

Church Family Papers Description and finding aid

Ephemera, letters, genealogy and documents relating to the Church and Hyatt / Hoyt families of Norwalk, Connecticut, primarily from the 19th through the mid-twentieth century .

One box (.40 linear foot)

Collection donated by Ruth McLean to Lockwood House, 1992.

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Acquisition: The Church Family Papers was received by the Norwalk Public Library from the Norwalk Museum during the restructuring of the Museum in 2013.

Access: There are no restrictions to items in this collection.

Related Materials: Photographs of family members are housed in Portrait files, Church [2872-2883], and Hoyt [3028, 3653-3654, 3872-3873]

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Introduction and scope of collection

Sherman W. Church was a Norwalk civil engineer. James W. Hyatt served a term as treasurer of the United States, 1887-1889. Both families have roots in the town's colonial era. The collection consists of personal and business ephemera, genealogical notes and papers on the Church and Hoyt / Hyatt families, letters and personal legal documents.

Folder 1

Church genealogy – includes genealogical charts, obituaries, cemetery listings and Church-Hyatt connection

Folder 2

Church papers –

Center Junior High School, Class of 1918, original photo and list of graduates

Center Junior High School, Class of 1919, photocopy of class photo, list of graduates

Over River School, Class of 1908, class photo and photocopy, and partial list of graduates

Lists of students, prepared by (?) school, for 30 Sept. 1917, 31 Dec. 1917, photocopies

Inventory, Estate of Mary E. Church, d. 1893, photocopy
Will of Ebenezer J. Church, 1917, photocopy
Postcard photograph of "Daniel Church homestead, South Wilton, Conn.", with genealogical notes penciled on reverse
NRA certificate and membership card

Folder 3

Hoyt / Hyatt genealogy and papers
Genealogical charts, correspondence, obituary and marriage clippings, transcriptions of Bible records, genealogical notes
"Cheers Here 50 Years Ago as Norwalker Gets U.S. Post," Hour, 14 May 1937, clipping and photocopy of article concerning 1887 appointment of James W. Hyatt as U.S. Treasurer.

Folder 4

Fitch House 1
Correspondence, news clippings, photographs and notes relative to the restoration of the Governor Fitch House and the family of Gov. Thomas Fitch

Folder 5

Fitch House 2
"Notes on Gov. Fitch homestead and Adjacent Tracts," by Malcolm P. Hunt (?), on letterhead of Lovejoy & Cuneo.

Folder 6

Fitch House, 1969 – Typed article written by F.D. Kingsbury

Folder 7

"Civil War Historical Facts Recalled by Dr. F.A. Haugh," at YMCA, Norwalk, 2 May 1961, published, Hour 3 May 1961, p. 3, clipping and photocopy

Folder 8

Ephemera - Includes business papers, newspaper sections, correspondence, printed photo illustration of Nauvoo Island, 1932, map of Wilson Point, 1960

Envelopes

Negatives, 8 portraits, 1 house
Account book, William Church, 1833-1849

Bank book, William Church, 1882-1886

Cash book, James R. Church (1815-1866)

Minute book, "The Desperate Club," (1869), in the hand of James W. Hyatt

Books: New Hymnary; 1914 pocket calendar; 1917 pocket calendar

Book: "Father Kemp's Old Folks Concert Music, rev. ed., 1889."