	22	1966-1970	Project Sunshine
22	23a	1973-1982	Broadside, letters re: use of Short Beach School
22	23b	1973	Branford Center renewal proposal
22	24	1954-1973	Town meeting warning, letter re: town insurance, Shore Drive traffic safety
22	25	1943-1973	Short Beach Civic Association- by-laws & charter
22	26	1978	Short Beach Civic Association- by-laws, revisions & zoning
22	27	1951-1976	Short Beach Civic Association- treasurer reports
22	28	1970-1982	Short Beach Civic Association- meeting notices & agenda
22	29	1973	Republican Women's Club- membership list
22	30	1990	St. Elizabeth Church- bulletins
22	31	c1942-c1978	Presidents of Women's Clubs, volunteers- reading books for the blind

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FAMILY PAPERS

ROGERS FAMILY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
23	1	1740-1775	Misc. records- Harrison, Rogers, Palmer, Barker
23	2	1770-1799	Deeds- Abraham Rogers, Silas Hoadley
23	3	1880-1829	Deeds- Abraham Rogers, Silas Hoadley
23	4	1810-1827	Deeds- Abraham Rogers, David Barker
23	5	1828-1852	Deeds- Abraham Rogers, David Barker
23	6	1857-1867	Deeds- Abraham Rogers
23	7	1863-1885	Deeds- Henry Rogers
23	8	1821-1849	Petition, survey and judgement re: highway in Stony Creek
23	9	1857-1868	Oyster grounds
23	10	1819-1912	Will- Abraham Rogers, Administration- Henry Rogers
23	11	1847-1870	Will & inventory- Pitkin Pond, will & receipt- Jane Kirkham
23	12	1865-1891	Notary license- Henry Rogers, ad for E. F. Rogers & Son cover of 1857 Prindle Almanac
23	13	1865-1898	Stony Creek School tax list, town tax receipts
23	14	1868-1869	Postmaster's inventory & letters- Henry Rogers, Philo Hall
23	15	1878-1898	Henry Rogers- genealogy letters A-B
23	16	1876-1899	Henry Rogers- genealogy letters C-Z
23	17	1876-1898	Henry Rogers- misc. letters A-B
23	18	1872-1895	Henry Rogers- misc. letters C-H
23	19	1875-1898	Henry Rogers- misc. letters I-N
23	20	1869-1898	Henry Rogers- misc. letters O-S
23	21	1856-1898	Henry Rogers- misc. letters T-Z
23	22	1873-1874	Branford businesses credit ratings

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23	23	1835-1898	Henry Rogers- misc. invoices
23	24	1894-1909	Henry Rogers- genealogy letters
23	25	no date	Henry Rogers- genealogy letters, Rogers bookplate
23	26		Schooner Industry- wage agreement, Gaylord Opera House program, Civil War exemption- Henry Rogers, Stony Creek Fishing Co.
23	27	1858-1872	Deeds- Benton, Russell, Rogers, Frisbie, Chidsey, Rogers

DOOLITTLE FAMILY

part of the Baxter-Bishop Papers

23	28		Thomas B. Doolittle of Thimble Farms bio, will & note Laura (Seymour) Doolittle wife of Charles, poem by Thomas B. Doolittle, death of Edith Doolittle, obituaries Harry Doolittle
23	29	1898-1905	Letters Harry Doolittle to Iva Bishop
23	30	1906-1911	Letters Harry Doolittle to Iva Bishop
23	31		Undated letters Harry Doolittle, brochures, poems
23	32		Letters and notes about Thimble Farms between Doolittle and Baxter families including right of way
23	33		History of Pine Orchard by Henry Rogers 1907, Pine Orchard Association By-laws 1921, obituary Charles McLean, wedding invitation Constance Tyson and Stephen McDonald
23	34		Sheldon House- envelopes, letterhead, Christmas card, note

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FAMILY PAPERS

DAVID DUNCAN BEACH PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
24	1	1855-1897	Deeds- John H. Beach
24	2	1811-1836	Deeds- John Beach, John H. Beach
24	3	1936-1940	Map- estate of Alfred E. Hammer
24	4	1942	Map- estate of Frank E. Beach
24	5	1822-1841	Probate- Frisbie and Beach
24	6	1820	Court papers- Samson W. Parker
24	7	1783	List of school bonds
24	8	1821-1849	Sawmill accounts- Samuel Beach, John Beach
24	9	1643-1944	Beach genealogy
24	10	1957-1958	Swedish Church societies by Rueul Lindburg
24	11	1795-c1800	First Ecclesiastical Society- meeting notes, resolutions, reports re: Rev. Mr. Huntington
24	12	1727-1808	First Ecclesiastical Society- meeting notes, seating arrangement
24	13		First Ecclesiastical Society- misc. financial papers, list of deeds
24	14	1784-1785	Notes re: organization of Trinity Episcopal Church
24	15	1868	Beckwith's Almanac
24	16	1975	<u>A Stony Creek Miscellany</u>
no folder 17			
24	18	1944-1954	Branford Yacht Club- mortgage and purchase of property
24	19	1947-1976	Branford Yacht Club- constitution and bylaws
24	20	1946-1947	Branford Yacht Club- treasurer records and reports
24	21	1962-1963	Branford Yacht Club- treasurer reports
24	22	1934-1936	Branford Yacht Club- misc. records

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24	23	1914-1953	Branford Yacht Club- misc. notices and reports
24	24	1936-1964	Branford Yacht Club- misc. letters and notes
24	25	1945-1947	Branford Yacht Club- purchase of Goodsell Point property
24	26	1945-1946	Branford Yacht Club- dredging of harbor
24	27	1947	Branford Yacht Club- dredging of harbor
24	28	1948-1954	Branford Yacht Club- dredging of harbor
24	29	1974	Branford Yacht Club- dredging of harbor
24	30	c1947	Branford Yacht Club- letters, press release, letterheads
24	31	1946-1953	Branford Yacht Club- mooring records
24	32	1963	Branford Yacht Club- yearbook
24	33	1948	Branford Yacht Club- Gay 90s revue
24	34	1957-1963	Branford Yacht Club- history of club
24	35	c1900-c1946	Branford Point- history
end David Beach			
24	36	1899	Report cards, penmanship practicing for Florence Auger (married J. Arthur Bradley of family below)
24	37		Copy of bible belonging to James H. Bradley, family history & genealogy of the family including son Charles F. Bradley

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FAMILY PAPERS

VEDDER FAMILY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
25	1	1848-1862	Letterheads & receipts, ledger pages
25	2		Letters- Mrs. Eliza Vedder to Edwin Vedder
25	3		Letters- to Jennie (Jane) Vedder
25	4		Letters- to Francis Weston Vedder, school reports, induction letter
25	5		Letters- misc.
25	6		Letter- Mary Davis to sister, Nettie Vedder
25	7		Misc. cards
25	8		Letters- Jennie Vedder
25	9		Misc. papers- Henry Keyes poem, auction list, bill of sale for chattel on Davis Island, letter from G. Baldwin, letter from J.F.G. Mattison, selectman's letter re: highway
25	10		Letters- Capt. E. W. Vedder to Henry L. Evans
25	11		Letters, bills, business correspondence to Capt. E. W. Vedder
25	12		Letters- to Mrs. E. W. Vedder (Antionette 'Nettie' Davis)
25	13		Letters- to Nettie Vedder from Helen Vedder Morris
25	14	1863-1875	Letterheads & receipts, ledger pages
25	15	1984	Published poems by Jennie Vedder, photographs by Barbara Reimers
25	16		Jennie Vedder original poems

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BLACKSTONE LIBRARY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
26	1	1917	Biography of Timothy B. Blackstone by Ida Hinman
26	2	1857	The Blackstone Family by Lorenzo Blackstone
26	3		Origin of Blackstone, Blackstone vital records, Blackstone newspaper clippings
26	4		Correspondence- primarily between John Blackwell of Boston and Betty M. Linsley, librarian
26	5		Henry B. Plant- ship line, Tampa Bay Hotel, pocket map of Plant system (RR, steamers), Plant Museum, photo of Albert E. Plant
26	6		Lanphier family- How the Family Saved the Bacon, biographical information on Aaron S. Lanphier (Medal of Honor winner)
26	7		Poems by Abbott Page; obituaries- Frank S. Bradley, Wallace H. Foote, Timothy L. Barker
26	8		The Connecticut Home Feb1938 (a few Beach family references), Valdemar T. Hammer 1868-1935, article Thorvald Hammer
26	9		Drawing of Norton homestead at Mill Plain, penmanship sample by Augustus Baldwin 1793
26	10		School work book by Robert Rose 1802
26	11		Diary 1Jan1877 to 5Sept1877 (author unknown)
26	12	1980s	Correspondence- with Betty M. Linsley re: Branford families Harrison, Plant, Page, Barnes, Linsley, Whitney, Rogers, Gibbs, Branford Dairy, Frisbie (includes some family groups sheets and other data)
26	13	1970s	Correspondence- Delphina Hammer Clark to Caroline Jourdan re: old Branford houses- Harrison, Baldwin, Bradley, Rogers, Jay Russell, Yale 100 year leases
26	14		Branford houses- Saltonstall mansion, Blackstone, Hearthstone, watercolor of a Rogers house
26	15	1922	Note from Rosa Ponselle (noted opera singer)

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26 16 Carolina Lazzari- biographical data, scrapbook travels in Brazil
(opera singer), program

MARTHA RUSSELL

26 17 Martha Russell's Genealogy Book, Sarah E. Russell's practice
book 1851

26 18 Martha Russell's Genealogy Book- transcription, poem
end Russell

26 19 Copies of papers relating to the Baisley-Fisher families

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HOWARD V. YOUNG, Jr. PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
27	1		Joseph Lee- civil war and pension papers, biography marriage book- Joseph Lee and Susan Osterle 13Oct1890
27	2		Birth certificate- Howard V. Young (Sr.) 18Oct1895, birth Grace Osterle 30Aug1887, marriage Young and Osterle 15Mar1918
27	3		WWI papers- Howard V. Young, Atlantic Wire pension and company history, membership Order of DeMoley, will
27	4		Howard V. Young, Jr.- BHS diploma 1938, speech given him on "The New Defence", Aircraft Warning Service 1949, member Widow's Sons Lodge 1950, WWII induction papers 1942, discharge papers WWII 1945, note to Jane P. Bouley Jan1994, obituary 17Sept1994
27	5		Deeds and papers- 52 Harrison Avenue
27	6		Deeds- Wilford Avenue, re: letter Howard Young to the President 1958 concerning the rights of Negro citizens
27	7		WWI papers- Howard V. Young
27	8-10		WWI letters- Howard V. Young to wife Grace
27	11		WWI booklets- On Guard, Victory Songs, When You/They Go Home, French/English for Soldiers
27	12		WWII ration books
end Young Papers			
27	13		Mother's hymnal (Vedder family)
27	14		Richard S. Paine engraving samples, Vedder family calling cards
27	15		Letter- Benjamin A. Baldwin to Timothy Palmer 1820
27	16		Henry Jourdan account book Jan1919 to May1931
27	17		Strong Almanac 1806, Prindle Almanac 1853
27	18		William B. Palmer's song book 1867
27	19		Bessie Blackstone Palmer's cookbooks
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PLANT FAMILY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
28	1		Genealogy notes- Pardee & Plant family, Benjamin Plant tax 1782, will Ruhamah Plant 17May1842, specification for Elias Plant house, marriage agreement Elias Plant & Mrs. Lydia Linsley 9Nov1842
28	2		Copy of Civil War letter Albert E. Plant to Father 2May1864, William Plant estate adm. papers 22Apr1864, adm papers Elias Plant 13Apr1863, inventory Elias Plant, inventory William Plant 7May1864, Civil War discharge Albert E. Plant 12July1865
28	3		Will Polly Plant & inventory 10June1886, inventory & inheritance tax Albert E. & Betsey W. Plant 1915
28	4		Deeds- Daniel Maltbie to Benjamin Plant 1772, John Staples to Elias Plant 1802, Deodate Bement to Samuel & Elias 1805, Mary Isaacs to Samuel & Elias Plant 1805
28	5		Deeds- Jonathan Ingersoll to Samuel & Elias Plant 1805, Samuel to Elias Plant 1807, agreement between Samuel & Elias 1809, Samuel to Elias 1809
28	6		Deeds- Staples family to Elias Plant 1816, Elias to William Plant 1834 & 1838, Nancy Linsley to Elias Plant 1840, Samuel Beach to Elias Plant 1840, Elias, Jr. to William Plant 1842, Elias Plant to Elias, Jr. and John Plant 1845 (copy)
28	7		Deeds- Elias Plant to New Haven Railroad 1851, John Plant to William Plant 1855, William to Elias Plant 1859, John to William Plant 1859, Elias to William Plant 1862
28	8		Deeds- William & John Plant to Russell Crampton 1863, Eliza Street to Mary J. Upson 1872, Mary R. Linsley to Henry B. Plant 1883, Henry Killam lease to Albert E. Plant 1883
28	9		Rockland Park deeds- summary sheet, Goodsell family to Ray U. Plant 1914, Nellie Manville to Ray U. Plant 1922
28	10		Rockland Park deeds- mortgages Manville & Plant 1922, Clara Corey Paradise to Ray U. Plant 1922
28	11		Rockland Park deeds- mortgages 1930s through 1950
28	12		Short Beach Association shares and member lists

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- 28 13 Partial list of produced goods, early 1800s; diploma Edward Hotchkiss Plant from Posie Place 1926 (private Short Beach school), letter Edward Plant to Alice Batrow 1953
- 28 14 12th Connecticut Volunteer Infantry (CVI) in Civil War
- 28 15 27th Regimental History by Winthrop D. Sheldon, 1866
- 28 16 Nature and Character of Granite Bay by Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, New York, 1901 (copy has original photos glued in and some notes)

JOHN CUNNINGHAM PAPERS

- 28 17 Marriage note William Bates & Sarah E. Rogers 1890, shares of Branford Lock Works, naturalization paper 1887, WWI letter, thank you from Woodrow Wilson 1912 (machine made signature), letter Cunningham to aunt Mary J. Knowles 1875, letter 1918, 2 empty envelopes, two 1906 letters, WWII poem written by Dominick J. Sansone

WILFORD-AYER PAPERS

- 28 18 Copy of 1700 genealogy parchment, Ayer & Wilford genealogy notes, letter (no date)

McGRAIL PAPERS

- 28 19 letters 1867-1870, steerage Bernard & Ellen McGovern 1865 from Liverpool, probate note John R. Barker 1880
- 28 20 Receipts & bill heads from Branford businesses, internal revenue licenses, testimony about Lawrence McGrails employment 1858
- 28 21 Deed- William J. Covert to Lawrence McGrail 1866, mortgage 1882
- 28 22 Business card, 1868 military ball ticket, 1881 account book, tax receipts 1890s, dog license 1894
- 28 23 Booklets about the Tampa Bay Hotel built by Henry Plant

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BETTY LINSLEY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
29	1		Genealogy charts, signature of Joseph P. Howd
29	2		Personal papers- Evelyn Andrews Linsley
29	3		Personal papers- Frederick Linsley
29	4		Personal papers- Harry O. Andrews
29	5		Personal papers- Julia Hoadley Andrews
29	6		Personal papers- Orrin Hoadley
29	7		Personal papers- Ethna Eugenia Hoadley
29	8	1804	Orrin Hoadley's school writing tablet, Pascal K. Hoadley's little reading books 1830
29	9	1815	Letter- Phineas Chapin, Jr. to Julia Hubbard
29	10		Papers, letters
29	11		Diaries- Julia Hoadley, Evelyn Andrews and unknown
end Linsley			
29	12		Copies of letters concerning the Monroe family
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BETTY LINSLEY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
30	1		Personal papers- Betty M. Linsley
	no folder	2	
30	3		Branford memorabilia
30	4		Branford organization pamphlets
30	5		Misc. papers
30	6		Family papers of Ellen F. Linsley (not related to Betty)
30	7		Diaries of Ellen Frances "Nell" Linsley, born 1850 for 1867, 1869-1872
30	8		Transcription and correspondence for Linsley 1867 diary
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BRADLEY-HOADLEY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
31	1		Genealogy of Bradley family
31	2		Richard Bradley papers- estate, biography, family plot at Center Cemetery
31	3	1919-1921	Richard Bradley diaries- 1919, 1920, 1921
31	4	1922-1925	Richard Bradley diaries- 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925
31	5	1926-1929	Richard Bradley dairies- 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929
31	6		Other Bradley papers- J. Hubert estate, Frank Smith Bradley biography, descendants; Mary C. (Smith) Bradley, Charles S. Bradley, Earl Bradley's MIF employment
31	7		Other families- Bradley Society certificate, Leonard Smith descendants, Nathan Meigs bible pages, ancestry of George Washington Beach, <u>Gleanings</u> by Betty Hitchcock Lauppe 2002
31	8	1858-1882	Bradley deeds
31	9	1883-1950	Bradley deeds
31	10		Bradley family newspaper clippings, mostly obituaries
31	11	1910-1955	Harriet Elizabeth (Bradley) Hoadley's account ledger
31	12	1932-1956	Harriet E. Hoadley's investments ledger

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BRADLEY-HOADLEY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
32	1		Harriet Elizabeth (Bradley) Hoadley- birth certificate, voter registration, lot at Center Cemetery, death certificate, list of possessions, will, valentines sent by Miss Laura Foote c1900
32	2	1905-1948	Harriet Hoadley letters
32	3		William H. Hoadley husband of Harriet- wedding invitation, marriage certificate, letters concerning his last illness, obituary, Hoadley lot at Center Cemetery; daughter Jean Dudley papers- graduation article, obituary; obituary of John R. Dudley
32	4		H. Elizabeth Hoadley daughter of William H. & Harriet- birth certificate, college diplomas, letters, resume, retirement tributes, essay written by her about Branford
32	5	1932-1988	Letters to H. Elizabeth Hoadley
32	6		Hoadley genealogy
32	7		Hoadley family, mostly obituaries- Eliza wife of Harvey, Grace Hoadley Dodge, Miss Laura I. Hoadley, Miss Jane Eliza Hoadley, Henry H. Hoadley, Charles Ammi Hoadley & Center Cemetery plot, Charles Barnes Hoadley killed in Mexico
32	8		Other families- Joshua Rogers of Brooklyn, New York; Nichols, Holcomb, Frisbie, Mabbott-Hammer
32	9		Rollin Smith family- notes, Harriet Smith memory book 1836/7
	end Bradley-Hoadley		
32	10	c1925	Original letter from Emeline Morris to Louis Sagal concerning the history of Cherry Hill, deed Ebenezer Hoadley to Benjamin Palmer
32	11	1863 & 1870	Civil War diary of George G. Bradley of Branford, 1870 diary of his wife Lois (Rowland) Bradley
32	12	1876-78	Autograph book belonging to Alida G. Bradley daughter of George & Lois (Rowland) Bradley
32	13	1926-27	Autobiography of Abbott Chandler Page
32	14	1776-1830	Page family deeds

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32	15	1831-1849	Page family deeds
32	16	1822	Probate record for Samuel Page, Zacheus Baldwin executor
32	17	1709-1861	Letters, deeds, probate for Frisbie, Baldwin, Whedon, Rose & Page; letter supporting Rev. Philemon Robbins 1744
32	18	1824	Poetry book belonging to Mary Ann Frisbie
32	19	1847	Mary Georgia Hoadley's book <u>Bessie Lee</u>

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FAMILY PAPERS

FULLERTON FAMILY PAPERS

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33	1		Short Beach school and history notes by Iona Fullerton
33	2		Letters to Iona Fullerton about Short Beach history, poem by Margaret Bristol c1881, funeral of Edward Knowles & William Foster, Tucker Store letterhead, greeting cards
33	3		Short Beach news clippings
33	4		Bus schedule, Tom Thumb play at Short Beach Chapel c1938, Valentine from Jane Beers to Gene Fullerton, letter & ad cards from Berta Jeralds about old Short Beach stage
33	5		About Short Beach artist M. Annie Bostwick (1858-1943) Annie's travel log on Cunard Line "Carpathia" to Europe 1903
33	6		Sketches and art by M. Annie Bostwick
33	7		Fullerton family- Civil War letter I discharge papers for William H. Fullerton, poems, news clippings, will of Harriet Badger, letters 1940s-50s
33	8	1962-1983	Fullerton family letters
33	9		Papers concerning Iona and Gene Fullerton
33	10	1936-1942	Correspondence rental of "Rosemere" cottage on Court Street
33	11	1943	Rental of "Rosemere" cottage on Court Street
33	12	1944-1948	Rental of "Rosemere" cottage on Court Street

end Fullerton

HARRISON BRISTOL PAPERS

33	13	1876-1911	Branford property tax receipts, Short Beach Association fees, By-laws Short Beach Improvement Association 1895, Branford Center Cemetery burial 1911, 1876 fee for using dike road
33	14	1883-1890	Letterheads and bills for Bristol Hotel in Short Beach
33	15	1884-1892	Receipts expenses for children of Hiram H. Clark of Short Beach, Harrison Bristol, guardian

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- 33 16 Receipts from Doctors Gaylord & Clark, letter 1885, deeds
end Bristol
more Vedder papers
- 33 17 1890-1929 Vedder family tax receipts
- 33 18 Vedder family misc. letters
- 33 19 Addressed and posted envelopes, no content inside
- 33 20 Letterhead & receipts
- 33 21 Jennie Vedder teacher contracts, funeral bill for Carolyn M. Baldwin, Grace Vedder honor roll card, Stony Creek Post Office receipt, Jennie Vedder Republican Club receipts, Mrs. Arthur Vedder calling card, wedding invitations- Lucy Bradbury & Thorvald Hammer, Alice Toole & George Wallace, Edith Spargo & Walter Hoelzer; Funeral of John C. Banres 1947, Funeral of William Symonds killed WWII, WWII letters William Symonds to Jennie Vedder
- 33 22 Copy of Richard Dibble bible entries, Dibble correspondence
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TOWNER FAMILY PAPERS

J. EDWIN TOWNER Civil War letters

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
34	1	1862	Introduction to letters, biography, Towner in 15 th Conn. Volunteer Infantry to his sister Emily S. Holcomb letters 1-8, 8 August-12 October 1862
34	2	1862-1863	letters 9-18a, 13 October 1862-1 February 1863
34	3	1863	letters 19-28, 3 March-7 May 1863
34	4	1863	letters 29-39, 17 May-3 September 1863
34	5	1863	letters 40-49a, 9 September-24 November 1863
34	6	1863-1864	letters 50-59, 7 December 1863-11 March 1864
34	7	1864	letters 60-69, 20 March-1 June 1864
34	8	1864	letters 70-79, 16 June-26 August 1864
34	9	1864	letters 80-86, 8 September-14 November 1864
34	10	1864-5, 1887	letters 87-93, 1 December 1864-27 February 1865 plus one letter 1887
34	11	1865	J. Edwin Towner Civil War discharge paper
34	12	1864	J. Edwin Towner diary 12 July-4 August 1864 plus other notes
34	13	1879	Battle Flag Day Program, Hartford 17 September 1879
34	14	1908	Book- <u>Conn. Men Who Suffered in Southern Prisons</u>

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CHARLES P. IVES FAMILY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
35	1		Genealogy charts, Charles P. military discharge 1869, biographies, children of Charles P. & Phoebe (Taintor)
35	2		Ives genealogy notes, bible records (copy), more information on descendants
35	3	1878-1933	Family letters
35	4	1862-1978	Family letters and genealogy correspondence
35	5		Taintor- family register, calling card, autograph book 1870 (all copies)
35	6		Genealogy notes of Pearl (Putney) Ives of Guilford
35	7		Genealogy notes of Pearl (Putney) Ives
35	8		Ives Branford house "Fellsmore Farm" 18 Totoket Road- history, description, accounts, building account for "The Cobbles", Ives business cards/ads
35	9	1903	Diary of Charles Pomeroy Ives at Fellsmore Farm- 1 October-15 November 1903
35	10	1903-1904	Diary of Charles Pomeroy Ives at Fellsmore Farm- 16 November 1903-19 January 1904
35	11	1904	Diary of Charles Pomeroy Ives at Fellsmore Farm- 20 January-14 December 1904
35	12	1904-1905	Diary of Charles Pomeroy Ives at Fellsmore Farm- 15 December 1904-15 July 1905

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LESTER NICHOLS PAPERS

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36	1	1899-1903	Lester Nichols investment correspondence
36	2	1904	Lester Nichols investment correspondence
36	3	1905-1964	Lester Nichols investment correspondence
36	4	1893-1898	Lester Nichols investment correspondence
36	5	1884-1934	Nichols-Towner letters
36	6		Nichols-Towner deeds and letterheads

end Nichols

ARCHIBALD HANNA LETTERS

36	7	1944	WWII letters Archibald Hanna to his wife Sue March-August
36	8	1944	WWII letters Archibald Hanna to his wife Sue Sept. and November
36	9	Dec1944	WWII letters Archibald Hanna to his wife Sue
36	10	1945	WWII letters Archibald Hanna to his wife Sue March and April
36	11	July1945	WWII letters Archibald Hanna to his wife Sue
36	12	1945	WWII letters Archibald Hanna to his wife Sue August-October

end Hanna

36	13-16		Genealogy notes and letters written to the Library or to Eli F. Rogers, some responses by Donald Lines Jacobus, a few correspondence about the Leatherman
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- 37 Beach family wrapped books:
Daboll's Schoolmaster's Assistant (arithmetic), 1815
Geography of the World, 1810
 Eber Beach's bible, 1814
History of the United States by Rev. Charles A. Goodrich, 1824
 Sheldon- Almira Apley Sheldon's bible, 1830
 Foote- National Arithmetic of the Inductive System by Benjamin Greenleaf

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BAXTER-BISHOP PAPERS

Box 38

George W. Bishop

38	1	1872-1881	Miles Frisbie and Hubbard papers
38	2	1955	Contract for George W. & Ann E. Bishop gravestones
38	3	1875-1934	Estates of Mary Hubbard Frisbie and Mary S. Frisbie
38	4		Death of Charles W. Forbes
38	5	1865	Will of Mercy Baldwin
38	6	1861	July 4 th program and notice
38	7		1874 Selectman report, poems, envelopes
38	8	1814-1900	Bishop family deeds
38	9	1868-1873	George W. Bishop day book and some accounts
38	10		George W. Bishop name stencil
38	11	1868-1871	George W. Bishop day book and accounts
38	12	1876-1879	George W. Bishop day book and accounts
38	13	1868-1871	George W. Bishop day book and accounts
38	14	1888	George W. Bishop day book and accounts plus loose papers
38	15		George W. Bishop, receipts for taxes paid

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| 38 | 16 | Genealogy notes and family sheets- Bishop Maltbie, Cone, notes on Ammi Baldwin, booklet- Ancestry of Alfred Russell & Caroline Harrison by Alfred Lovell Russell 1928 |
| 38 | 17 | family recipes |
| 38 | 18 | Booth-Curtis family papers (Ann Booth married George Bishop) 1875 sermon at St. Andrews Church, Meriden; obituary Adele (Sage) Booth of Meriden 1907, letters Dean Curtis to cousin Iva (Bishop) Baxter of Branford |

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BAXTER-BISHOP PAPERS

Box 39

George & Ann (Booth) Bishop and family

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| 39 | 1 | 1848 | Mitchell 's School Atlas |
| 39 | 2 | 1830 | Elizabeth Frisbie's poetry book |
| 39 | 3 | 1865-1894 | George W. Bishop exemption from military service, letter, promissory note |
| 39 | 4 | 1862-1866 | letters to George W. Bishop |
| 39 | 5 | 1871-1894 | Letterheads and receipts- George W. Bishop |
| 39 | 6 | 1857-1926 | Probate- Ammi Baldwin 1857 inventory, George W. Bishop 1894, Ann Eliza Bishop 1926 inventory |
| 39 | 7 | 1859-1935 | recipe, names & addresses, Egbert Bishop obituary, Bishop family reunion clipping |
| 39 | 8 | 1832-1862 | Booth family letters |
| 39 | 9 | 1856-1859 | Ann Eliza Booth papers |
| 39 | 10 | 1861-1862 | Civil War letters from Charles R. Potter to Ann E. Booth |
| 39 | 11 | 1900-1910 | Ann (Booth) Bishop papers- wedding invitation, recipes, bank book, Branford Steam Railroad Co. amendment |
| 39 | 12 | 1885-1924 | Postcards and letters to Ann Bishop |

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39	13	1896-1910	Pine Orchard Association & Chapel receipts & assessments
39	14	1894-1925	Ann Bishop- letterheads, receipts, banking
39	15	1926-1934	Ann Bishop- death and probate
39	16	1894-1955	Bishop family cemetery and gravestone records & receipts
39	17		Branford and others advertising cards
39	18	1910-1921	Old Farmer's Almanac
39	19	1861 & 1862	The Children's Magazine
39	20		Paper dolls
39	21		Three early zoology plates

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Box 39a

Iva (Bishop) Baxter

39a	1	1930s	Iva Baxter day books
39a	2		Financial- income tax, stock, bank book
39a	3		Graduation essay 1904, paper dolls, piece of music
39a	4		Letterheads, letters
39a	5		Birth & baptism certificates, finances, death & obituary, estate papers
39a	6		Notes of sympathy
39a	7		Will, Center Cemetery monument, autograph book
39a	8		Steam Ship Savannah 1944, estate of Maud Brewer, Branford Garden Club
39a	9	1913	Iva Bishop-Charles Baxter wedding 1913, letters
39a	10	1953-1960	Letters Iva to daughter Georgianna Deevey

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39a	11	1899-1943	Letters to Iva, poem
39a	12		Notes Dean Curtis to cousin Iva
39a	13		Holiday cards- Christmas, Valentines, others
39a	14	1919-1946	Rental of cottages at Thimble Farms
39a	15	1916-192	Repairs to house & cottages at Thimble Farms
39a	16	1942-1960	Repairs to house & cottages at Thimble Farms
39a	17	1927-1955	Taxes paid to Pine Orchard Association
39a	18	1927-1955	Branford tax bills
39a	19	1927-1958	Insurance policies

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BAXTER-BISHOP PAPERS

Box 40

Charles N. Baxter

40	1		mother Louise Baxter's bible entries, Charles N. Baxter birth certificate, Trinity baptism, school paper, notes
40	2		Harvard and Massachusetts Agricultural College
40	3	1913	Trip to Bermuda
40	4		Draft card, club memberships (except the Masons), accounts 1902-1914
40	5	1908-1918	Diary
40	6	1933-1941	Day book and accounts- 1933, 1935, 1941
40	7	1920-1943	Letters from Woodrow Wilson, William Lyons Phelps of Yale, others
40	8	1924-1954	Letters from author J. Vaughn Dennett of Saco, Maine; two photographs of Dennett and his family
40	9		Baxter's membership in the Branford Masons- pins, apron,

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		certificates, programs, notes, honors
40	10	Mortgages
40	11	Letters and notes concerning employment at Blackstone Library, envelopes from Van Dyke Studios in Stony Creek
40	12	Death, obituaries, funeral
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RECORD GROUP #2
BUSINESS PAPERS

DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

Malleable Iron Fittings Company

The largest collection in this record group is that of the Malleable Iron Fittings Company (MIF). The MIF was founded by brothers Emil and Thorvald Hammer in 1864 and for almost a century was the major employer and taxpayer in Branford. The company was sold by the Hammer family in 1962 and was finally closed in 1970. An important product of the MIF was the Branford Oil Burner which was based on a patent by Forester L. Hammer. The brochure and other material about the oil burner were sent to Thorvald F. Hammer (grandson of the founder) by William S. Brophy of the Marlin Firearms Company and in turn donated to the Society by Mr. Hammer in 1983. Mr. Hammer also donated the ledger with carbons of company correspondence (1876-1881) signed by his grandfather Thorvald F. Hammer. The ledger had been given to him by Howard C. Gabel in 1978. Other material was donated by Thorvald Hammer's nephew, Carleton Miller and Bran Park Associates in 1982. Additional items came from the Seaburg and Beach family papers with additions by Jane Bouley and the Blackstone Library files. Materials that were scattered in different record groups were gathered under this heading to keep these important papers together. In Box 8 are correspondence by the Hammer family regarding the business that were in the Blackstone Library files.

A set of MIF "Milestone" programs honoring employees with 25 or more years of service were donated in 2015 by Geraldine Ifkovic of North Branford. A copy of the MIF orange book was donated by the Stegina family in 2015 with notations made by their father.

C. W. McLean & Sons

McLean's was a summer store and post office on Waterside Drive in Pine Orchard, established in 1896 by Charles McLean, a native of Scotland. J. Raymond McLean (1887-1962) succeeded his father as postmaster in 1920 and continued in that capacity until the store closed in 1956. Jane Peterson Bouley gave the Society the 1901 account book in 1987.

Totoket Pharmacy

This collection is comprised of a day book and an accounts receivable ledger from the pharmacy for the years 1890-1891. They were donated by Colonel Bradley Prann, whose great uncle, Walter R. Foote, was a principal in the business.

S. V. Osborn

Anne Link donated the account book (1879-1883) of the S.V. Osborn store. Located originally at the foot of Rogers Street and later at the corner of Church and Meadow Streets it sold coal, wood, hay, seeds, grain, witch hazel and provisions. A tobacco shop and feed and coal were sold on Meadow Street until the 1980s.

Sloops "Freedom" and "Mary"

These two collections are comprised of fragments of records of two sailing vessels that engaged in late 18th century and early 19th century trade with coastal New England and to the West Indies. The sloop "Freedom", 36 tons, was built in 1789 and owned by William Hoadley. Her cargo lists and accounts were given to the Society in 1975 by Mrs. W.R. Nichols. The sloop "Mary", 42 tons, built in 1802, was registered in 1815, the same year her master, Richard Spinks, bought a 1/3 share from Jacob Monroe.

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Montowese House

From 1865 to 1863 the Montowese House was Branford's largest and best known resort hotel, owned and operated by several generations of the Bryan family. Lydia Noble Booth, great granddaughter of the founder William Bryan, gave these items to the Society in 1986. There are brochures; a day book and hotel register for the 1870s. There is correspondence from William Bryan to Vice President James S. Sherman, as well as a Helen Keller signature.

Sheldon House

The Sheldon House was located in Pine Orchard, just east of the Pine Orchard Club, and stood from 1840 until 1960. These papers were donated by Louis Lavassa, a long time employee. Of particular interest is the hotel register, which is complete for the years 1925 to 1931. The daily menus for the year 1934 are included.

Branford Lock Works

The Branford Lock Works, commonly called the Lock Shop, was founded in 1865 by Thomas Kennedy. The plant was located at the base of East Main Street on both sides of the street along Ivy Street and Svea Avenue. It was the second largest employer in town and many Irish men came to Branford to work at this factory. In 1894 Yale & Towne Company bought the business and moved its entire operation to Stamford in 1905.

Branford Point House

The hotel register was given by Judith O'Neill of Hamden in 1987 and chronicles a busy summer hotel with guests arriving by yacht, rail and horse. There was a boarding house as early as 1834 on the site. Dr. Frank Parker of New York City and Branford willed the property upon his death in 1912 to the Town of Branford. His family had owned the property since 1885. The buildings were torn down in 1915 and Park Memorial Park was developed.

Branford Driving Park

The Park was a private business enterprise organized in 1892 by Benjamin F. Hosley, Louis Fisk and others. The venue was the site of horse and trotting races and it held one of the country's earliest auto races. In addition to races, the Driving Park was the gathering place for the Branford Carnival and other amusements such as bicycle, motorcycle races, hot air balloon ascensions and band concerts. A special train brought visitors to the Park during summer weekends. The last race was about 1913 and the property was sold in 1928.

In Boxes 6 & 7 there are many misc. business papers such as advertisements, letterheads, trade cards, and pamphlets for a variety of businesses. Some were from the files of the Blackstone Library. Ron McDermott donated letterheads and advertising cards. Joan Paine Johnson donated the 1892 account for Paine's Store. Many of the Victorian trade cards were donated by Jane Bouley. Other business papers can be found in Family Papers, particularly those of Reginald Baldwin. The account book for the Stony Creek Oyster Company was donated in 2008 by Walter Lowell, a descendant of one of the owners.

Important papers in Box 8 are a collection of building diagrams of property owned by Louis M. Sagal in New Haven, Bridgeport, and at his farm in Cherry Hill. They were rescued from a dump and donated in 2008 by Mike Martino of Rocky Hill.

In Box 9 are many Branford business letterheads from the estate of Lester Nichols, long time secretary of the MIF. These were donated by Rhoda Loeb in 2011. Personal letters, mostly for

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Nichols' investments, are in R. G. #1. Included are a group of correspondence between Timothy Blackstone of Chicago and Lester Nichols. The former purchased Nichols' house and lot to build the Blackstone Library. *Branford Review* meeting minutes were also donated by Rhoda Loeb whose father Meyer Leshine started the newspaper. Also in Box 9 are two account books belonging to George E. Bishop of Stony Creek donated by Randolph Bishop in 2007. The Lewis papers were donated by descendant Walter Lowell in 2008.

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RECORD GROUP #2
BUSINESS PAPERS

MALLEABLE IRON FITTINGS COMPANY

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	1864-1868	Consignment book
1	2	1871-1872	Pages from Consignment book
1	3	c1938	Classification of accounts
1	4	1864-1881	Accounts receivable
1	5	1877-1883	Freight memoranda & order book
1	6	1874-1880	Pattern room & galvanizing department memos
1	7	1867-1882	Cancelled checks
Box 1- Full			
2	1	1867-1868	Time book
2	2	1873-1878	Time book
2	3	1901	Time book
2	4	1902-1907	Time book, Union book
2	5	1911-1923	Catalogues
2	6	c1930	Branford Oil Burner- sales brochure, catalog
2	7	1931-c1933	Branford Oil Burner- brochure & technical description
2	8	1956	Pole hardware book
2	9	1930-1937	Trade magazines- <u>Oil Heat</u> , <u>Men & Power</u>
2	10	c1919-1958	Programs- men returning from war; H.E. Thatcher dinner; Milestone Club dinners; 100 th anniversary booklet 1854-1954; Testimonial Lester J. Nichols 1936, interview Tote Hammer by Janet Gaines 1986
2	11	1946	<u>MIF Forty Six Years in Two Centuries 1854-1946</u>

Box 2- Full

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BUSINESS PAPERS

TOTOKET PHARMACY

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
3	1	1880-1891	Pages from Accounts receivable, articles of agreement between W.R. Robinson & Walter Foote, recipe book, trade card
3	2	1890-1891	Pages from Account book

S. V. OSBORN

3	3	1879-1883	Account book
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SLOOP "FREEDOM"

3	4	1789-1802	Cargo lists & accounts- William Hoadley and Ralph Hoadley
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SLOOP "MARY"

3	5	1815	Bill of sale, letter about the "Jenny Lind" 1964 & 1990
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MONTOWESE HOUSE

3	6	1921	Lease
3	7	1888-1913	Insurance policy; receipts
3	8	1870-1881	Hotel register
3	9	1861-1889	Ledger; day book
3	10	c1890	Carpenter's & mason's specifications for a frame hotel
3	11	1909-1974	Letters to William Bryan (some are copies); Helen Keller signature
3	12	1946	Montowese Playhouse programs
3	13	1950	News clipping- history of Montowese House, poem & theme song
3	14	1940-1960	menus

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MONTOWESE HOUSE

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
3	15	c1918	Montowese House booklets
3	16		Monotwese House booklets, brochures
3	17		Diary fragments
3	18		Tremont House photos, Owenego brochures, Waverly Hotel business card
3	19		Montowese House legal papers
3	20		Montowese House deeds

Box 3- Full

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BUSINESS PAPERS

SHELDON HOUSE

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
4	1	1909-1931	Hotel register- moved to oversized
4	2	1923-1928	Accounts receivable
4	3	1933-1934	Labor books
4	no folder 4 & 5		
4	6	c1920	Brochure and auto trail map
4	7	1932 & 1934	Menus
4	8	1934	Menus

MONTOWESE HOUSE

4	9		Montowese House literature
4	10		Montowese House scrapbook- postcards, clippings; Night clerk duties, 1916 envelope
4	11		Montowese House wooden puzzle
4	12		Montowese House land maps

Box 4- Room

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BUSINESS PAPERS

BRANFORD LOCK WORKS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
5	1	1866	Price list
5	2a	1893	Catalogue
5	2b		History of Locks, by Yale & Towne, BLW card, receipt, price list, etching of factory; Automatic Door Co.

MISC. BUSINESSES

5	3	1901	Paul McLean, Account book
5	4	1953-1976	Earl Colter- concerning photos of MIF, business envelopes
5	5	1980s	Branford Savings Bank annual reports, calendar; 1887 by-laws
5	6		Branford Savings Bank advertising items
5	7	1954	Branford Trust Co. Bank- historical brochure
5	8	1906-1911	Atlantic Wire- freight tonnage book
5	9	1906	Atlantic Wire- time book
5	10	1956-1972	Atlantic Wire- open house & history booklet, letters map of plant 1979, copy of 1906 newspaper article

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BUSINESS PAPERS

TRAP ROCK and UTILITIES

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
6	1	c1960	New Haven Trap Rock- 50 th Anniversary pamphlet; brochures, Steam RR tickets
6	2	1962	The New Haven Trap Rock Story (2 copies)
6	3	1972	New Haven Trap Rock articles- The Connecticut Architect, Conn. Business Industry, fact sheet, newsletter, letter to the Blackstone Library concerning donations of above magazines
6	4		Restaurant menus
6	5	1910-1955	New Haven Water Company- information pamphlet (Our Water Supply), Lake Saltonstall Treatment Plant; Water rates Branford & Milford c1910

MISC. BUSINESSES

6	6	1913-1975	People Bank & Trust- bylaws; New Haven National Bank advisory board; First Federal Bank; Union Trust blue prints
6	7	1948-1974	SNET Branford Branch opens, letter concerning early 20 th century Branford saloon keepers, letter from Cornelia Osborn Brewer 1989 about set-up on Wilford Avenue (SNET operator's house)
6	8		Restaurant advertising, match covers
6	9	1892-1916	Pamphlets- Branford Point House, Lake Saltonstall, The Arrowhead, Claremont Hotel, early Double Beach House etching
6	10	1912-c1980	Stony Creek Hotel pamphlets- Indian Point House, Harbor View House (Money Island), Indian Point Club, Thimble Island House (Money Island), Clam Bake ticket, Holdsworth House, Linden Point House
6	11	c1900-1964	Stony Creek Quarry- list of monuments built, West Point Monument, First New Haven National Bank building, old envelope, Castelucci brochure, map of quarry buildings (no date)
6	12		Stony Creek Puppet Theater- poster, ads
6	13		Thimble Island boat tour brochures

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
6	14		A. M. Young Co.- legal papers, history, genealogy, business enterprises of A. M. Young
6	15		A. M. Young Co.- deeds, land maps, agreements
6	16		Pine Orchard Yacht Club- history, misc.
6	17		Prann & Stannard groceries & hardware, advertising, letterheads
6	18		C. F. Bradley advertising, trade cards, 1889 calendar
6	19		Spalding Drug Store- envelopes, letterhead; Hutchinson trade cards
6	20		Baldwin family businesses- garage, insurance blotters & letterheads
6	21		Insurance agents- blotters, match covers, letterhead
6	22		Branford Theater attractions
6	23		Sam Griswold furniture auction, store advertising
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MISC. BUSINESSES

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
7	1		Pine Orchard Winter Club, bylaws, minutes, financial reports, members
7	2		Branford Production Co., business papers
7	3		Grocery stores, fish markets, farms
7	4	1804, 1865-1870	Boats "Edwin Post" and "Unity", shipping papers
7	5		Rex Oil, Branford Laundry- paper blotters
7	6		Bittersweet Farm brochure, literature against WalMart, Branford Motor Inn, truck stop brochure
7	7		Robbins Package Store catalog & prices
7	8		Giordano Construction, Plymouth Colony, buildings for sale
7	9		Misc. letterheads
7	10		Misc. business cards & ads, Victorian trade cards
7	11		Stieler hat shop calendar 1920, Sondergaard Jewelry fan, misc. match covers
7	12		Skipper Toy instructions, Bullard Furniture Store, houses for sale
7	13	1892	Paine Store account book
7	14		Samples of matches made by the Lucifer Co. which was on the site of the Library circa 1830
7	15	1880-1885	Account book for the Stony Creek Oyster Co.
7	16	1917 & 1918	Jourdan Coal & Lumber Co. account book pages

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RECORD GROUP #2
BUSINESS PAPERS

MALLEABLE IRON FITTINGS CO.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	1	1942-1960	Pressure readings 1942-1946, plans for new cupola 1960
8	2	1937 & 1940	Price catalog pipe fittings
8	3	1950s	Pole hardware catalog
8	4	1902-1907	Time book, Union book, pay envelope
8	5		Inside MIF, pole hardware division; Inside a Modern Factory, Men of Iron
8	6		Advertising for zinc coated nails, product pamphlet
8	7		Steel Castings brochure; The Fittings That Built A Town
8	8		letter Thorvald Hammer to William Hitchcock, list of some employees 1921, 1910 introduction about potential employee, MIF envelopes
8	9		Lester Nichols testimonial dinner 1936; <u>Fitting Reflections</u> , 1954 10th anniversary booklet; etchings of Thorvald F. Hammer and Alfred E. Hammer, anti-strike letter from MIF; MIF history, 1935 Tercentenary article
8	10	1923	Alterations to Beach House for MIF (?location)
8	11	1971	Liquidation catalog (copy)
8	12	1853-1990	MIF correspondence
8	13	Jan-Nov1870	MIF correspondence
8	14	Dec. 1870	MIF correspondence
8	15	Jan/Feb1877	MIF correspondence
8	16	Mar-May1877	MIF correspondence
8	17	June-Aug1877	MIF correspondence
8	18	Sept-Dec1877	MIF correspondence
8	19	Jan-Aug1879	MIF correspondence

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8	20	Sept-Dec1879	MIF correspondence
8	21	1950	Iron Fittings catalog
8	22	1048-1970	MIF Milestone programs, employees with 25 or more years of service

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BUSINESS PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
9	1	1888-1899	Middlesex Mutual Assurance Co., George Palmer correspondence and receipts (account book in a scroll box)
9	2		Driving Park horse entries 1902, Driving Park article about Stanley Steamer race; print of Hosley Block, other Driving Park items; subscription book <i>Branford Opinion</i> , Connecticut Co. trolley system c1920 (facsimile)
9	3	1895 & 1896	H. F. Eaton & Sons schooners from Calais, Maine to Branford, for "Alice F. Boardman" 1895 and "E. G. St. Woods" 1896 (were accessions 1994.1 & 2, Marjory Cowles)
9	4	1894-1895	Branford store or farmer account book, unknown owner (was at the Town Hall)
9	5	1940-1946	Montowese Playhouse newspaper articles (copies)
9	6	1920	Building diagrams, property owned by Louis M. Sagal at New Haven and Bridgeport
9	7	1920	Building diagrams at Cherry Hill Farm owned by Louis M. Sagal; Sagal Lou pamphlet
9	8	1920	Building diagrams at Cherry Hill Farm owned by Louis M. Sagal
9	9	1905-16	Business letterheads, mostly Branford to Lester Nichols
9	10	1905-16	Business letterheads, mostly Branford to Lester Nichols
9	11	1905-16	Business letterheads, mostly Branford to Lester Nichols
9	12	1929-30	<i>Branford Review</i> Board of Directors meetings
9	13	1928-48	<i>Branford Review</i> Stockholders Meetings
9	14	1819-1835	Account book, unknown Branford business or family
9	15	1860	Two small account books belonging to George E. Bishop of Stony Creek, towing bill for the Sloop Active 1886 found in the account book
9	16	1918-1927	Lewis family papers concerning the boat "Amoy"
9	17	1883-1885	Letters concerning Dagget D. Bartholomew's ice business
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BUSINESS PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
10	1		1916 ad relating to the Driving Park, History of the Driving Park 2014
10	2	1946	Copy of MIF history 1854-1946 (orange book) with notations
10	3		Small box for Salt Water Taffy made by the East Shore Candy Company of Branford
10	4	2012	<u>The Story of Nutmeg Stree</u> l and art work made from artifacts from the factory by Susan Farricielli
10	5		Wilson Ford license plate with the Academy

Box 10- room

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RECORD GROUP #3 PUBLIC PAPERS

Descriptive Guide

The materials in this record group relate to public affairs and institutions in Branford. The first sub group concerns the schools and is arranged primarily by school districts. The northwestern school district materials were given by J. Arthur Bradley in 1962 and the letters relating to the First and Second District by John Sliney in 1961. Mrs. John H. Russell donated the Stony Creek Grammar School graduation programs. The high school basketball score book was given by Ronald McDermott from the Vedder estate in 1987.

One of the most important items in the first sub group is the account book of the Academy. It was built as a result of a special town meeting called on April 20, 1820. The Academy has been moved twice, to its present location in 1974. In 1820, local citizens (proprietors) bought subscriptions to support the building, which was used as a school for over 30 years. The account book lists the proprietors, the dividends paid, and the final distribution when the building was sold to the Masons in 1871. The account book was donated by Roger A. & Mary Jane (Ford) Kelsey, Jr. There is the list of students attending the Academy in 1833 donated by the Madison Historical Society.

The Branford High School graduation programs were from the files of the Blackstone Library. Papers from the building committee for the new Branford High School in 1928 were donated by Paul Bruno in 1996. The Branford High School *Hornets* were donated by Barbara Kimball and others.

The second sub group concerns churches, and there is a section for each church. The largest collection is that for Trinity Church. Of particular interest is the secretary's book which contains membership, constitution, and meeting notes of the Ladies Sewing Society (1830-1859).

The Board of Trustees for the Pine Orchard Union Chapel donated papers concerning the church to the Society in 2000. The records are composed of hymnals, annual reports, and other papers. The Pine Orchard Chapel was dedicated in 1897 and placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 2000.

The third sub group relates to town government. Of interest are the original town treasurer's reports for 1823-1829. The 1875-1876 town annual report was given by Eleanor (Hammer) Scherer, whose grandmother was related to Eli Rogers, the town treasurer at the time. There are folders primarily of communications for the failed Charter Revision in 1961-1965 which were found in the Academy.

The fourth sub group is for "Special Events". There are several folders on the '38 hurricane. Other events include the 1934 state wide Tercentenary celebration. There is a folder for the old Branford Carnival and a few artifacts from the Branford Driving Park donated by John Elliott. The Carnival award pin was donated by Jane Bouley and the bicycle race tag by Robert Loetmen of Wallingford.

Meeting minutes of the WWI veteran's East Shore Barracks which disbanded about 1985 are in Box 7. The minutes are part of the Reginald Baldwin papers, donated by his daughter Barbara

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Mudgett. Baldwin was a member of the WWI organization and adjutant. The G.A.R. ribbons were donated by Jane Bouley.

The Civil War memorabilia in Box 7, folder 18 was given by Milton Bradley from the estates of Gurdon and Phyllis Bradley. There is also a list of Union soldier burials at Andersonville given by Mrs. Walter R. Nichols in 1975.

In 2010 some family papers were moved to public papers in order to avoid duplication and keep like material together. Other related papers can be found in Family Papers, in particular records of the Short Beach Union Church in the Kelsey Papers; Short Beach Civic Association materials in the Pfeiff Papers; political and World War I materials in the Reginald Baldwin Papers; and early First Ecclesiastical Society records in the David Beach Papers. In 2012 records of the meetings of the First Ecclesiastical Society relating to leases at Pawson Park was donated by John H. Beach.

A group of published sermons were donated by the estate of Polly (Barker) Petre in 2015.

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

SCHOOLS

Box Folder Dates Contents

NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT

1 1 1845-1846 General Assembly establishing the district (copy); meeting notices & minutes; school house deed; treasurer's account

SECOND & THIRD DISTRICTS

1 2 1818-1825 Letters to state comptroller re: appropriations and division of districts

STONY CREEK DISTRICT

1 3 1905-1908 Grammar school graduation programs

Misc. Churches

1 4 1850 & 1876 North Branford Congregational Church early history 1850; Northford Congregational Church memorial discourse 1876

1 5 St. Elizabeth's Church dedication; misc. programs

1 6 1950 & 1983 Short Beach Union Church 1950 manual with history; 1983 anniversary

1 7 Baptist Church 1991 anniversary; member profiles

1 8 Tabor Church Nerpes & Tabitha Society; 1938 anniversary program; 1961 new church dedication; 1963 & 1975 bell dedication, 100th anniversary booklet 1988

BRANFORD HIGH SCHOOL

1 9 1891-1931 BHS Alumni Association banquet programs; dance program

1 10 1924 Basketball score book; 1950s East Haven versus Branford football program; 1947 basketball schedule

THE ACADEMY

1 11 1830-1871 Account book

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

MISCELLANEOUS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	12	1890	Program- presentation of U.S. flags to Branford public schools by the G.A.R.

CHURCHES

CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

1	13	1966	Religious census of Branford
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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1	14	1889-1894	1889 Memorial Day program at church; 1894 Program at church showing Edison's phonograph; church library catalogue; 1859 small church ledger; Bible Society members 1885
1	15	1918-1988	Assorted programs & news clippings including 325 th anniversary
1	16	1919	Programs- 275 th anniversary celebration; other programs, 1955 ad for Town vote for addition, <u>Blind Ethan A Story for Boys</u> 1860, Cong. Church Sabbath School Library
1	17	1919	<u>A History of the First Congregational Church & Society of Branford 1644-1919</u> by J. Rupert Simonds (2 copies)

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

STONY CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
2	1	1953 & 1977	50 th anniversary program & history; 1977 anniversary & history

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2	2	1873-1878	Receipts, bills & claim
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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2	3	1830-1882	<u>Trinity Church, Branford, Conn., 1748-1882</u> by Rev. Melville K. Bailey (2 copies); Charge to the Episcopal Clergy 1821
2	4	1901-1934	Parish manual (1901-1902); sesquicentennial celebration programs (1934), member churches New Haven Bible Society, 1907 Christmas card from Rev. Clifton Brewer
2	5	1909-1953	Assorted <u>Messengers & Kalendars</u>
2	6	1830-1859	Ladies Sewing society- secretary's book; constitution
2	7	1845-1871	Assorted treasurer's reports
2	8	1934-1963	News clippings- 150 th anniversary; Kennedy assassination services at the churches; biography Rev. Robert J. Plumb

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

2	9	1838-1963	<u>History of the First Baptist Church 1838-1963</u> by Doris B. Chadwick; program- reopening of the auditorium; organ specifications
2	10	1963	News clippings- 125 th anniversary

ST. MARYS CHURCH

2	11	1955	<u>One Hundred Years</u> ; anniversary program & news articles
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MISCELLANEOUS

2	12	1899 & 1962	Borough Charter & bylaws
2	13	1823-1829	Town Treasurer reports
2	14	1868-1876	Town Annual Reports

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2	15	1799	Grand list, assessments, certificates
2	16		Branford Carnival
2	17-19	1938	Hurricane '38
2	20	1950&1955	Hurricanes

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
3	1	1858-1888	Member manuals June 1859, Jan 1868, June 1888; notes
3	2	1919	Programs
3	3	1920-1969	Newsletters & articles
3	4	1969	“New” organ news clippings & dedication
3	5	1955-1969	Annual reports
3	6	1819-1922	Sermons re: minister installations & funerals
3	7	1920-1973	Services, by-laws & articles

MISC. CHURCH PAPERS

3	8	1889-1969	First Baptist Church- services & articles
3	9	1916-1939	First Congregational Church- annual reports
3	10	1888-1918	Tabor Lutheran Church- Hope Circle minutes; history of the church (in Swedish)
3	11	1900-1968	Christ Church, Stony Creek- by-laws, history & misc.
3	12	1898-2005	1898 building fund; 1974 St. Mary’s Church- rededication & program; 2005 150 th anniversary, St. Mary’s School & Convent 1961, booklet for 1974 new church fund raising, dedication program for St. Mary’s School & Convent 1961
3	13	1982-2010	Rev. Archibald Hanna biography 1982, 1989 members Trinity church, Institution of Rev. Sharon Gracen at Trinity 2010, 1932 report from First Ecclesiastical Society to leaseholders
3	14	1858	Semi-Centennial Discourse by Rev. Timothy P. Gillette 1858 (history of the church), postcard & engraving of Gillette

Box 3- a little room, church only

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PUBLIC PAPERS

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
4	1		Parish profiles, various dates
4	2	1977-1995	Member yearbooks
4	3		Minister Sermons published
4	4	1992	Architectural & buildings plans for building renovation
4	5	1954-1992	Rev. John F. Martin of Trinity & other minister installations
4	6	1888-1937	Lenton & Easter programs
4	7	1924-1942	Thanksgiving & Christmas programs
4	8	1902-1942	Services & programs
4	9	1922-1941	Letters to parishioners
4	10	1918-1945	WWI & WWII- articles & services
4	11	1784	Organizational minutes; will of John Taintor (copy)
4	12	1784-1921	Membership list; manuscript of wardens & vestrymen (copy)
4	13	1977-1980	Writings of Emily Birbarie
4	14	1984	Bicentennial history & events
4	15	1902	Anniversary service, postcard, misc. programs

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

THE PINE ORCHARD UNION CHAPEL

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
5	1	1885	The Epworth Hymnal (2 copies)
	no folder 2		
5	3	1896	The Standard Hymnal (2 copies)
	no folder 4		
5	5	1896	Articles of Association (2 copies), newspaper article, 2 bids for the building
5	6	1896-1898	Minutes of meetings
5	7	1897	Dedication, misc. letters
5	8	1899	Annual report and program
5	9	1900	Annual report and misc. letters
5	10	1901	Annual report, memorial service for President McKinley, misc. letters
5	11	1902 & 1903	Annual reports, misc. letters
5	12	1904	Annual reports, letter re: Amendment, 2 letters concerning death of C.S. Mersick
5	13	1906-1908	Annual reports
5	14	1909 & 1910	Annual reports, amended bylaws, list of trustees, misc. letters
5	15	1911 & 1912	Annual reports, list of trustees, list of contributions, misc. letters
5	16	1913	Annual reports, service programs, letters re: deficit
5	17	1914	Annual reports, bill from S.A. Griswold
5	18	1916 & 1918	Annual reports
5	19	1928	Annual report
5	20	1930s	Annual reports

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5	21	1941-1946	Annual reports (1942 & 1943 missing)
5	22	1948	Account book, list of donors, misc. letters, important notice
5	23	1971	Misc. letters
5	24	1974	Proposed budget, summer schedule
5	25		Misc. histories written at various times, letters from A.M. Young to Wallace Brothers re: deeds
5	26		Misc. articles and photos, Pine Orchard Chapel article

Box 5- 2 inches

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
6	1		Sliney School renovation plan 1978, history 1991; 2003 Yearbook
MISC. CHURCH PAPERS			
6	2	1903-1942	<u>Branford Cook Book</u> by the Comfortable Society
6	3		Congregational Church, misc. pamphlets- Barbour wood cutting of the Green; Sunday service 1944, dedication educational wing 1955, Bylaws 1967, Rev. Roger Manners welcome 1959 & retirement dinner 1985
6	4		Dedication of St. Stephens Church 1969 & 1973 50 th anniversary history
6	5	1980	St. Marys 125 th anniversary booklet, St. Marys musical 1947
6	6		Crosses of Trinity, Trinity Chronicle, Bicentennial 1984, Bells of Branford all by Emily Birbarie
6	7		Baptist Church pledge card & receipt 1925, church etching by John McCrillis 1985
end church			
6	8		Short Beach Association Bylaws 1952; Short Beach Hose, Hook & Ladder 1942 by-laws; 16 th Annual Policeman's Ball 1968
6	9	1995	James Blackstone Library renovation appeal, 1905 Conn. Magazine article, bookplate, view of library on card
6	10 & 11	1997	Town Hall renovation correspondence and news clippings
6	12	1926	Branford High Milestone
6	13	1929	Branford High Milestone
6	14	1945-1955	Branford High School (Eades Street) dedication; graduation senior essays
6	15	1955	New High School East Main Street, report of 1952 School Building Committee
6	16	1935	Tercentenary, Branford celebration; Old Branford by Carr 1935
6	17	1935	Tercentenary, North Branford, Northford, and East Haven
Box 6- Full			

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

Military Papers

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
7	1	1960-1974	East Shore Barracks #2098, Veterans of WWI-1960 membership, meetings 9Sept197 to 8Dec1974
7	2	1975/6	East Shore Barracks #2098, Veterans of WWI-meeting minutes 12Jan1975 to 12Dec1976
7	3	1977-1979	East Shore Barracks #2098, Veterans of WWI-meeting minutes 9Jan1977 to 9Dec1979
7	4	1980-1982	East Shore Barracks #2098, Veterans of WWI-meeting minutes 13Jan1980 to 14Nov1982
7	5	1983-1985	East Shore Barracks #2098, Veterans of WWI-meeting minutes 9Jan1983 to 19May1985
7	6	1940s	WWII ration book
7	7		<u>Connecticut Physicians in the Civil War</u> by Weld
7	8	2000	<u>History of the Heavy Tank Co., 102nd Infantry Regiment</u> by John Tyler 2000; Tank Co. memories by John Tyler 2014
7	9		Misc. military- WWI Honor Roll list, Enlistment record for John Randzise 1921, WWII knitting instructions, two WWII letters, Discharge paper for Edwin Kamb WWII
7	10		WWI- Alfred Klockers thought killed in explosion but survived (papers relating to incident), 1922 Armistice Day address, WWI postcard with needlepoint Devlin family, Welcome Home on Green 1919
7	11		WWII papers John Buell, ration coupons, town election ballots, air raid warning system chart
7	12		Design of 17 th Monument at Gettysburg
7	13	WWII	Air Raid manual & instruction
7	14	WWII	Welcome Home 1946
7	15	WWII	Dr. M. Gambardella experiences with photos
7	16		Civil War G.A.R. reunion ribbons

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

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| 7 | 17 | 1913 & 14 | Dedication of Armory & Battery dance program |
| 7 | 18 | 1863-1884 | Civil War memorabilia- medals, Gettysburg ribbons, letter- Thomas B. Gildersleeve, jr.; <u>A List of Union Soldiers Buried At Andersonville</u> ; Discharge papers Matthew Sullivan; Branford in Civil War essay; Civil War letter from John S. Robinson to his family from Falmouth, Virginia April 2, 1863 (copy), Blackstone Library loan LB1987.14.23 Civil War telegram sent to Senator William J. Clark of Southington in care of John R. Elvans, 109 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. from H. B. Bradley of Southington, Conn. "Those liable to Draft here are raising money for Volunteers to fill our quota. Can Forty Negroes or others be obtained in Washington. If so for how much over the government and state bounties." Donated by Mrs. Rosalind Clark Pratt, Stony Creek, Conn. daughter of William J. Clark to the library |
| 7 | 19 | 1929 | Civil War military record for Alfred Russell of North Branford, 2006 plan for landscaping around the flag pole on the Green, published book- letter during WWII of John O. C. McCrillis |
| 7 | 20 | 1800 | Original document signed by General Jonathan Trumbull appointing Eli Fowler Major of the 27 th regiment, state militia |

Box 7- a few folders (military)

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PUBLIC PAPERS

SCHOOLS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	1	1882-1897	Branford High School graduation programs missing 1883, 1888 (have copy), 1890, 1894
8	2	1900-1909	Branford High School graduation programs
8	3	1910-1919	Branford High School graduation programs
8	4	1920-1929	Branford High School graduation programs
8	5	1930-1939	Branford High School graduation programs
8	6	1940-1959	Branford High School graduation programs missing- 1944, 1945, 1946, 1949, 1953, 1955, 1957 all the 1960s, 1970s, most of 1980s, have 1982, 1983
8	7-10		Branford High School newspaper, <i>The Hornet</i> various dates, not complete
8	11	1942	Branford Junior High School news
8	12	1943	Branford Junior High School news
8	13	1932-1942	Branford Junior High School graduation programs, 1936 missing
8	14	1925-1927	Branford High School Banner

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

SCHOOLS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
9	1		Misc. school material- Western District award of merit, Center , Canoe Brook & Short Beach Schools graduation 1919 & 1923, BHS concert 1921, promotion letter from Lovejoy, Center & Short Beach graduation 1925 & 1928, Poem to Miss McGrail 1939, report cards
9	2		Branford Education 1895-1910 by David Rood 1989
9	3	1833-34	List of students at the Academy, teacher Julius N. Dowd; record of 1820 town meeting allowing the Academy to be built
9	4		About Branford Schools 1950s, Laurel Street 1994, calendar with school history 2002
9	6-10	1928	Building Branford High School (later Sliney School)- invoices, unsorted
9	11	1928	Building Branford High School- deeds, dedication program
9	12	1928	Building Branford High School- ledger book
end schools			
9	13	1994	350 th town celebration- Board of Directors correspondence
9	14	1994	350 th misc. literature, Town quilt
9	15	1994	350 th proclamations, financial audit, Commemorative Booklet
9	16	1994	350 th calendar, church celebrations, Heritage Day
9	17	1976	Bicentennial pin, needlepoint design, Town logo by Link
9	18	1994	350 th newspaper clippings

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
10	1	1942-1992	Branford Ambulance Service- history, newspaper articles
10	2	1955-1977	Certificates awarded to Lucy T. Hammer & Barbara Reimers, photo of Lucy Hammer
10	3		1867 school regulations, 1923 Canoe Brook graduation, 1927 Class Day, 1892-1896 Board of Education expenditures; Canoe Brook School report by Fannie Palmer 1895
10	4	1919-1936	Teacher contracts for Mabel F. Shepard
10	5	1940-1949	Teacher contracts for Mabel F. Shepard
10	6	1950-1959	Teacher contracts for Mabel F. Shepard
10	7	1985	Preservation and plans for the Old Short Beach School
10	8	1982 & 83	Branford Nuclear Freeze Committee
10	9	1970s	John B. Sliney election material
10	10	1960s-1980s	St. Mary's Church & School- postcard, CYO newsletter, building fund for school, 125 th banquet
10	11		Congregational Church- 1927 Christian topics by Rev. Gaylord, 1955 leaflet (has aerial view of the Green), 1959 leaflet by Rev. Manners
BLACKSTONE LIBRARY			
10	12		Blackstone Library notes- 1922, 1924, 1925, 1929 & 1939 (includes biographies of James Blackstone, Timothy Blackstone, Edmund Zacher), history of library; 1896- ticket to the library dedication
10	13		Early rules, small histories, concerts
10	14		1906 catalog, stationary, newspaper articles
10	15	1896	1896 book for the dedication
10	16	1946-1954	Visitors to the Hammer Bird Collection room
10	17	1917	Library war fund

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PUBLIC PAPERS

POLITICS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
11	1		Early 1900s material
11	2	1940s	Branford Taxpayer Party news, see also Reginald Baldwin family papers; 1942 ballot
11	3	1950s	Candidates
11	4	1960s	Republican candidates
11	5	1960s	Democratic candidates- for John Sliney, see Box 10
11	6	1970-90s	Republican candidates- Gott 1987, 1989, 1993; Milne, Buonocore, Opie/Myjak, Beckett-Rinker
11	7	1970-2014	Democratic candidates- Bo Collins, Ablondi, Kinney, smaller flyers
11	8	1990s	Taxpayer Party

TOWN AFFAIRS

11	9		Brochures/booklets about Branford
11	10		Police & Fire Dept. papers including By-laws of the Martin Burke Hook & Ladder Co. 1901, fire alarm signals
11	11		Fund raising for Academy and Community House; dinner for Joe Trapasso
11	12 & 13	1923	Committee reports and plans by Andre Smith for the Cenotaph, 1972 proposed relocation of Cenotaph
11	14		Zoning maps & industrial sites
11	15		Sample ballots and Charter Revision voting
11	16-18	1960s	Charter Revision
11	19	1984	Charter Revision draft

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PUBLIC PAPERS

SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
12	1	1932	Branford High Milestone with original photographs
12	2		Branford High reunions classes of 1924, 1926, 1934 & 1945
12	3	1949 & 1969	Branford High reunions classes of 1949, 1957 and 1969
12	4	1990 & 1999	History of Brushy Plain School 1990, Public School album-calendar 1999
12	5	1979	Middle School Yearbook 1979
12	6	1866-1893	Meeting records/leases of the First Ecclesiastical Society
12	7	1910-1946	Treasurer's book, Short Beach Chapel
12	8	1949	Fire Marshal's building inspections (uptown)
12	9	1957 & 1972	Branford Center revitalization plans- 1957 Spielvogel & Associates, 1972 map A & C Plan of Development, 1973 Redevelopment Plan
12	10	1983 & 1984	1983 Conway School, 1984 Revitalization Committee

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RECORD GROUP #3
PUBLIC PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
13	1		School programs
13	2	1906-1940	Misc. school programs- 1877 BHS exhibit, about BHS 1906/7, Public school speaking contest 1907, Dance program 1919, Senior reception 1923, Junior Class play 1939, Senior Class play 1939, Senior Class play 1940, Junior Class play 1942, Branford versus East Haven football game (no date, late 1940s); Catalogue of Branford High School 1906-07
13	3		School programs (room)
13	4		School report cards
13	5	1932	Original text and photos for 1932 Milestone
13	6	1943	BHS Class of 1943 reunions
13	7	1989	Dedication of Brushy Plain School for Mary T. Murphy
13	8		Misc schools- St. Marys, Short Beach, Save Laurel Street, Brushy Plain, Mill Plain, Wrightwood, 1923 school teachers & salaries
13	9		Letter about old Damascus School students, 1857 to Ella Hill for Latin book, blank report cards 1860s, principal Jane E. Hoadley; 1922 Grammar schools graduation, letter about Raymond Pinkham, Mary Resjan Tisko retirement 1978, copy of old Indian Neck School students photos 1936
13	10	1915-1930	Town registration of motor boats
13	11	1893-1969	Town registration of physicians
13	12		St. Mary's T.A.B. Society ribbon (Total Abstinence Benevolent Society) early 1900s
13	13	1819	Petition to Selectman re: road in Stony Creek
13	14		Correspondence of Roy Enquist, fire chief
13	15	1959	Branford Plan of Development
13	16	1907	Lawsuit Samuel Griswold versus Town of Branford
13	17	1742	Selectman report for proposed school in North Branford (copy and transcription)

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| 13 | 18 | 1961 | RTM resolution concerning Astronaut Alan Shepard, Jr. first U. S. manned space flight |
| 13 | 19 | | Political candidates- Liza Carroll, Ruth Clark (room) |
| 13 | 20 | 1817-1864 | Published sermons- 1817 Annual Report of New Haven Auxiliary Bible Society; 1818 sermon by John Elliott of Guilford to New Haven Consociation; 1839 sermon for funeral of Rev. Matthew Noyes of Northford by Rev. Timothy Gillett of Branford; 1850 sermon at Trinity Church by Rev. Frederick Miller; 1853 sermon for funeral of Deacon Samuel Frisbie by Rev. Gillett; 1853 sermon at Trinity Church by Rev. Frederic Lewin |

Box 13- a little

RECORD GROUP #4 CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Descriptive Guide

In 1983 Mrs. Lovell Holabird gave the Society these, extensive, if incomplete records of the Women's Republican Club of Branford. It is believed to be the first women's Republican club in Connecticut, founded in 1922.

The secretary's book of the Branford Orchestral Club was given in 1987 by Richard W. Squeri. It includes the by-laws and original members of this short lived organization founded in March 1894.

The Short Beach Association was formed in 1889 to build a pier at Johnson's Beach and to regulate bathing and sanitary matters. It became the Short Beach Improvement Association in 1895 and in 1921 was organized by an act of the general assembly as the Short Beach Civic Association. Included are meetings notes and other papers. Related materials can be found in the Pfeiff Family Papers.

The Branford Art League was formed in 1958 and was active for many years showing works in public buildings, art exhibits and gallery shows. The League was dissolved in 1987. The existing records were given to the Society by Lorraine Black of North Branford, former secretary of the League.

The Branford Sunshine Club was formed in 1902 by a group of young girls for the purpose of spreading cheer among the shut-ins in town. Flowers and later cards were sent to the sick and assistance given for various VNA projects, especially at the holidays. During the two World Wars, the members folded bandages and knitted for the soldiers. The last club meeting was held in the home of Florence (Jenkin) Baldwin (Mrs. Reginald S.) in 1985. The records were given by her daughter Barbara (Baldwin) Mudgett in 1988. Some of the records were given by Mrs.

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Claude Stannard in 1988 who received them from Mrs. George Pond, long time secretary of the club.

The Branford Chapter of the American Red Cross was active in the 1950s, sponsoring blood drives, first aid classes and involved with disaster planning and civil defense. The records of the Branford Chapter were given by Mrs. Wheeler about 1990.

The Garden Club of Branford cataloged their papers in 2002. Included are correspondence, annual membership list and other club activities including civic landscaping projects.

In Box 5 of RG #4 are club and organization brochures that were in the files at the Blackstone Library.

Material relating to Clubs and Organizations can also be found in Family Papers, in particular, Garden Club yearbooks in the Foote Papers; Stony Creek Drum Corp materials in the Jim Kelly Papers; and Branford Yacht Club items in the David Beach Papers. Minutes for the East Shore Barracks WWI Veterans from Reginald Baldwin can be found in Public Papers Box 7.

The Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary was founded in 1922 and disbanded in 2007. Existing papers were donated by Celeste Krahl.

Box 21 contains ledger books from the Court of Totoket No. 22, Foresters of America, Branford branch. The ledgers were at the Blackstone Library. There are two ledgers from the Odd Fellows who met at Seaside Hall in Stony Creek, donated by the Guilford Free Library. In Box 22 are several ledger books containing the records of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Branford. The fraternal organization was formed by Irish emigrants and provided benevolence to families in

need.RECORDS GROUP #4
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB OF BRANFORD

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1	1925-1936	Secretarial reports of meetings
1	2	1937-1949	Secretarial reports of meetings
1	3	1922-1956	Treasurer's records; 1956 campaign fund
1	4	1922-1946	Membership dues records
1	5	1945-1953	Hostess lists; membership lists
1	6	c1950	Constitution of Connecticut Council; National Federation handbook; New Haven County Republican by-laws
1	7	1952	30 th anniversary celebration
1	8	1972	News clippings- 50 th anniversary

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1 9 1912 1912 arm bands

BRANFORD ORCHESTRAL CLUB

1 10 1894 By-laws; membership lists; meeting notes

SHORT BEACH ASSOCIATION

1 11 1889-1947 Meeting minutes; treasurer's reports; correspondence;
subscriber list, 1895 General Assembly resolution
(partial), incorporation papers Conn. Legislature

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

BRANFORD ART LEAGUE

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
2	1	1958-1961	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	2	1961-1963	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	3	1963-1965	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	4	1965-1968	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	5	1968-1970	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	6	1970-1973	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	7	1973-1975	Notebook- meeting notes, correspondence, exhibitions, membership lists, treasurer's reports, etc.
2	8	1984-1986	Notebook- meeting minutes, treasurer's reports

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BRANFORD ART LEAGUE

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
3	1	1985-1986	President's notebook- exhibition notes, finance meetings
3	2	1986-1987	President's notes- memoranda, correspondence
3	3	1986	Returns on questionnaire
3	4	1985-1987	Membership lists
3	5	1958-1986	Constitution, by-laws
3	6	1986-1987	Letters to members from president Dorothy Perkins
3	7	1986-1987	Letters and notes to Art League
3	8	1974-1981	Newsletter, flyer
3	9	1986	Invoices, bank card
3	10	c1970-1986	Exhibition flyer, catalogs, awards
3	11	1975-1987	News clippings
3	12	c1985-1986	Press release information
3	13	c1985-1987	Names & addresses of sponsors & galleries
3	14	1969-1987	Flyers from other art leagues
3	15	c1987	Blank stationary
3	16	c1964-c1979	Scrapbook- photographs, news clippings
3	17	1939-1940	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
3	18	1941-1942	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
3	19	1943-1944	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
3	20	1953-1954	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
3	21	1955-1956	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings

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BRANFORD ART LEAGUE

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
4	1	1957-1958	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	2	1959-1960	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	3	1967-1969	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	4	1970-1971	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	5	1972-1973	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	6	1974-1975	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	7	1976-1977	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	8	1978-1979	Meeting notes, treasurer's reports, etc.; news clippings
4	9	1965-1985	Notebook- yearly programs, dues payments, recipes
4	10	c1902-1958	Constitution, by-laws with amendments
4	11	1909-1911	Invoices
4	12	1952-1953	Correspondence re: 50 th anniversary tea
4	13	1952	Present & former membership lists
4	14	1908-1936	Memorabilia- programs, news clippings, tickets
4	15	1952	50 th anniversary memorabilia- picture
4	16	1952	<u>A History of the Branford Sunshine Club 1901-1951</u>
4	17	1952	Notes on the club's history- 1901-1910
4	18	1952	Notes on the club's history- 1911-1919
4	19	1952	Notes on the club's history- 1920-1926
4	20	1955-1969	Scrapbook- news clippings re: club activities, members & families, obituaries
4	21	1970-1976	Scrapbook- news clippings re: club activities, members & families, obituaries

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4	22	1977-1984	Scrapbook- news clippings re: club activities, members & families, obituaries
4	23	1977	<i>Branford Review</i> article- 75 th anniversary
4	24	c1980	Press release information

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RECORD GROUP #4
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Misc. Club & Organization Papers

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
5	1	1974-1975	Branford Republican Women's Club- minutes, letter from President Nixon, misc. records, news clippings
5	2	1908 & 1923	By-laws- Business Men's Club & Chamber of Commerce
5	3	1943	Branford Christian Association- service
5	4	1955	Branford Exchange Club- certificate of recognition
5	5	1976-1982	Branford Historical Society- brochures; 1976 calendar, house tour & by-laws
5	6	1885 & 1975	Widow's Son Lodge No. 66- by-laws & members 1885, 1921, 1925 & 1948; 150 th anniversary medal form, 1908 & 1916 program
5	7	1928	Rotary Club- charter members, program
5	8	1910-1925	Visiting Nurse Association- reports, by-laws, stationary
5	9	1926-1930	Visiting Nurse Association- reports, by-laws
5	10	1931-1946	Visiting Nurse Association- reports, by-laws
5	11	1963	Branford Yacht Club- yearbook, Gay 90s Revue 1948
5	12	1923	Community Mother's Club- by-laws
5	13	1896-1913	Home Club- by-laws, menu
5	14	1939-1968	Musical Art Society- programs & members
5	15	1910-1949	Order of the Eastern Star, Georgia Chapter No. 48- members & by-laws; notice of election
5	16	1918-1964	Women's Republican Club- by-laws
5	17	1922-1925	Women's Republican Club- minutes
5	18	1948-1952	Women's Republican Club- minutes
5	19	1962-1973	Women's Republican Club- minutes
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RECORD GROUP #4
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AMERICAN RED CROSS, BRANFORD CHAPTER

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
6	1	1954-1958	Annual Reports
6	2		Members, Minutes
6	3		Minutes, reports, list of donor blood types, correspondence
6	4		By-laws
6	5		Canteen
6	6		Connecticut Council
6	7		Rehabilitation Program
6	8 & 9		Civil Defense Manuals
6	10-12	1953	Operation Mutual Aid

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AMERICAN RED CROSS, BRANFORD CHAPTER

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
7	1-7		Disaster Plans, pamphlets, booklets
7	8		Eastern areas memo
7	9-12		Financial reports, Branford Chapter
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AMERICAN RED CROSS, BRANFORD CHAPTER

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	1 & 2		First Aid Manuals
8	3		Junior First Aid Cross, list of students, tests and grades
8	4		Fund Drive
8	5		Gray Lady Service
8	6		Home Nursing
8	7		Home Nursing Manual
8	8		Home Service
8	9	1957	Hungarian Relief
8	10		Insurance Forms
8	11		International Red Cross
8	12		Junior Red Cross
8	13		Red Cross Manual
8	14		Motor Corps
8	15		National Red Cross

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AMERICAN RED CROSS, BRANFORD CHAPTER

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
9	1		New Haven Chapter, correspondence
9	2		New Haven Chapter, Board of Directors
9	3		NIKE Committee
9	4		List of nurses, blank forms, manuals, applications
9	5		Sewing group
9	6		Publicity
9	7		Supplies and patches
9	8		United Fund
9	9		Volunteers
9	10		Water Safety
9	11		Welcome Wagon
9	12		State Welfare Department
9	13		Connecticut Chapter

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
10	1	1942	Branford Cemetery Association- by-laws 1905, 1942, 1972
10	2		Branford Community Council- Constitution, Annual Reports 1921, 1925-1933, 1935, 1936
10	3	1912	Membership list for Branford group (not identified)
10	4		Stony Creek Association- Act of legislation, 1962 by-laws
10	5	1879-1884	Branford Public Improvement Society, minutes
10	6	1857-1860	Webster Society of Branford, minutes
10	7		Misc. programs

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
19	1	1911-12	The Heartbreakers (girl's basketball team)- letters
19	2	1911-12	The Heartbreakers (girl's basketball team)- scrapbook
19	3	1911-12	The Heartbreakers- photos, tickets, clippings, receipts
19	4	1920-1931	The Parish Players (Stony Creek)- programs
19	5		The Parish Players- script for Death Takes a Holiday
19	6		The Parish Players- newspaper articles; programs 1934, 1938, 1939, 1941; play Showboat at Pine Orchard Club
19	7	1917-1929	Swarthmore College Chautaugua Club- summer plays in Branford
19	8	1917-1929	Swarthmore College Chautaugua Club- information & contracts
19	9	1980s	The Architectural Trust of Branford (APT)- business papers
19	10	1980s	The Architectural Trust of Branford (APT)- newspaper articles
19	11		John W. Nichols Masonic card, 1885 Totoket Lodge program, 1947 History of the Pine Orchard Club, 1959 Pine Orchard Association Zoning laws, 1969 Pine Orchard Club handbook, 1979 Pine Orchard Club bylaws, rules for Pine Orchard Winter Club
19	12	1892-1894	St. George's Hall Odd Fellows, Stony Creek, minute book
19	13	1990-2001	Half Hour Reading Club- members, program
19	14	1964-1994	Branford Philatelic Society- first day covers relating to Branford first day cover Pine Orchard post office 1954
19	15	1857-1859	Webster Society of Branford- members, minutes
19	16	1882-1903	Woodland Lodge No. 39, Branford Knights of Pythias- by-laws, programs, ticket for ride on steamer "White Star"
19	17	1902-1965	Redman Pawson Tribe No. 61- tickets; International Order of Odd Fellows, Seaside Lodge No. 84, Stony Creek- by-laws, tickets

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19	18	1920-1958	Misc. Clubs- Frisbie Family Association, Indian Yacht Club patch, American Legion card 1921, Svea Lodge ticket 1920, Branford Community Players program 1935, testimonial dinner Frank J. Kinney, Sr. 1958
19	19	1925-1976	Widow's Son Lodge No. 66 (Masons)- histories 1925, 1975 & 1976
19	20	1978	Newsletter for Hospice, groundbreaking; records Visiting Nurse Associations

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SHORT BEACH LADIES AUXILIARY

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
20	1		Trolley Museum ticket, brochures, 1958 Gay '90s Day
20	2		Trolley Museum booklets- BERA history 1954, BERA in 1969-71, Ride Down Memory Lane 1983
20	3	1984	Dedication booklet for Historic District designation
20	4	1994	<u>Along Branford Shore</u> by Fletcher and West, 1994
20	5	1955-65	Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary secretary minutes
20	6	1965-80	Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary secretary minutes
20	7	1981-90	Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary secretary minutes
20	8	1991-99	Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary secretary minutes
20	9	2000-07	Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary secretary minutes
20	10		Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary by-laws, member lists, officer lists
20	11		Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary tickets, patch, programs
20	12		Short Beach Ladies Fire Dept. Auxiliary misc. correspondence
20	13	1987	Documents concerning the Branford Interfaith Housing Corp., apartments on North Ivy Street

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COURT OF TOTOKET

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
21	1	1884-1889	Court of Totoket No. 22, Foresters of America, instituted November 7, 1884; meeting minutes ledger 7Nov1884-1889
21	2	1893-1901	Court of Totoket No. 22, Foresters of America; member list & dues, letterhead loose in the front
21	3	1897-1909	Court of Totoket No. 22, Foresters of America; member list & dues, date of initiation & addresses
21	4	1914-1932	I.O.O.F. No. 84, Seaside Hall, Stony Creek (International Order of Odd Fellows), formed March 6, 1914; expense ledger 1914-1932
21	5	1895-1899	I.O.O.F. No. 84, Seaside Hall, Stony Creek (it appears it was formed, disbanded, and reformed in 1914), members & dues
21	6		Court of Totoket No. 22, Foresters of America; loose papers

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
22	1	1886-1900	Ancient Order of Hibernians (A.O.H.) of Branford, meeting minutes ledger June 17, 1886-1900
22	2	1891-1899	Ancient Order of Hibernians, expenses, members & dues
22	3	1892-1900	Ancient Order of Hibernians, members & dues
22	4	1900-1908	Ancient Order of Hibernians, members & dues
22	5	1886-1900	Ancient Order of Hibernians, benevolent funds
22	6	1900-1908	Ancient Order of Hibernians, benevolent funds
22	7		Ancient Order of Hibernians, loose papers, Iron Molder's Union loose papers

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Garden Club- On the box is RG #3 but should be RG #4. They use Boxes 10-20 so there is duplication with some of their box numbers and the Society archives.

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RECORD GROUP #5 MISCELANNEOUS

Descriptive Guide

This record group contains materials that do not fit into the other categories. Examples are invitations, small pieces of art work, programs, and certificates. In 2010 the contents of RG #5 were resorted and many documents placed in other record groups.

Box 1 has an extensive collection of wedding invitations and anniversary announcements from a variety of sources, in particular sent to members of the Jourdan family from 1912-1937 and donated by Caroline Jourdan. Others were in a small scrapbook kept by Marguerite Palmer. Some wedding invitations can also be found in Family Papers.

Mary Linsley's book (Box 1, folder 8) was donated by Arnie E. Ahlberg of Guilford. She was probably Mary daughter of Chauncey Linsley of North Branford and the P. Linsley refers to her sister Polly.

The items on the Smith family who lived in the Harrison House (Box 3, folder 9) were given by Mrs. Oscar Kahl and Richard and Nancy (Bradley) Kahl in 1982. The Jonathan Rose tax receipt in folder 10 was given by Jane Peterson Bouley in 1988.

The Branford postal marks were collected and donated by Jane Bouley. She also donated the books by J. Andre Smith of Stony Creek. Etchings and cards by Smith were donated by George Noyes in 2015.

Materials about the internationally known poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox, a resident of Short Beach, were gathered from other record groups- some donated by the Bradley and Fullerton families, Jane Bouley, and from the files of the Blackstone Library. A few books were donated by Richard Patterson in 2015 and a large collection of the poet's prints and books were donated by Edward Ifkovic of West Hartford as background material for his book "Ella Moon". The books were placed at the Blackstone Library which has a large collection of her published works. The original letters from the poet were given to Jane Bouley by Ella's niece Elizabeth Collins. See also the historical society scroll boxes for a large scrapbook of poetry and sheet music by the poet.

The framed silhouette of Michael Taintor was donated by Toni DePonte of Branford in the 1990s.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1	1		Cookbooks including Comfortable Society c1927, Sara Wilford Hitchcock
1	2	1891	<i>Branford Opinion</i> - March 14, 1891
1	3	1894	<i>Branford Opinion</i> - April 21, 1894 & June 30, 1894
1	4	1899	<i>Supplement to the Branford Opinion</i> - July 8, 1899
1	5	1912-1941	Wedding invitations & announcements- A to J
1	6	1885-1937	Wedding invitations & announcements- J to W; anniversary announcements
1	7	c1801	unsigned composition
1	8	1820	Mary Linsley's book
1	9		Misc. maps- West Main Street 1930, Alps Road 1929, property of Charles W. Gaylord; historic structures, Branford Center; property of Carl Florio, Limewood Avenue, 1963; Milestone N. H. 8M with explanation with original photo
1	10	1886	Copy of diagram, Branford train station
1	11	1787-1831	Deed, surveys, oyster rights
1	12	1798-1908	Promissory note, invoices, accounts, sales letter
1	13	1980	Letter to Mae McCabe from Governor Ella Grasso
1	14		Price & Lee map of Branford 1936; map of Mill Plain Cemetery, Exchange Club maps (3)
1	15	1907-1951	Rent book for various Branford properties, donor unknown
1	16	1911-1979	Branford postal marks
1	17		Misc. programs
1	18		Branford Condominium Condo guide, brochure Sylvan Point, letter opposing Harbor Village

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- 1 19 Magazine article Nellie Green 2008, inscription on rock Linden Avenue, Pine Orchard real estate ads, real estate ad 104 Cherry Hill Road, real estate ad Bela Foote House in Northford, McCall's Magazine article Oct1952- Kahl family, brochure for Beacon Hill
- 1 20 Autograph books- 1864, owner unknown, Branford names; 1884 belonging to Howard G. Robins of Stony Creek
- 1 21 Autography book Carrie Averill dau of Roland & Francis (Palmer)

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
2	1		Deeds Peckham to Morton 1901, Lay to Peckham 1890; marriage certificate Bryan & Palmer 1848, autograph book Ella A. Conner of Brooklyn, NY 1885 (cousin of Jarvis Palmer of Branford)
ART WORK			
2	2		Sketches by George Candee
2	3		Watercolors of the Lanphier house, Owenego by Carlton, Ward's Pond by Woodstock, Dutch House by Bostwick, The Academy by Doerfler, "Shanty Point" and print of kitchen by Hammer; Pawson Park (artist unknown), print of watercolor by Alfred Hammer III
2	4		Pastels by Elsie Nichols Towner
2	5		Oil paintings- The Academy by McCabe, Thimble Farms by Seymour, Sailboat possibly by Bostwick
2	6		Sketches, Branford scenes by Bill Molno, drawing/print of Trap Rock
2	7		Drawings by Mark Johnson
2	8		Haycock Point watercolor, The Tide Mill on Harbor Street by James Conlon
2	9		Biography booklet about Frederick Sexton
2	10		Catalog for J. Andre Smith, newspaper article; book <u>Sports Stuff</u> 1927, Cornell University, etchings by Smith of Venice
2	11		Pastels by Edna Nichols Towner
2	12	1926	<u>The Screen Wright</u> by J. Andre Smith 1926- Smith was the set designer for the Parish Players in Stony Creek, this book was the main reference for small theaters in the country <u>The Education of a Print Collector</u> by J. Andre Smith
2	13		Silhouette of Dr. Michael Taintor (1748-1831)
2	14		Articles about Zeke and Feenie Ziner of Short Beach (artist and author)
2	15		Small cards and etchings by J. Andre Smith

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
3	1		Short Beach items- Poems by Rev. S. J. Horton, fire dept play 1918, two invitations
3	2		Misc. programs including plays, musicals
3	3		Sheet music by Branford people- John Donnelly, Jean Florio
3	4	1918-1958	Misc papers- Chestnut tree on Flax Mill Road, death of Dr. Charles W. Gaylord, poem for Fred Ackerman, town resolution for Astronaut Alan Shepard
3	5	1958-1965	Misc papers- Gov. Saltonstall house article, brochure Surviving an Atomic Attack, old weather vane for sale
3	6	1880s	Two small autograph books- Dibble family; calling cards
3	7		Small tickets- sports, invitations, telegram, baseball card- Stephen Bray, book plate- Archie Hanna, 1882 small account book kept by Mary O'Brien of the Thomas Harrison House on North Harbor Street
3	8		Branford history essays
3	9	1913-1933	News clipping- Lorena L. Smith of Harrison House; funeral book- Nelson W. Smith
3	10	1816	Tax receipt- Jonathan Rose
3	11	1892-1905	News clipping, invoices & receipts- A. L. Sutherland
3	12		Misc papers- Original Branford telephone listing (copy), needlepoint pattern- Branford and North Branford
3	13		Booklets- Poems by Harold Brewer, Pine Orchard by Taft, Etchings by McCrillis
3	14	1919-1969	Typing certificate- Ruth Hart & Katrine Christensen; Service Award & photo-Ernest C. Hatfield
3	15	1903	Baptismal certificate- Winifred Beatrice Spargo
3	16	1970	First edition- Brief History of Thimble Islands by Hanna
3	17	1914-1942	Teaching certificates- Mae Murphy

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Shelf	1947-1948	Membership certificates: Telephone Pioneers of America- William R. Bussman; New York Historical Society- Clara C. Paradise	
3	18	<u>The Elementary Music Read: A Progressive Series of Lessons</u> by Benjamin Jepson of Stony Creek (New Haven public school music instructor)	
3	19	1916	Estate of Sophia Rogers
3	20	Stamp pictures- St. Marys, Crescent Bluff; pass to enter Linden Avenue during '38 hurricane	
3	21	Notes on Strawberry farming in Branford	
3	22	1934	Grange certificate- John & Lillian Lutz
3	23	1980	Ecology of Supply Pond by Twohill
3	24	Branford history booklets- In the Beginning by Feld Branford coloring book	
3	25	1967	History of Branford, original master thesis by Dorothy Baker Feld with photos
3	26	Branford notecards	
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
4	1	1908-1946	Small books- <u>The Artist Studio</u> by Pratt, <u>Kriegie Life</u> by Holstrom (sketches made while a POW in WWII)
4	2	1937	<u>Art and the Subconscious</u> by Andre Smith with his art work
4	3	1919	<u>Drawing in France</u> by Andre Smith
4	8	1921-1976	Milestone to Yale Quadrangle, Yale 999 year lease
4	9	1906	<u>Men of New Haven Cartoons</u> (includes some Branford men)
4	13	1933	<u>Brief History of Stony Creek</u> by McKenzie (2 copies)
4	14	1943-1944	Stony Cricker (booklet written for the WWII soldiers)
4	15	1924-1942	Capt. Kidd legend, Somers ring found at the Thimbles
4	16	1830s	Eliza Baldwin remembrance book, unknown autograph book, Lina Wightman 1888 autograph book
4	17		Book given to Betsey Whedon of North Branford, man's diary 1851-1854
4	18		Short Beach items- ticket to aquatic meet 1935, Tercentenary aquatic meet schedule, Labor Day schedule 1939, Third District voting list 1940, permission for kindling fire 1938, advertising care Capt. Robert Hitchcock, dinner honoring Lt. John K. Murphy 1918; Labor Day program 1939 & 1948, 2 greeting cards with photo of Brockett's Point
4	19	1935	Minute book, Short Beach committee for the Tercentenary
4	20		Deed Whittmore to Nichols at Cherry Hill 1895, Pawson Tribe No. 61 envelope 1926; letter Delphina Hammer Clark to Caroline Jourdan about Cherry Hill 1961, real estate details: houses at Pine Orchard- Old Timbers, 15 Ozone, 91 Knollwood Drive, 8 Yowago Avenue, 25 Third Avenue
4	21		Letter Harriet Blackstone to the library about a silk cap 1925, plans for First National Grocery Store Main at Cherry Hill Road 1963, plans for Hamilton property South Main
4	22		Etching of Dr. Charles W. Gaylord

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ELLA WHEELER WILCOX (1850-1919)

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
5	1		Twenty-three poems on cards
5	2	1914	<u>Historical Mother Goose</u> , signed by the poet plus a 2 nd copy
5	3	1902	<u>The Heart of the New Thought</u> , to E. B. Knowles, signed by the poet (Edward B. Knowles of Short Beach)
5	4		Advertisements and brochures for her books
5	5	1906	<u>Granite Bay, A Souvenir of Short Beach</u> - 1,000 copies printed by the poet to benefit the Short Beach Women's Improvement Society to which she was a member (2 copies)
5	6		<u>Maurine, The Beautiful Danube</u>
5	7		Poetry from magazines
5	8	1910 & 1921	Illustrated poems from Cosmopolitan & Good Housekeeping
5	9		Small scrapbook with newspaper articles
5	10		Signed invitation to M. Annie Bostwick, newspaper clippings including articles about biography by Jennie Ballou, the famous race horse Salvator, and Women's Improvement Society (from the Fullerton-Bostwick family papers)
5	11	1898-1922	Illumination Day program 1898, Masquerade party invitations 1900 & 1912, Wilcox Memorial Association papers, copy of poem written by the poet for Rhoda Ladd of Short Beach for her 10 th birthday
5	12		Original letters 1891 & 1895, correspondence Elizabeth Collins with Jane Bouley 1986-1988, other correspondence
5	13		Four original letters plus other correspondence from the library files
5	14	1900	Original letter from the poet to Richard Bradley of Branford concerning work on her house in Short Beach (he built all of her houses) plus a copy and typed version from the Bradley-Hoadley family
5	15		Poems from newspapers, poet's obituary 1919

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5	16		Sheet music, words by the poet- "Birth of the Opal"
5	17		Small books
5	18		Two signed letters, small booklets
5	19	1905 & 1921	<u>The Story of a Literary Career, Evolution of Ella Wheeler Wilcox and other Wheelers</u>

see also scroll boxes for oversized items

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
6	1		Branford history by Kirby- Trolley ride through Stony Creek, 1996 calendar; Along the Stony Creek Shore, 1997 calendar; Stony Creek in 1880, Among the Delightful Thimble Islands 1902, First Steam Train in Guilford 1852
6	2		Branford history- Thimble Islands by Herzan, Kirby & Jacobson; Charles F. Tuttle and the Thimbles, John Plum, Immigrant Ancestor, Gretchen the Space Worm by Jib Kirby, Illustrated History & 4 th of July by Kirby children
6	3		Branford history by Kirby- Stony Creek in 1880 (larger manuscript)
6	4		Branford history by Kirby- Pine Orchard Shore in 1916, Brief History of Pawson Park to 1916
6	5		Branford history by McKenzie- Brief History Stony Creek, 1933; Records and Tales of Old Branford, 1942
6	6		Branford history & essays- Old Totoket by Casanova, Pine Orchard by Taft, It Happened in Branford by Perry Prann, The Home World by Rev. Elijah C. Baldwin, January 1881; etching of Branford Green by Barber, Back Then by Myrtle Doolittle, 1992 (chapter in Indian Neck)
6	7		Brief information about Haycock Point, History of Clam Island by Wilcox, 1964
6	8		Killams Point brochures (2), ad for Killam Carriage Factory

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
7	1	1975	History- <u>A Stony Creek Miscellany</u>
7	2	1965	Study of the Stony Creek Quarries by Leighton
7	3	1926	Poems by John Elton Wayland of the Thimble Islands
7	4		Notes about Stony Creek- Prospect Hill, notes about 39 Flying Point Road
7	5		Notes about Stony Creek- research about Pot Island, letter about High Island 1985
7	6		Stony Creek items- 2 articles from Yankee Magazine, House tour brochure 1997, real estate ad for house Saw Mill Road 1967, brochure for quarry celebration & book
7	7		Small books belonging to the Keyes family of Stony Creek
7	8		Essays about Branford- Branford Revival by Tamulevich 1994, list of Branford post offices & history 1927, Old Branford by Commerford, A Sketch of Branford
7	9		Facts about Branford, article "Shaumpishuh" Quinipiac Squaw Sachem by Menta, Artifacts magazine, Fall 1988; Shoreliner Magazine May 1950, articles about Branford
7	10		Individuals & families- Alice Batrow notary certificate 1953, letter Thorvald Hammer to Katrina Hotchkiss 1949, death of Orrin D. Squire 1859 (copy), about Meyer & Jennie Leshine by Rhoda Loeb, resume John Eric Loeb 1976, Birbarie family, Scandinavians in Branford by Kirby, memories by Mortimer Covert c1994, memories of John E. Tyler, Jr. 2010; resume of Daniel P. Cosgrove 1991
7	11		Individuals & families- Hulda Maria Johnson biography, John Alfred Mickels baptism 1892 (both in Swedish), map of Killams Point, Killam family register (copy), Mortimer Stanley letter, 1873 Elvira H. Palmer letter (copy), In Memoriam Charles McClellan Appleby and Homer Coan Bishop 1888 (both poisoned by mistake at a drug store), letter Martha to sister Mrs. M. H. Appleby 1915, letter William Hitchcock to Jane Bouley 1990, letter Rowena Nichols Mercer to Jane Bouley about Cherry Hill 1990

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| 7 | 12 | | Correspondence about Marion Whiteside Newton of Pine Orchard 1991 (nationally known quilter of nursery rhyme motifs), correspondence about Horton Point (Rockland Park) 1982, poem & obituary for George Vickstrom 1924 (killed in the Toole Block fire) |
| 7 | 13 | | Postmarked envelopes to the Keyes family of Stony Creek, Branford first day covers |
| 7 | 14 | 1974 | Plans for dredging Branford Harbor |
| 7 | 15 | 1941 & 1998 | Captain's license for Philip Deibert 1941, Casellon Bakery fire article 1998 |
| 7 | 16 | 1897 | Branford city directory |

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	1	1922-1949	Short Beach Days programs 1922-24, 1926, 1935, 1939, 1947-49
8	2	1950-1959	Short Beach Days programs 1950s
8	3	1960-1969	Short Beach Days programs 1960s
8	4	1970-1979	Short Beach Days programs 1970s
8	5	1980-1989	Short Beach Days programs 1980s
8	6	1990-1999	Short Beach Days programs 1990s

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contents</u>
9	1	1998	<u>History of Money Island</u> by Arthur Merrill
9	2		Sale of Valdemar Hammer estate, Rogers Street
9	3	1841	Arithmetic sample book belonging to Harriet Barker
9	4		Small booklets by Ella Wheeler Wilcox
9	5		Small booklets by Ella Wheeler Wilcox
9	6		Small books by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, signed
9	7		Small books by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, signed
Box 9- 3"			

Hoadley-Towner Papers

Included with the papers donated by Lester Nichols Towner of Baltimore, are a series of notebooks he put together with originals and copies of family documents. The pages are not numbered. He used all acid free materials purchased at his own expense from University Products. He donated the notebooks to the Branford Historical Society and they are stored on the shelves on the first floor in the bathroom.

When his aunt Edna J. Hoadley Barthoomew died, he cleaned out her home, the Solomon Tyler House on East Main Street. In an old curved topped wooden box under the eaves of the attic, he found dozens of old family papers. He did not know they existed and probably they had not been viewed for decades. He sorted them and placed them in oversized volumes. The papers include deeds and receipts for land transactions.

Volume I- Isaac Tyler

Mostly original deeds concerning Isaac Tyler.

Isaac Tyler's will is near the back of the volume.

Abstracts of the deeds with volume and page numbers have been added to another database. Those without a reference are abstracted here.

4Nov1742- William Clark of Haddam, Hartford Co.

4Oct1744- John and Rhoda Scovil of Haddam

10Oct1753- Andrew Clark of Branford to Edward Barker, Isaac Tyler, Andrew Beach, Samuel Baldwin, Jonathan Towner and others, my shop at Mill Plain

7Apr1761- Two of Isaac's children (a son and a dau) had small pox. The children were boarded at other households. There are bills for the care of the children.

21Nov1770- Isaac Tyler and Jonathan Marsh of Rhode Island appoint Solomon Tyler of Branford as their attorney to collect fees from a court judgment.

Volume 2- Solomon Tyler

Original documents, receipts, deeds, court cases.

He built a "new" house in 1771. There was an earlier building 100-150 ft SSW of the barn. It was occupied by the family until it was sold in 1968. Part of the lot had previously been sold to CL&P.

9Jan1777- Oath of Fidelity

26June1795- Thomas Norton and Solomon Tyler agree to make a Division at Mill Plain, land formerly belonging to the Heirs of Dea. Edward Barker

Taxed \$2.00 for a one horse wooden carriage 1795-1801

23Jan1789- Eleazer Stent administrator of the Estate of Roger Tyler late of Branford Deceased to Solomon Tyler, land at Mill Plain

28June1802- Solomon purchases land set out to Elizabeth Towner late widow of Richard Towner, Senior late of Branford Deceased as her Dower, she said Elizabeth is also Deceased. Bought through the court since the land was undivided but was set to her children.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Volume 2A- Shipping

Copies of ninety-two documents donated to Yale in 1966 concerning the shipping activities and boats, namely the “Lyon” owned by the Tyler family.

Volume 3- Solomon Tyler

Tax lists, more on ships, will, distributions, inventories, bible records.

Volume 4- Solomon Tyler, Jr. and Laura Tyler Hoadley

Bible records, inventories, distributions, estate of Timothy Frisbie, estate of Jeremiah Burgis.

Volume 7C & D- Copies of Civil War letters written by J. Edwin Towner to his sister Emily S. Holcomb in Branford. The original letters were later donated by Lester’s son Eugene Towner of Baltimore.

Shelf	c1890	Scrapbook, news clippings, recipes, poetry, etc. (not local)
Shelf	1708-1772	Scrapbook- volume 1, Isaac Tyler
Shelf	1745-1851	Scrapbook, volume 2, Solomon Tyler
Shelf	1787-1867	Scrapbook, volume 3, Solomon Tyler
Shelf	1751-1867	Scrapbook, volume 4, Solomon Tyler, jr., Laura Tyler Hoadley, the Hoadley family
Shelf	1830-1904	Scrapbook, volume 5, George Hoadley, Charles Elizur Hoadley
Shelf	1734-1878	Scrapbook, volume 6, Rogers family
Shelf	1684-1937	Scrapbook, volume 7A, Towner & Hoadley family

Items at the Harrison House/Branford Historical Society

Kept in scroll boxes at the Harrison in the bathroom and attic are oversized items including scrapbooks, Branford Lock Works catalogs, maps, posters, certificates, rolled items, sheet music, and art work.

Scroll Boxes- at the Harrison House

large 16 X 24 X3

small 15 X 19 X 3

#1 (large box in attic), mostly rolled items

Architectural drawings- St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church 1971

from Reginald Baldwin papers

Architectural drawings- Montowese House addition (several pieces)

Property of Reginald S. Baldwin and Clinton E. Coe at Pawson Park (several pieces)

from Reginald Baldwin papers

1892 map of Sumac Island

from Zacher papers

1960 map of original sewer plans, Town of Branford

from Reginald Baldwin papers

Alta Newton garden for Harrison House 1985

Harrison House landscape plan 1980

Architectural Preservation Trust maps 1980s

U. S. Geographical Survey map 1967

1905 Branford Birdseye map (2 copies)

Atlantic Wire main building plans 1994

MIF heating system steel plant 1946 (labeled RG 1 Family papers #1x)

plans for colonial and Victorian village, no location marked

plans for Lock Works Square

Martha Fales estate blueprints

Aerial view of MIF 1920 from Delphina Hammer

Box Full

#2 (large box in attic), rolled items

Homelots before 1700, research by Delphina Hammer Clark plus one rolled

Homelot of John Ford 1793

original photograph for reproduction of 1905 Birds-eye map

1868 Beers County Atlas of New Haven (includes Branford), one very fragile

Sanborn Fire Insurance maps- 1914, 1924 with 1936 corrections, 1924 with 1936 and 1941 corrections

1930 blueprint of West Main Street including Harrison House

original plans for Blackstone Park house lots (Pine Orchard)

Short Beach zoning map

MIF schematics of plant layout, two 1908, one 1947 (from Arthur Seaburg estate)

Pierpont family tree (was 1984.1)

schematic of map of two powder horns in the collection

Water Company line Stony Creek to Branford Point

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Box Full

#3 (small box in bathroom)- a little room for rolled items
1940s house lots on Stannard Avenue and Harbor Street (Seaburg papers)
Francis Vedder diploma 1912 and 1916
architectural plans for Horwitz Dept. Store remodeling 1988
Mill Plain Cemetery map 1985 (many errors on it)
Jesse May Sutherland diploma 1905 (1997.11 unknown donor)
voting machine sheets 1999
rolled aerial photos
Winnifred Beatrice Spargo diploma 1919 (1997.10 unknown donor)

#4 (large box in attic)
Political posters- July Gott, Beckett-Rinker, Rick Eaton, Lucy Hammer
Oil painting on canvas of trees by Jane Gray Bradley
Oversized photos by Earl Colter- Sunset Branford River, aerial Branford Festival, aerial
MIF and river, aerial Green, aerial Atlantic Wire, aerial Johnson's Marina (several)
Aerial MIF (poor condition)
Photograph Branford Battery 1938 at Niantic
Man and wagon, Branford Hills? (from the Library)
Photograph of Alfred E. Hammer
Photograph of Harrison House 1989, gift of Branford Savings Bank
Company resolution upon death of William H. Hoadley (from Hoadley-Dudley family)
Appointment by President Grover Cleveland of Henry D. Linsley as postmaster 1895
Diplomas Branford High- Iva G. Bishop 1904 (from Deevey family), Sam Suval 1915
Branford Realty sign (Reginald Baldwin papers)
Colonial Dames Indian Trails (reprint), original is from 1930
Early Branford Land Trust poster
Branford Tercentenary poster 1935
American Legion Carnival poster
Veterans' Welcome Home posters (WWI and WWII)
Short Beach Days poster 1926
Save Laurel Street School posters
Branford Festival 25th anniversary print 2010 by Martha Link
Branford High School 1993-4 sports calendar poster (two)
Reginald Baldwin insurance large blotters
Aerial photographs of Beckett Avenue, Short Beach
large photo of Main Street from Green showing Park Theater (repro)
1868 Beers map (repro)
Timothy Bradley, blacksmith, account book 1777-1799
Quinnipiac Indian map by John Kirby
Box Full

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#5- (small box in bathroom)

Art- Doerfler painting, Saltonstall mansion (from Library, was in poor condition),
Russell parsonage by Jeanette Bartholomew 1974 watercolor, Nellie Greens by Bernice
Poulton, watercolor, oil on canvas of Indian Neck meadow later Johnson's Marina by
Katherine Conlon 1971
election sign 75 feet away
political poster- Kinney, Laske and Cote
Branord Savings Bank placemats
Branford Historical Society appraisal day 1982
1st Branford Festival poster 1985
Branford Art League poster 1984
Stony Creek Puppet Theatre poster and etching by Robert LaRese
Opera posters- Carolina Lazarri (two) and Rose Bryant
Summit House menu
New Haven Register calendar 1936 with Branford ads
Trolley Museum Gay 90s day 1947 (poor condition, found in the wall of a house)
Sheet Music by Branford woman Hattie Alford Ely (two)
The Short Beach Marsh by H. Welles Taylor 1907
diplomas and certificate- wedding John Seaburg & Selina Larson 1904 (Seaburg papers),
wedding Carl Carlson & Lena Anderson 1892, BHS Ray Gay, Jr. 1934 (from Maggie
Thoms), Charter for East Shore Barracks 1960 with charter members (Reginald Baldwin
papers), Johan Johnson confirmation at Tabor 1914, Leonard Marsden Bradley 1910
grammar school, Irving Nelson Harrison Guilford Institute 1915
American Suburbs magazine 1907, includes write up about Branford (from Delphina Hammer)
Scientific American magazine 1893- cover house of Joseph P. Beach of Pine Orchard
(from Jane Bouley)
Calendars- Branford Realty 1933 (Reginald Baldwin papers), M. D. Stanley of Short Beach
1903, Walter H. Palmer 1938 & 39
Realty signs- Paul McLean (from Jane Bouley), Branford Realty (Baldwin papers)
William Bussman- Telephone Pioneers of America certificate 1948
Sheet music- The Stricken City (poor condition), The Birth of Opal, Yale Yale A Song of New
Haven, The Ella Wheeler Waltzes (all the former by her), Short Beach by H. Welles
Taylor, Battle Hymn of the Women by Ella Wheeler Wilcox with illustrations
MIF engineer drawings (Seaburg donation)
Branford Lock Works catalog 1869
Box Full

#6- (small box in bathroom)

Abbott Lowell Cummings papers about the Harrison House
'38 hurricane scrapbook
WWII scrapbook
Box Full

#7 (large box in attic)

George H. Palmer insurance clients in ledger book (donated by John Elliott)
Branford Point Hotel guest register 1889-1890
Beach family account book 1828-1834
Beers New Haven County bound atlas 1868 (donated by the Deevy family)
Box Full

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#8 (plastic bin in attic)- room

Noyes-Pierpont landmarks

Architectural drawing of A. M. Young cottage, Wilfred E. Griggs architect
rolled items

Olive Young DAR application

Pierpont Family chart

Noyes tree and descendants (2 different)

Crescent Bluff houses 1904

Anchorage Farm, revision of lots 1, 2 & 4 May 1973

reprint of J. Andre Smith painting Railroad at Menil-La-Tour WWI

1945 Farm Bureau sign- G. Irving Field

map property of David Beach estate 1895

etching of MIF (copy)

Land belonging to Field & Morton to Atlantic Wire, South Montowese Street 1928

Youngs Park 1971

#9 (large box in attic)- room

Large scrapbook of Ella Wheeler Wilcox poems from newspapers

1929 color map of Lake Saltonstall showing forest by Yale School of Forestry

Charter for Federal Savings and Loan Bank of Branford 1937

Public notice for New Haven to Branford stage line (poster)

Zeke Ziner etching 1963

1978 *Branford Review* anniversary issue (copy)

Short Beach large photograph, boat at Green Island

Short Beach aerial of Beckett Avenue, probably 1970s

Sheet music "The Ella Wheeler Waltzes:", signed by her

poems by Ella Wheeler Wilcox on card stock- "You In his Thoughts; You In her Thoughts;
Worth While"

broadside for John P. Dibble's moving picture shows

#10 (plastic bin in attic)

Branford scrapbooks kept by Evelyn (Trojanoski) Cook and donated by niece Vardis

(Trojanowski) Smalley in 2012, 2 vols. 1935-1945 and 1946-1971

'38 hurricane scrapbook

scrapbook about Laurel Street School donated by Jane Bouley

Box Full

#11 (plastic bin in attic)- room

Town tax and accounting receipts in scrapbook 1896-1898 donated by Barbara Mudgett
from estate of her father Reginald Baldwin

Scrapbook for Branford High Class of 1957 kept by Joan (Bailey) Morse (Mrs. Robert L.) and
donated in 2014, see also RG#3, Box 14

#12 (long plastic bin in attic)- room

rolled

Descendants of Ellen Shepardson Young

Descendants of Young daughters

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Atlantic Wire deeds of all purchases 1931
MIF blueprints 1908
9 X 30" photograph of Anchorage gardens
Anchorage Farm Oct. 1904
1971, March- Map of Young's Park (houses along Birch Road)
Branford Lighting and Water Co. property (early 1900s), probably later Supply Pond
Sagal Lou Farm map
map showing Cherry Hill Road and Main Street including Harrison House

#13 (extra-large bin in attic, 20X40X7)

Papers and photographs pertaining to the Bostick family of Hartford and Short Beach and the Fullerton family were donated by Leonore Manley from the house of Gene Fullerton of Short Beach. More material was donated in 2017 by her daughter Suzanne Ferraiuolo of Branford. This grouping, also from Gene Fullerton, contains photographs and many paintings by Mary Anne Bostwick. This bin contains the larger paintings, mostly oils on board which were among her earliest work. They consist of portraits and landscapes, most are not identified. Smaller watercolors are in regular archive boxes.

Mary Anne Bostwick paintings
Box Full

oversized flats in attic- no box

Atlantic Wire utilities 1962 (rolled)
newspaper article Blackstone Library celebrated 1896-1971
350th poster by Martha Link 1994
350th poster of postcards- Indian Neck, Branford Center, Short Beach, Stony Creek
etchings MIF (3 different)
aerials of Branford (rolled, oversized)
political posters- DaRos and Gott, St. Elizabeth Church carnival
large photograph of Alden M. Young
large photograph of (Shepardson) Young
movie ads for John P. Dibble 1870s

Room

#3 small, rolled, a little
#8 plastic, room
#9 large, room for more flats
#11 plastic, room
#12 plastic, long, room

next scroll box- #14

BLACKSTONE LIBRARY ARCHIVES

PART 1 – Blackstone Owned Papers

JAMES BLACKSTONE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LOCAL HISTORY MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION

RECORD GROUPS

1. FAMILY PAPERS

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Sub group C (Government)

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BLACKSTONE LIBRARY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

1A. HAMMER PAPERS

- 1A1. Delphina Hammer Clark
- 1A2. Alfred E. & Rosamond Hammer

1B. BALDWIN PAPERS

- 1B1. Rev. Elijah C. Baldwin

1C. PAGE PAPERS

- 1C1. Abbott C. Page

1D. MORRIS PAPERS

- 1D1. Lewis Morris

1E. BLACKSTONE PAPERS

1F. PALMER-AVERILL PAPERS

1G. HOADLEY PAPERS

1H. HOWD PAPERS

1I. FARRINGTON-HARRISON PAPERS

1J. LINSLEY PAPERS

- 1J1. Jesse Linsley
- 1J2. Malachi Linsley

1K. TYLER PAPERS

1L. ROGERS PAPERS

- 1L1. Samuel Rogers
- 1L2. Eli & Sophia M. Rogers
- 1L3. Henry Rogers
- 1L4. Mary Rogers

1M. REIDY PAPERS

1N. DONNELLY PAPERS

1O. ELY PAPERS

1P. BARKER PAPERS

1Q. FOOTE PAPERS

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RECORD GROUP #2
PUBLIC PAPERS

2A. SCHOOLS

- 2A1. Town Center
- 2A2. Mill Plain District
- 2A3. Damascus District
- 2A4. Paved Street District
- 2A5. Stony Creek District
- 2A6. Short Beach District

2B. CHURCHES

- 2B1. Clergy, Sermons, Addresses
- 2B2. First Episcopal Society

2C. GOVERNMENT

2D. SPECIAL EVENTS

RECORD GROUPS #3
PRIVATE PAPERS

3A. LAND RECORDS

3B. PROBATE, ESTATES, LEGAL PAPERS

3C. CORRESPONDENCE

3D. BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DEATH RECORDS

3E. DIARIES, SCRAPBOOKS, MEMOIRS

3F. FINANCIAL PAPERS

3G. AWARDS

3H. LITERARY PAPERS

3I. SCHOOL PAPERS

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RECORD GROUPS #4
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- 4A. MASON ROGERS POST #7, G. A. R.
- 4B. MASON ROGERS CORP #46, WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP
- 4C. BRANFORD AUXILIARY OF THE NEW HAVEN SANITARY AND RELIEF
ASSOCIATION
- 4D. PINE ORCHARD ASSOCIATION
- 4E. STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION
- 4F. PINE ORCHARD COUNTRY CLUB
- 4G. BRANFORD OBSERVATION POST (WWII)

RECORD GROUP #5

MISCELLANEOUS

ARRANGEMENTS NOTES

In a number of cases, the family sub group is further divided into smaller sections for individual members of the family due to the volume of the material or the person's prominence. The classification and order of the documents is as follows: Land records; probate; wills; estate papers; legal papers; correspondence; notes; history; genealogy; literary; school papers and miscellaneous. The folders within a classification are arranged by person, the above mentioned order, and/or chronology. Where possible the arrangement within a folder is chronological.

FINDING AID
RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

Physical measurement: 6 feet
Prepared by: Betty M. Linsley
March 10, 1983

DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

The documents in this record group are collected by family sub groups because of the large number of papers for a given family or family name. Often they were given to the library as a specific family collection. A few of the family collection are rather small.

Hammer Papers

The Hammer family was well known in Branford as the three generation owners of the Malleable Iron Fittings Company from 1864 until it was sold in 1962. Each generation was also important for their service to the community, in particular, the library of which Thorvald Hammer was an original trustee. He was succeeded as trustee by his son Alfred E. Hammer and lastly by his grandson Thorvald Hammer, currently chairman of the board (1983). Alfred E. Hammer and his second wife Rosamond were particularly interested in local history and did much to preserve documents, newspaper clippings and other notes on Branford history and people. Among their papers in this collection are: the manuscript and notes for a history of Branford started by Alfred and continued by his wife; Rosamond's notes on early houses; clippings of historical columns from the *Branford Review* from 1928 until the mid 1950s.

As part of his research Alfred carried on a correspondence with Charles E. Hoadley the Town Clerk of Branford. Mr. Hoadley had transcribed some of the early records and sent them to Mr. Hammer. In the early 1920s Mr. Hammer paid to have the first two volumes of the town records transcribed and indexed and gave a copy to the library. The collection also includes letters dated 1887 from a friend, James Francis Rodgers whose mother lived on Bradley Avenue. Mr. Rodgers was studying art in Boston and died one year later from consumption. There are also letters from Alfred's sister Julia Hammer Eaton.

Alfred Hammer's daughter Delphina shared his interest in early Branford history. She was a graduate of the Yale School of Architecture and collaborated with J. Frederick Kelly on his book on old houses in Connecticut. Although she moved to Suffield in 1932 after her marriage to Henry M. Clark, jr., she maintained her interest. She made a thorough study of the early land divisions and in jigsaw fashion put together a map of plots in the center of town before 1700. Her papers include the map, her maps and additional notes of houses in other sections of Branford. She also donated a great number of documents she obtained from friends or purchased from dealers which forms the backbone of the library's whole manuscript collection.

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

Baldwin Papers

The first three folders in this sub group contain deeds, leases and estate papers of the Baldwin family in the 19th century. Most concern land at Damascus and Mill Plain belonging to Timothy Baldwin, the son of Deacon Zaccheus Baldwin. There are also estate papers for Zaccheus Baldwin who died in 1831 and a will of Edward Baldwin. All of the papers in Box 2, folders 1-3 were given to Delphina Hammer Clark by Olive Pond Ross and in turn to the library.

Box 2, folders 5-14 and Box 3, folders 1-4 contain the papers of Rev. Elijah C. Baldwin, the minister of the First Congregational Church from 1865 until 1878. He was not related to the other Baldwins of Branford but studied and published essays on Branford's early history. His notes were given to the library by Henry B. Plant and Mrs. Samuel O. Plant courtesy of Lynde Harrison on January 4, 1897. The papers were donated to the library unsorted and every attempt has been made to arrange them logically. Rev. Baldwin's more formal papers are housed at the New Haven Colony Historical Society library.

Page Papers

All of the papers in this sub group were given by Delphina Hammer Clark. Folders 5-8 contain assorted papers of the Page family of North Branford. Folders 9 & 10 contain the writings of Abbott C. Page, born in Branford 1856, who was a childhood friend of Alfred E. Hammer. Page graduated from Yale, taught Chemistry at Iowa State Teacher's College for 21 years, returned to Branford and eventually moved to Pomona, California. From California he wrote a column of reminiscences for the *Branford Review*. Of particular interest is his autobiography in folder 10.

Morris Papers

The Morris family owned considerable property along Main Street, Cherry Hill to the East Haven line. These papers were donated by Delphina Hammer Clark and materials in folder 12 were given to her Olive Pond Ross. The journals and school compositions of Rev. Lewis F. Morris make up the bulk of this collection. He was the son of James F. & Harriet (Plant) Morris of Branford and attended Yale in the mid 19th century.

Blackstone Papers

Folders 1 & 2 contain copies of papers relating to the family owned by Paul Blackstone. Folder 3 contains a subpoena issued to several Branford men to appear in court and was donated by George Blackstone in 1922.

Record Group #1
Family Papers

Palmer-Averill Papers

The legal papers of Barnabas and Hannah Palmer (Folder 4) were given by Joseph Baisley in 1909. The rest of the papers were given by Delphina Hammer Clark. There are letters from the Palmer family, of particular interest are those to John Palmer who lived at Georgetown in Washington, D. C. and then moved to New River, Louisiana. There is great deal of Branford news in these letters. There are also letters to Nancy Palmer (Mrs. Isaac H.) from her cousin Harriet Averill. Harriet Averill and her mother wintered in Avon, Connecticut and summered in Branford.

Hoadley Papers

This small sub group has several donors. The papers include the sermon preached at Orrin Hoadley's funeral in 1864 by Rev. Henry Olmstead of Trinity Church. There are also tax receipts and a saw mill agreement.

Howd Papers

This sub group contains deeds to land owned in Stony Creek by the family. The materials in folders 9-11 were given by Mrs. Charles Howd on March 4, 1941.

Farrington-Harrison Papers

It is not known who donated these papers. There are deeds to land held by the Farrington and Harrison families who were related by marriage at Brushy Plain, Beaver Swamp and the center of town.

Linsley Papers

Box 5, folders 1-6 contain papers of the Linsley family of North Branford and were donated by Delphina Hammer Clark. The oldest items are two account books belonging to Daniel Linsley dating from 1741. He was a farmer, miller and carpenter who was born in 1715 and died in 1799. There is also a copy of the will of his son Reuben Linsley (1753-1817). Most of the papers in these folders concern Reuben's son Jesse who was captain of the militia, selectman and an active member of the North Branford Episcopal Church. Folder 2 contains Jesse Linsley's diaries, though incomplete, from the years 1802-1836. Of special interest are copies of the will and estate distribution of Jesse's sister Polly, a schoolteacher. Her diaries are at the New Haven Historical Colony Society for the years 1821-1934.

Record Group #1
Family Papers

Tyler Papers

Most of the papers in this sub group concern Philemon Tyler and his family who owned considerable land in the area between Alps Road and Double Beach. Most of the collection contains deeds but also Philemon's will and a few financial papers. The deed in folder 8 was donated by Delphina Hammer Clark. Mrs. Herbert Jones gave the Peter Tyler deed in folder 12 on May 8, 1920. The rest of the items in folders 8-11 came from Frank Goodyear Smith on October 2, 1946.

Rogers Papers

This is the most extensive set of family papers in the library's collection. There are four separate groupings. The first is mostly 18th century land records of Samuel Rogers who owned property in the Damascus and Pine Brook sections. These papers were given by Olive Pond Ross to Delphina Hammer Clark.

The second group contains the papers of Eli and his wife Sophia Rogers which were donated to the library by Miss Catherine Agnes Matthews, the beneficiary of Sophia's estate, in April 1917. Eli Rogers owned a merchandise business, held several town offices including post master, judge of probate and town clerk. He also represented the town in the General Assembly and was a benefactor of Trinity Church. Eli died in 1899 at the age of 88 and his third wife Sophia died in 1915 leaving her estate to her servant Miss Matthews. A famous court case developed which Miss Matthews won, a copy of which is in the library's cataloged collection. The papers in this subgroup are basically of three types: legal papers of the Probate Court and of Mr. Roger's business; the genealogy and Branford history notes of Mr. Rogers; a scrapbook kept by Mrs. Rogers with clippings of births, marriages and deaths of Branford people from about 1877-1899. The genealogical and historical notes of Eli Rogers form a large collection and he corresponded with people across the country.

Eli's brother, Henry Rogers shared his brother's interest in Branford history and genealogy and his notes and correspondence are even more extensive. Included are papers that belonged to his father Abraham Rogers of Stony Creek- deeds, estate and other legal papers. Henry was a lawyer in New Haven, also served in the General Assembly and summered in Stony Creek. He was the first president of the Stony Creek Oyster Company which was organized in 1868 and managed by his brother Elizur Rogers.

Also in the Rogers papers are the diaries of Mary Rogers, the wife of John of Stony Creek covering the period from 1873-1910 though the entries in the later years are very brief.

Reidy Papers

Dennis Reidy and his wife Mary, natives of Ireland, settled on Cedar Street in Branford. Their son Dennis F. Reidy operated a grocery store at the corner of Main and Rogers Street. The collection contains legal papers and correspondence.

Record Group #1
Family Papers

Donnelly Papers

This collection contains the papers related to patents held by John Donnelly, a blacksmith and inventor. He later served many years as the custodian of the Blackstone Memorial Library. There is also a considerable correspondence with the William Demuth Company of New York, makers of pipe and smoker's articles, concerning a pipe invention.

Ely Papers

This collection includes a novel manuscript and some other literary works of Esther A. Ely and her aunt Fannie Ely Goodrich. It is not known who gave them to the library. Most of this collection are photographs of the Ely family.

Barker Papers

The items in this sub group cover five generations beginning with Daniel Barker (1705-1801) and his brother-in-law David Rose. The papers descended to Jane Barker and perhaps she or her heirs donated them to the library. There are numerous land records for the Barker and Rose families in Branford and North Branford. There are wills and estate papers for several generations of the Barker family. The Barkers were involved with two fish companies, The White Fishing Company and The North Branford Shad Company. These company papers are in fragments and were difficult to piece together.

Foote Papers

Charles Thompson gave these papers to the library in 1983. Most relate to his Foote ancestors and some belonged to his great uncle Henry Stedman. The deeds in the collection are in poor condition. One of the most interesting items is a rather extensive set of papers (1825-1834) from the estate of Lucy Parish whose first husband was Ephraim Foote.

BLACKSTONE LIBRARY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

HAMMER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Delphina Hammer Clark Papers</u>			
1	1	c1900-1970	Undated clippings on Branford History, articles about Branford in Conn. Antiquarian & Conn. Historical Society Bulletin
1	2	c1930	Copy of paper read to New Haven Colony Historical Society on Branford History
1	3	c1970	Biography, notes on early Branford buildings
1	4	c1970	Worksheets for early Branford houses and plots
1	5	c1970	Index to place names on map and index to notes in folders 6-13
1	6	c1970	Map notes- Stony Creek and Little Plain
1	7	c1970	Map notes- Hopyard Plain and school land
1	8	c1970	Map notes- Guilford Road, Guilford line
1	9	c1970	Map notes- Queach and Mill Quarter
1	10	c1970	Map notes- Cherry Hill and Brushy Plain
1	11	c1970	Map notes- Branford Hills and Beaver Swamp
1	12	c1970	Map notes- Branford Point and Short Beach
1	13	c1970	Notes- Land, highways, schools and houses
VF	2A	c1700	Map of houses and plots in center of town, original & copies

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

HAMMER PAPERS

Box Folder Years Contents

Alfred E. & Rosamond Hammer Papers

Correspondence 1887-1943

1	14	1919-1920	Charles A. Hoadley about land records- Branford Point, the wharf, Indian land, meeting house and Mill Plain
1	15	c1935	Abbott C. Page- undated reminiscences
1	16	1933-1935	Abbott C. Page- reminiscences
1	17	1935-1943	Abbott C. Page- reminiscences
1	18	1899-1903	Henry Rogers- Branford history & genealogy
1	19	1887	James Francis Rodgers
1	20	1888-1941	Miscellaneous

Memoirs, Notes, History & Genealogy 1755-1957

1	21	1921-1941	Manuscript & notes- early Branford history & houses Connecticut State Library Bulletin #16, <u>Connecticut Houses</u>
1	22	1755-1820	Copies of papers of David Duncan Beach
1	23	1935-1953	Newspaper clippings, letters M. R. Comstock, John R. Quinn, Abbott C. Page, "Remember" columns
1	24	1898-1957	Newspaper clippings- Branford history

Literary Papers c1935

1	25	c1935	Manuscript of newspaper articles by Abbott C. Page
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BLACKSTONE LIBRARY ARCHIVES

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

BALDWIN PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Baldwin Papers 1795-1875</u>			
2	1	1795-1875	Leases & deeds- Damascus, Mill Plain, Windmill Hill
2	2	1805-1832	Bills, accounts, estate of Zaccheus Baldwin, will of Edward Baldwin
2	3	c1867	Program- Julia Baldwin
<u>Rev. Elijah C. Baldwin Papers c1877-1897</u>			
Includes his notes on Branford history, families, churches, ministers, cemeteries, roads, schools, North Branford, some unsorted			
2	4	1897	Letter donating the papers to the library
2	5	c1877-1882	Notebooks & notes, unsorted- Branford history
2	6	c1877-1882	Notes on people- A-E
2	7	c1877-1882	Notes on people- F-P
2	8	c1877-1882	Notes on people- R-W
2	9	c1877-1882	Notes on ministers
2	10	c1877-1882	Notes on churches
2	11	c1877-1882	Notes on cemeteries
2	12	c1877-1882	Notes on general Branford history
2	13	c1877-1882	Notes on businesses, roads, boundaries, houses, storms
2	14	c1877-1882	Notes on town clerks, schools & other items
3	1	c1877-1882	“A Plain Narrative” and misc. notes- trial of Rev. Philemon Robbins for preaching to the Baptists
3	2	c1877-1882	Misc. notes (unsorted), biography of Col. William Douglass
3	3	c1877-1882	Misc. notes (unsorted)
3	4	c1877-1882	Notes on North Branford and Northford

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

PAGE PAPERS
MORRIS PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Page Papers 1733-1843</u>			
3	5	1733-1825	Deeds, leases, land agreements- John Page
3	6	c1830-1843	Will, estate inventories- Amos, Anna & David Page, other inventories and court papers
3	7	1814-1828	Tax receipts, invoices- David & John Page
3	8	no date	Land- Congregational Society, Indian Neck lease
<u>Abbott C. Page Papers c1926-1943</u>			
3	9	c1929-1943	Poetry & other reminiscences of Branford
3	10	c1926	Autobiography, reminiscences dictated to Delphina H. Clark
<u>Morris Papers 1761-1898</u>			
3	11	1761-1863	Land records- Morris & Stewart families
3	12	1833-1880	Survey & deeds- James F. Morris at Cherry Hill, West Main Street, Beaver Swamp
3	13	1850-1882	Probate papers- Keturah Morris, James F. Morris & Elias Plant
3	14	1845-1898	Correspondence- Harriet Plant Morris & Emeline Morris
3	15	1826-1887	Morris genealogy, financial records, Harriet Plant's cookbook
3	16	1935	Handbook- James Morris Museum
<u>Lewis Morris Papers 1854-c1870</u>			
3	17	1860-1867	Correspondence
3	18	1854-1860	Journals (incomplete)
3	19	1860-c1870	Journals (incomplete)
3	20	c1856-c1861	School compositions- Branford & Williston Academy
3	21	c1861-c1865	Compositions & addresses- Yale

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

BLACKSTONE PAPERS
PALMER-AVERILL PAPERS
HOADLEY PAPERS
HOWD PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Blackstone Papers 1702-1835</u>			
4	1	1702-1835	Land records, copies from Paul Blackstone
4	2	no date	Inventories, copies from Paul Blackstone
4	3	1826	Subpoena
<u>Palmer-Averill Papers 1753-1871</u>			
4	4	1753-1770	Legal papers, accounts- Barnabas & Hannah Palmer
4	5	1843-1846	Letters to John Palmer in Georgetown & Louisiana
4	6	1857-1872	Letters from Jane Palmer Fowler
4	7	1836-1871	Letters from Harriet Averill to Nancy & Sally Palmer
<u>Hoadley Papers 1702-1864</u>			
4	8	1702-1864	Power of attorney to William Hoadley, sermon Orrin Hoadley, sr. funeral, summons- Isaac Hoadley, tax receipt- Orrin Hoadley, agreement- sawmill at World's End Brook, poetry
<u>Howd Papers 1766-1829</u>			
4	9	1766-1793	Deeds- Pennock & Joseph Howd at Flat Rock, Stony Creek, Towner's Swamp
4	10	1802-1822	Deeds- Richard A. Howd at above places
4	11	1829	Letter to Mary E. Howd

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FAMILY PAPERS

FARRINGTON-HARRISON PAPERS
LINSLEY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Farrington-Harrison Papers</u> 1700-1829			
4	12	1700-1829	Deeds- Benjamin, Desire & Abigail Farrington at Bare Plain, Brushy Plain, Branford Center
4	13	1725-1795	Deeds- Jonathan, Capt. Nathaniel & Farrington Harrison at Beaver Swamp, Bare Plain, Towner's Hill, Main Street
4	14	1758-1829	Collection book for school rates, Prindle's Almanack 1828, Desire Harrison's distribution, John Harrison regimental appt.

Jesse Linsley Papers 1741-1842

5	1	1811-1842	Wills- Reuben & Polly Linsley, orders- 27 th Conn. Militia, summons- Desire Baldwin's pension
5	2	1802-1836	Diary fragment- Jesse Linsley
5	3	1741-1789	Daniel Linsley's books (2), Second Society account books
5	4	1808-1832	Town taxes, fines & receipts, wood bill for school, Jesse Linsley accounts
5	5	1806-1815	List of sermons heard, reflections- Jesse
5	6	1813-1820	Misc. papers, mostly church- Jesse Linsley

Malachi Linsley Papers 1821-1834

5	7	1821-1834	Malachi Linsley's book (diary)
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FAMILY PAPERS

TYLER PAPERS
ROGERS PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
<u>Tyler Papers 1744-1844</u>			
5	8	1744-1816	Deeds- Philemon & Elnathan Tyler at The Alps, Linsley's Cove
5	9	1820-1844	Deeds- Philemon & Lydia Tyler at The Alps, Scotch Cap, land survey, Philemon's estate
5	10	1829-1836	Will & estate papers- Philemon Tyler
5	11	1735-1840	Receipts, agreements- Philemon Tyler, list of births, marriages and deaths
5	12	1768-1796	Deeds- Peter Tyler at Northford, Hopground
<u>Samuel Rogers Papers 1750-1829</u>			
6	1	1750-1787	Deeds, warrants of attachment- Samuel Rogers at Damascus, Flat Rock, Pine Brook
6	2	1790-1829	Deeds, survey- Samuel Rogers at Pine Brook
<u>Eli & Sophia Rogers Papers</u>			
<u>Legal Papers 1792-1886</u>			
6	3	1877-1879	Estate of Sarah Frisbie
6	4	1858-1886	Branford Probate Court papers
6	5	1792-1879	Copies- will of Ford, indenture for Baldwin
<u>Eli & Sophia Rogers Papers</u>			
<u>Correspondence 1872-1899</u>			
6	6	1872-1896	Letters- A-H
6	7	1880-1896	Letters- I-N
6	8	1874-1896	Letters- P-Z
6	9	1885-1899	Letters from Henry Rogers
6	10	1891-1893	Donation of church window

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RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS

ELI & SOPHIA ROGERS PAPERS

Box Folder Years Content

Diaries and Scrapbooks c1877-1899

6 11 c1877-1899 Sophia Rogers- newspaper clippings

Financial Papers 1837-1897

7 1 1869-1897 Receipts & invoices- B-H

7 2 1860-1896 Receipts & invoices- J-W

7 3 1857-1883 Misc. receipts

7 4 1869-1897 Tax receipts

7 5 1863-1869 Internal Revenue licenses & receipts

7 6 1837-1861 Insurance, stock- policies & receipts

History and Genealogy 1887-c1890

7 7 c1890 Henry Rogers notes on the Rogers family

7 8 c1890 Rogers family

7 9 c1890 Local families- B-F

7 10 c1890 Local families- F-L

7 11 c1890 Local families- N-W & misc. notes

7 12 c1890 Notes on town & churches

7 13 1887 Bailey- "An Historical Sketch of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Branford"

7 14 1688-1865 Copies of records of the Congregational Church

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FAMILY PAPERS

HENRY ROGERS PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
Land Records 1780-1892			
8	1	1780-1813	Surveys, deeds- mostly Abraham Rogers
8	2	1823-1892	Surveys, maps & deeds
Legal Papers 1736-1883			
8	3	1821-1830	Warrants, summons & other papers- Abraham Rogers
8	4	1862-1865	Estate of Abraham Rogers
8	5	1736-1883	Misc. legal papers
Correspondence 1872-1910			
8	6	1878-1904	Rogers family letters
8	7	1888-1910	Letters- A-D
8	8	1875-1908	Letters- F-N
8	9	1872-1905	Letters- R-W
Financial Papers 1861-1891			
8	10	1861-1891	Invoices & receipts
History and Genealogy c1900			
9	1	c1900	Notes on the Rogers family
9	2	c1900	Notes on local families- B-F
9	3	c1900	Notes on local families- G-P
9	4	c1900	Notes on local families- R-S
9	5	c1900	Notes on local families- S-W
9	6	c1900	Notes on church, town & misc.
9	7	c1900	Assorted notebooks

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FAMILY PAPERS

ROGERS PAPERS
REIDY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Henry Rogers Papers</u>			
<u>Miscellaneous Papers</u> 1830			
9	8	1830	Letter- Elizabeth Rogers, "Reward for Merit"- Mrs. Elizur Rogers
<u>Mary Rogers Papers</u> 1873-1910			
SB	1	1873-1885	Diaries with accounts & addresses
SB	2	1886-1898	Diaries & notes
SB	3	1900-1910	Diaries & notes
<u>Reidy Papers</u> 1863-1939			
10	1	1870-1901	Deeds & agreements- Cedar Street property
10	2	1866-1904	Probate, estate & cemetery records- Dennis & Ellen Reidy
10	3	1863-1918	Legal papers- citizenship & draft records- Dennis & Dennis F. Reidy
10	4	1865-1933	Correspondence (chronological)
10	5	1875-1939	A.O.H., Knights of Labor, Consumers' Cooperative & other Branford organizations
10	6	1878-1893	Receipts & invoices- Dennis & Mary Reidy
10	7	1909-1925	Invoices- Dennis F. & James Reidy
10	8	1913-1923	Bank loan papers- James & John Reidy
10	9	1872-1935	Tax receipts, insurance
10	10	1866-1931	Misc.- tickets, death notices, work sheet, address book, etc.

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JOHN DONNELLY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
10	11	1905	Tree Support Patent
10	12	1912	Lineman's Climber Patent
10	13	1914	Improvement in Tobacco Pipe Patent
10	14	1914	Correspondence about pipe patent
10	15	1915	Correspondence, agreements & invoices-pipe patent
10	16	1916	Correspondence & invoices- pipe patent
10	17	1916-1917	Correspondence & invoices- pipe patent
10	18	1917	Scraping Tool Patent
10	19	1924	Can Opener Patent
10	20	1928	Correspondence & diagram- rake
10	21	1875-1928	Hacksaw- Frame Patents
10	22	1910-1921	Misc. patents, correspondence, agreement
10	23	1923	Release of mortgage
10	24	1907-1923	Pocket diaries, Patent manuals

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FAMILY PAPERS

ELY PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Ely Papers</u> c1850-1960			
11	1	c1850-1900	Photo, medal, poem- Capt. Calvin Ely
11	2	c1900-1940	Photos- John Calvin Ely & Ethel H. Ely
11	3	c1910-1915	Photo- Esther A. Ely
11	4	c1900-1969	Photos- Leila Ely
11	5	c1910-192[]	Photos- Marjorie & Eleanor Ely, Mary & Jane Dickson
11	6	c1920-1957	Photos- Eleanor Ely, Charles Ely Brandt, jr.
11	7	c1900	Photos- Fannie Ely Goodrich Gorham & family
11	8	c1900	Photos- Ely family, buildings
11	9	c1900	Photos- unknown, Averill family?
11	10	c1900	Photos, tintypes- unknown
11	11	c1900-1940	Ely, Averill, Pierpont- genealogy
11	12	1899-1960	Awards, certificates- Esther A. Ely
11	13		Memorabilia- Esther A. Ely
11	14	c1900	Poetry by Fannie Ely Goodrich & Esther A. Ely
11	15	c1946-1959	Historical writing- Esther A. Ely
VF drawer 1A	c1900		Three portraits on metal- Capt. Calvin L. Ely, John Calvin Ely & Elvira A. Ely
VF	1A		Ely-Averill photo album, photos not marked
VF	1A		Scrapbook- either Esther or Leila Ely
VF	1A		Manuscript of novel- "The By-Ways" by Esther A. Ely

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FAMILY PAPERS

BARKER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
Land Records 1734-1758			
12	1	1736-1758	Deeds, division of land- Daniel Barker
12	2	1760-1778	Deeds, division of land- Daniel Barker
12	3	1796-1829	Deeds- Joel, Daniel & Elon Barker
12	4	1831-1848	Deeds, surveys- Daniel, Elon & Jonathan
12	5	1856-1871	Deeds- Elon & Daniel Barker
12	6	1734-1772	Deeds- David Rose
12	7	1761-1816	Deeds- Solomon Rose
12	8	1791-1796	Deeds- Levi Rose
12	9	1815-1823	Deeds- David Rose
Probate, Wills & Estate Papers 1729-1889			
12	10	1729 & c1820	Will- Jonathan Butler, inventory- Keziah Frisbie
12	11	1795	Will- Daniel Barker
12	12	1800-1805	Estate- Gaskill Woodward
12	13	1827-1828	Estate & inventory- Joel Barker
12	14	1827-1828	Estate- Joel Barker, receipts, land survey
12	15	1876	Estate- Daniel Barker
12	16	1888-1889	Estate- Annis Barker
Correspondence 1815-1880			
13	1	1815-1880	Letters- Harrison

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FAMILY PAPERS

BARKER PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Content</u>
Financial Papers 1755-1876			
13	2	1755-1786	Receipts, invoices, writs- Daniel Barker
13	3	1802-1832	Receipts, invoices, correspondence- Joel Barker
13	4	1811-1872	Receipts, invoices, correspondence, 2 nd Society tax list for 1827- Daniel Baker
13	5	1796	Tax list- P-W, Branford, North Branford & Guilford
13	6	1799	Tax list- P-W, Branford, North Branford & Guilford
13	7	1777-1833	Accounts, correspondence- White Fishing Co. & North Branford Shad Co.
13	8	undated	Accounts- White Fishing Co. & North Branford Shad Co.
13	9	1815-1824	Invoices- White Fishing Co.
13	10	1797-1820	Assorted business papers- David Rose
Miscellaneous Papers_1801-1904			
13	11	1821-1888	Elon Barker papers
13	12	1876-1904	Jane Barker papers
13	13	1822-1891	Herbal, poetry, advertisement, lottery tickets, court records
13	14	1801-1848	Tax receipts, inventories, lists; Inventory- Harrison

RECORD GROUP #1
FAMILY PAPERS**FOOTE PAPERS**

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Foote Papers 1682-1885</u>			
13	15	1682-1726	Deeds- Nathaniel Foote
13	16	1796-1847	Patent, bond, deeds, land survey- Jonathan Foote
13	17	1736-1791	Power of attorney to Nathaniel Foote, warning for meeting, certification for administration- estate of Ephraim Foote
13	18	1857-c1885	Deeds- administration account- Henry Stedman
13	19	1816-1832	Wills, inventory, distribution account- estate of Lucy Foote Parish
13	20	1825-1834	Bills & receipts- Estate of Lucy Foote Parish
13	21	1866-1867	Receipts, inventory, certification of administration- estate of Jonathan Foote
13	22	1771-1867	Receipts
13	23	c1750-1860	Misc. inventories, deed

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FINDING AID
RECORD GROUP #2

PUBLIC PAPERS

Physical measurement: 1 feet, 7 inches
Prepared by: Betty M. Linsley
March 10, 1983

DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

The materials in this record group relate to public affairs and institutions in Branford. The first sub group concerns schools and is divided into school districts. For most of the districts, there is only a scattering of items, but there are some registers and/or meeting notes from the mid 19th century. The most complete collection is that of the Short Beach PTA (1936-1982) which includes a guest book when the school closed in 1982, meeting notes from 1938-1982, an account book 1966-1982 and publicity scrapbooks from 1936-c1949.

The materials in Folder 1 on schools in the center of town was given by Delphina Hammer Clark. Howard Palmer donated the 1908 high school constitution in 1916 and Harriet L. Palmer gave the 1886 library catalogue. The school record book (1849-1856) of Miss Frances M. Beach was given by her daughter Helen F. King in 1918. Mrs. W. E. Fowler gave the Mill Plain School District meeting minutes (1853-1867) in 1934. The Register of Damascus District meeting notes and attendance book (1839-1867) were given by William F. Rogers and his mother Elizabeth Vinal Rogers in 1928. The Short Beach PTA collection was donated by Jane Peterson Bouley in 1982.

The second sub group concerns the churches and contains mostly sermons. The bound volumes of sermons by Timothy Gillett were gifts of the Rev. T. S. Devitt (1809 sermon) in 1902 and David Baldwin and Miss Helen Baldwin (1823 sermon) in 1917. The unbound copies of these same sermons are in poor condition. Most of the materials about the First Congregational Church in folder 4 were given by Delphina Hammer Clark. An exception is the 1754 tax receipt which was the gift of Joseph Baisley in 1909 and was formerly hung on the library wall.

The third sub group relates to town government. In addition to town orders and list (gifts of Delphina Hammer Clark), there is a volume pertaining to briefs of the court case brought against Branford by William Bryan, jr. and others because of the town's refusal to build a bridge over the Branford River. This bridge, Hubbard's Bridge was subsequently built as a result of this case. The briefs were donated by Lewis Warner in 1938. Also of interest in this sub group is the 1869 post office account book which includes a list of box holders.

The fourth group is entitled Special Events. Of interest is the complete program, line of march and verbatim record of the dedication of the Civil War Monument in 1885. James Blackstone, for whom the library is named, had a place of honor in the line of march. The materials in this sub group were donated by Delpina Hammer Clark.

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RECORD GROUP #2
PUBLIC PAPERS

SCHOOLS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
Town Center 1759-1908			
1	1	1759-1875	Collector's orders, student lists, bill meeting notice
1	2	1891	Public school manual
1	3	1886-1908	High School library catalog & alumni constitution
1	4	1849-1856	Book of Frances M. Beach- Quarter District, Canoe Brook & other towns
Mill Plain District 1833-1867			
1	5	1833	Expenses
1	6	1837-1853	Records
1	7	1853-1867	Meeting minutes
Damascus District 1851-1852			
2	1	1851-1852	Register
Paved Street District 1839-1867			
2	2	1839-1867	Meeting notes & attendance
Stony Creek District 1835-1859			
2	3	1835-1859	District voter notice, school bill
Short Beach District 1936-1982			
2	4	1982	Guest book, open house
2	5	1966-1982	PTA account book
2	6	1979-1982	PTA meeting notes
3		1936-c1949	PTA publicity scrapbooks & specifications for new school
3		c1940-1943	PTA publicity scrapbooks
Shelf		1938-1978	PTA meeting notes- 3 volumes

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RECORD GROUP #2
PUBLIC PAPERS

CHURCHES
GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL EVENTS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
Clergy, Sermons & Addresses 1761-1913			
4	1	1888-1913	E. R. Brown, address- Cheshire H. P. Bake- historical discourse
4	2	1808-1858	Timothy Gillett- sermons
4	3	1761	Philemon Robbins- ordination sermon
First Episcopal Society 1754-1845			
4	4	1754-1845	Tax receipts, receipts for Trinity organ
Selectman 1823-1827			
4	5	1823-1827	Town order, persons suitable to keep public houses
Courts			
4	6	1882	Briefs- Bryan vs. Branford (bridge)
Post Office 1869			
VF	drawer 1A	1869	Account book with box holder list
Special Events c1877-1935			
4	7	1885	Program, line of march, speeches- Dedication Civil War monument
4	8	1909	Carnival & Old Home Day program
4	9	c1877	Concert programs, handbill
4	10	1935	Tercentenary study, program & tickets

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RECORD GROUP #3

PRIVATE PAPERS

Physical measurement: 8.5 inches
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DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

The documents in this record group are those involved with individuals, versus records of a whole family or public records. The sub groups follow the format of the other record groups.

The first subgroup, land records, contains mostly warranty deeds and a few land surveys. The Russell, Frisbie and Rosewell deeds in folder 3 were given by Delphina Hammer Clark as were the John Ford deeds in the next three folders. Most of the deeds involve the areas of Cherry Hill, Lake Saltonstall and Brushy Plain. The Bartholomew deed in folder 3 was donated by Albert T. Rogers in 1902.

There are a number of assorted probate papers in the second sub group. Several are from the family of Benjamin Bartholomew in the early 18th century. Most of the other materials were given by Delphina Hammer Clark.

The correspondence group is also varied. Folder 8 contains a letter from William B. Curtiss of North Branford to Albert F. Wheadon which discusses the Civil War. There are also two notes dated 1789 from J. Russell to J. Fitch concerning the payment of excise tax. These were given by T. M. Byxbee of the Internal Revenue Department in 1913. The other letters in the folder were given by Delphina Hammer Clark. Folders 9-11 contain letters from alumni of Branford High School who wrote to the principal or to the *Hornet* (newspaper) advisor in 1944 and 1945 as a result of mailing the newspaper to service men. There are some interesting experiences recounted and the letters were written from all over the world. They were sent to the library by Mr. Murphy of the Connecticut State Library.

Most of the materials in folder 12- births, marriages and deaths came from Delphina Hammer Clark. Of interest is a scrapbook of Branford deaths kept by Martha Tyler from 1795-1812.

In the sub group, diaries, scrapbooks and memoirs is a Civil War orderly book belonging to David Averill and donated by Mrs. Thomas P. Preble in 1948.

Financial papers contains an account book belonging to John W. Miller which was donated by Mrs. Larson of New Haven in 1968. Most of the matierals in folder 5 was donated by Delphina Hammer Clark. The Sliney materials were given to Clark by Olive Pond Ross.

The prize certificates from the Branford Fair (folder 6) and the poetry by local poets (folder 7) were given by Delphina Hammer Clark. Folder 8 contains a copy book in which Daniel Brewer studied math in the early 18th century.

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RECORD GROUP #3
PRIVATE PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Land Records 1743-1847</u>			
1	1	1753-1802	Land surveys, deeds- David, John & Jonathan Towner at Short Rocks & Mill Plain
1	2	1802-1847	Deeds- David & John Towner- Short Rocks & Mill Plain
1	3	1685-1835	Deeds- misc.
1	4	1743-1757	Warranty & quit claim deeds- John Ford
1	5	1762-1773	Warranty & quit claim deeds- division of land for John Ford
1	6	1777-1792	Warranty & quit claim deeds- John Ford
<u>Probate, Estate and Legal Papers 1739-1884</u>			
1	7	1739-1884	Wills, inventories & estate papers- Bartholomew and others
<u>Correspondence 1789-1945</u>			
1	8	1789-1874	Assorted letters- taxes, religion, deeds, wills & the Civil War
1	9	1944-1945	Letters from servicemen- A-D
1	10	1944-1945	Letters from servicemen- E-O
1	11	1944-1945	Letters from servicemen- P-Y
<u>Births, Marriages & Deaths</u>			
1	12	1795-1902	Marriage license, Towner birth records, Martha Tyler death record book, news clippings
<u>Diaries, Scrapbooks and Memoirs c1806-1863</u>			
2	1	c1806-1863	Civil War orderly book- David Averill

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RECORD GROUP #3
PRIVATE PAPERS

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
<u>Financial Papers</u> 1749-1886			
2	2	1749-1777	Accounts- Bartholomew & <u>Sloop Elizabeth</u>
2	3	1746-1792	Assorted accounts
2	4	1777-1837	Invoices, receipts, bill of sale
2	5	1853-1886	Cancelled checks- Foot, bank note & insurance policy- Sliney, tax form
VF drawer 1A		1824-1864	Account book- John W. Miller
<u>Awards</u> 1880-1884			
2	6	1880-1884	Prize certificates- Branford Fair
<u>Literary Papers</u> 1811-1859			
2	7	1811-1859	Poetry
<u>School Papers</u> 1808-1811			
2	8	1808-1811	Daniel Brewer's math book

RECORD GROUP #4
CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Physical measurement: 3 feet
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DESCRIPTIVE GUIDE

The two largest sub groups in this record group are comprised of the bound volumes and other papers of the Mason Rogers Post #7, Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary, the Mason Rogers Corp #46, Woman's Relief Corps. The former was founded in 1881 and the latter in 1893. Both were affiliated with the state and national organizations of the G.A.R. The Mason Rogers Post membership was limited to those who served in the Union army but Relief Corp. members did not have to be blood relatives of Civil War veterans. The G.A.R. was a fraternal organization dedicated to the welfare of Civil War veterans and their families. They also promoted patriotism and the observation of Memorial Day. The Woman's Relief Corp. maintained a relief fund to provide aid to the children and families of veterans. In addition, they visited the sick and promoted patriotism in the schools. The men's group disbanded in the early 1930s, but the Woman's Relief Corp. not until the early 1960s.

The Mason Rogers Post #7 collection, while extensive, is by no means complete. The roster begins in 1881 and only continues until 1915. The meeting notes begin in 1881 and end in 1914 with several years missing in between. General orders from the state and national organizations cover the same periods with missing years. There are a large number of fragmentary items, applications, transfer cards, adjutant reports, correspondence, rules and regulations and by-laws. There are 3 bound volumes in this collection. The minute meetings for the Woman's Relief Corp. #46 are almost complete for the years 1893-1926. The group's records are in 20 bound volumes plus an assortment of quarterly reports. The Relief Corp. memorabilia in the small boxes 1 and 2 were given to the library by Mrs. Harriet R. Forbes in 1963.

The Branford Auxiliary of the New Haven Sanitary Association was formed to provide hospital supplies for soldiers during the Spanish American War in 1898. While it only existed from June 29 until December 1st of that year, the records of the meetings are complete and correspondence and accounts reasonably so.

The next three groups are fragmentary materials relating to the Pine Orchard Association, the Stony Creek Association and the Pine Orchard Country Club. Charles W. Baxter donated a criticism of the Pine Orchard Association by Joseph P. Beach and other material in this sub group in 1920.

The WWII Branford Observation Post was operated by the Aircraft Warning Service, part of the Ground Observers Corp. of the Army Air Force. The Branford Post was organized in January 1941 and after Pearl Harbor spotters began 24 hour duty. A tower was constructed in early 1942 with a cabin and deck for spotting, identifying and recording all aircraft in the area. It was manned around the clock by men and woman civilian volunteers until it closed in May 1944. A collection of orders, correspondence, press releases and official newspapers were given to the library by Charlotte Pfeiff, the publicity officer for the post.

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CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

To save room, the library has combined some of the contents of the boxes. The boxes have the same descriptions.

One box contains Box 1, folders 1-13 and Box 2, folder 1-3 (full)

Second box contains Box 2, folders 4-12 and Box 3, folders 1-8 (room)

Mason Rogers Post #7 G.A.R.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Contents</u>
Orders 1886-1915			
1	1	1886-1894	General orders from state, incomplete
1	2	1909-1915	General orders from state, incomplete
1	3	1886-1894	G.A.R. headquarters, incomplete
1	4	1909-1914	G.A.R. headquarters, incomplete
Rolls and Rosters 1881-1917			
1	5	1895-1907	Rosters- Mason Rogers Post #7 & O. Tyler Post #50
1	6	1906-1917	Annual encampment rolls (3)
1	7	1881-1915	Descriptive book
Reports 1880-1896			
1	8	1880-1896	Adjutant's reports- attendance, incomplete
Correspondence 1886-1916			
1	9	1892-1909	General- letters & cards
1	10	1912-1916	General- letters
1	11	1886-1913	Official letters- state & national
1	12	1891-1914	Official letters- misc.
Supplies_1895-1915			
1	13	1895-1915	Grave markers- forms

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MASON ROGERS POST #7
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP. #46

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
Records 1881-1914			
2	1	1881-1914	Book of meeting minutes
2	2	1881-1904	Book of meeting minutes
2	3	1882-1914	Misc. lists, meeting notes, rosters
2	4	1886-1910	List of Conn. pensions by act of Congress, Office of Soldier's Hospital Board
Forms 1882-1916			
2	5	188(?) -1906	Assorted applications
2	6	1882-1906	Transfer forms, assorted blank forms
Organization 1884-1896			
2	8	1884-1896	Rules & Regulations, by-laws
2	9		Rituals & hymns
<u>Woman's Relief Corp.</u>			
Rolls & Rosters 1893-1963			
Shelf Box		1893-1926	Rolls of members, vol. 1
2	10	1937-1963	Dept. of Conn. roster & supplement, annual encampment rolls G.A.R. and Women's Relief Corps
Reports 1897-1916			
2	11	1897-1901	Quarterly reports, incomplete
2	12	1908-1916	Quarterly reports, incomplete
Rolls & Rosters 1893-1963			
Shelf Box		1893-1926	Rolls of members, vol. 1
2	10	1937-1973	Dept. of Conn. roster & supplement, annual encampment rolls

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CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORP. #46
NEW HAVEN SANITARY ASSOCIATION
PINE ORCHARD ASSOCIATION

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
Woman' Relief Corp. #46 Reports 1897-1916			
2	11	1897-1901	Quarterly reports, incomplete
2	12	1908-1916	Quarterly reports, incomplete
Records 1893-1952			
Shelf		1893-1933	Journals, 12 vols.
Shelf		1939-1952	Journals, 2 vols.
Shelf		1893-1918	Ledgers, 2 vols.
Shelf		1893-1915	Cash book, 3 vols.
Miscellaneous 1897-c1948			
Small box 1		1897-1958	Dept. of Conn. annual convention journals, incomplete
Small box 2		1906-c1948	Activities & services, creed, Andersonville Prison Park, Gettysburg Address, songbooks, Red Book, National Convention Journal

Branford Auxiliary of New Haven Sanitary Association 1898

3	1	1898	Meeting minutes, notice of disbandment
3	2	1898	Correspondence
3	3	1898	Accounts, receipts, invoices

The Pine Orchard Association 1903-1965

3	4	1903-1917	Resolution of incorporation, critique of the resolution, amendments
3	5	1942-1965	Ordinances, by-laws
3	6	1915	President's report

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RECORD GROUP #4
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STONY CREEK ASSOCIATION
PINE ORCHARD CLUB
BRANFORD OBSERVATION POST

Box Folder Years Content

The Stony Creek Association 1962

3 7 1962 Charter, by-laws

The Pine Orchard Club 1929

3 8 1929 By-laws

Branford Observation Post
Correspondence 1942-1944

4 1 1942-1944 Personnel lists, letters & orders

4 2 1943 Letters & orders- Jan. to April

4 3 1943-1944 Letters & orders

4 4 c1942-1944 Press releases

Newspapers & Magazines 1942-1944

4 5 1942-1943 Nutmeg Observer, Wing Tips, The Liaison, Listening Post,
Aircraft Warning Volunteer, Portland Press Herald

4 6 1942-1943 Observation Post

4 7 1942 Rural New Yorker

4 8 1942-1943 Assorted news clippings

Miscellaneous c1942-1982

4 9 c1942-1943 Arm bands, uniforms, airplane identification poster

4 10 1982 Term paper- Aircraft Warning Service of Connecticut,
Branford 1941-1944 by Theodore R. Peterson

VF drawer 1A 1942 Airplane identification charts

Scrapbooks 1942-1944

VF drawer 1A 1942-1944 Observer certificates, news clippings, letters, Wing Tips,
personnel lists, news clippings

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RECORD GROUP #5
MISCELLANEOUS

Physical measurement: 1 foot
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The materials in the miscellaneous group did not fit into the other categories or do not involve Branford people or history. Most of folder 1 and 3 were collected by Delphina Hammer Clark and are believed to be Branford in origin. The almanac in folder 3 lists a chronicle of Connecticut events for 1873-1874. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Roland Geier were responsible for the survey of houses and markers by the Connecticut Antiquarian & Landmarks Society. There is a lot of information, especially about cemetery markers, not found elsewhere in the collection.

There are two sets of items involving the Civil War. Mrs. Jones (first name unknown) donated the Confederate certificates in folder 1. Ammi Barker gave the library a collection of reports for the sick and wounded in 1915. Included in this collection are the letters of Dr. H.V.C. Holcombe a surgeon with the 15th Connecticut Regiment (folder 5).

Mrs. W.E. Comstock donated the papers in folder 2. They include an 1829 edition of Prindle's Almanack, published in New Haven. The 1837 letter written by Benjamin Dimmick of Wilton, New York was given by Ivan McDonald of Branford. Mr. Dimmick was Mr. McDonald's great great grandfather.

Caroline Jourdan donated the 1871 Handbook of the New Haven Railroad in folder 5. A collection of signatures of famous persons and "curiosities" in folder 7 that belonged to Martha Russell of North Branford were given by her niece Mrs. L.M. Dow.

A photocopy of the original Branford Patent and a typed transcript found in folder 6 were in the library safe as were the history notes compiled by Alice Taylor Peterson (folder 8).

Also in this record group are two small boxes. Box 1 contains cigar wrappers given by Richard M. Grave in 1971 (the Grave family manufactured cigars in New Haven). Box 2 contains memorabilia, mostly of the G.A.R. belonging to Sefton Stannard who lived in Hartford but was born in Branford. This collection was given by Alden Linsley in 1970.

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
1	1		Assorted lists, reflections, Confederate certificates (repros)
1	2	c1800-1848	Poetry, speeches, <u>Prindle's Almanack</u> 1829 Poem for the death of John Quincy Adams, Jemima Fuller Fuller 1808 death, speech by John Adams
1	3	1830-c1915	Life of Stephen Bradley of Madison, map of Branford, correspondence, almanac, poem about Branford business, <i>Branford Opinion</i> , magazine articles letter Benjamin Dimmick to Clarissa 1837
1	4	1862-1865	Reports of Sick & Wounded- Dr. H.V.C. Holcombe, 15 th Conn. Regiment; blank disability discharge forms
1	5	1871	Handbook of the New Haven Railroad with business directory for each town along the route
1	6	1682-1687	Copy of Branford Patent and transcription
1	7	1853-1903	Signatures & Curiosities, includes ticket to President Johnson's impeachment (an original) from Martha Russell of North Branford
1	8	c1965	Bibliography notes, Branford history- Alice Taylor Peterson
Clamp folder		c1967	Historical Survey of Branford houses, markers- Connecticut Antiquarian & Landmarks Society
(room)			
Small box 1		c1971	Cigar wrappers
Small box 2		1885-1939	Sefton Stannard- memorabilia Hartford G.A.R. ribbons and calling cards
(the above two now combined in one box)			

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Record Group #5
Miscellaneous

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Content</u>
in larger flat boxes			
2	1	1770-1775	<i>The Boston Gazette and Country Journal</i> , March 12, 1790 <i>The Massachusetts Spy</i> , May 3, 1775
2	2	1773-1781	<i>Norwich Packet</i> , December 16, 1773 <i>Newport Mercury</i> , October 27, 1781
2	3	1800	<i>Ulster County Gazette</i> , January 4, 1800
2	4	1806	<i>Columbian Herald and American Repository</i> , Jan. 23, 1806
2	5	1821	<i>Connecticut Gazette</i> , September 12, 1821
2	6	1850-1851	<u>Boston Cultivator</u> , March 23, 1805 & May 1, 1851
2	7	1852	<u>The Calendar</u> (Episcopal), January 31, 1852
2	8	1864	<i>North Carolina Times</i> , June 29, 1864
2	9	1865	<i>New York Times</i> , March 29, 1865
2	10	1865	<i>New York World</i> , April 5 & 6, 1865
2	11	1865	<i>New York Tribune</i> , February 1, 8, 10-13, 16, 21-28, 1865
3	1	1865	<i>New York Tribune</i> , March 1-5, 6-7, 9-15, 1865
3	2	1865	<i>New York Tribune</i> , March 16-31, 1865
3	3	1865	<i>New York Tribune</i> , April 1-9, 11-14, 1865
3	4	1865	<i>New York Tribune</i> , April 15-19, 22-24, 1865