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Roger Griswold Papers

A Guide to the Roger Griswold Papers at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository :	Connecticut Historical Society
Creator :	Griswold, Roger
Title :	Roger Griswold Papers
Dates :	1781-1813
Extent :	0.50 linear foot (1 box)
Abstract :	Collection consists of correspondence, transcriptions of speeches and proclamations as congressman and as Governor of Connecticut.
Location:	Ms Grisr1812
Language:	English

Biographical Sketch

Roger Griswold, Son of Matthew and Ursula (Wolcott) Griswold was born in Lyme, Connecticut on May 21, 1762. He was graduated at Yale College in 1780 and until admitted to the bar in 1783 worked in his father's office, studying law. He immediately settled to practice in Norwich, returning to Lyme in 1798.

In October, 1798 Griswold married Fanny Rogers daughter of Colonel Zabdiel and Elizabeth (Tracy) Rogers.

In 1794 he entered the Connecticut Legislature, only to be elected to the House of Representatives in September of the same year. He did not return to political life in Connecticut until 1807, serving on the benches of the Supreme and Superior Courts of the State. In 1809, upon the death of Governor Jonathan Trumbull, Griswold was elected to Lieutenant Governor. In 1811 he was returned as Governor and remained in this office until his death.

With popular and official state approval, Griswold was strongly opposed to the war with Great Britain, and went so far as to refuse to place Connecticut

militia under the command of the national government. The resulting constitutional arguments continued after Griswold's death on October 25, 1812.

Scope and Content

Collection consists predominantly of correspondence, the majority of which are transcriptions of letters written by Roger Griswold during the period 1781 - 1812. Of original material in this collection, correspondence is largely personal and addressed to Fanny Griswold, Elizabeth Griswold and Juliette Griswold. Also included are some papers and correspondence of Charles L. Boalt.

Arrangement

Materials are organized into six series, based on previous arrangement.

Series I: Letters to Fanny Griswold consists of personal letters written to his wife, Fanny Griswold, between February 19th, 1796 and December 27, 1801 whilst in Philadelphia and Washington. The letters are of a personal nature, discussing family business and the health of family members, but frequently contain news of political affairs.

Series II: Letters to Elizabeth Griswold (Boalt) consists of personal letters written to Elizabeth Griswold from family and friends.

Series III: Letters to Juliette Griswold consists of two personal letters written to Juliette Griswold from friends.

Series IV: Charles L. Boalt Correspondence consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings and printed circulars concerning the Hyde family.

Series V: Report on Provisions Inspected for Export consists of a report of beef and pork inspected and branded in the counties of Connecticut for the year 1811. The report was submitted to Governor Roger Griswold by Elizuh Goodrich.

Series VI: Cedric L. Robinson Transcriptions consists of transcriptions of letters written by Roger Griswold during the period September, 1781 - October, 1812. Transcriptions are arranged chronologically into four fascicles. The letters are of mixed personal and business content, many of which comment on political affairs conducted in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

Materials in this collection are arranged chronologically in each series to compliment access points from the card catalog.

Restrictions

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

Use Restrictions

Use of the material requires compliance with the Connecticut Historical Society's Research Center regulations.

Subject Headings

Personal Names

Boalt, Charles.
Boalt, Elizabeth Griswold.
Goodrich, Elizur.
Griswold, Fanny Rogers.
Griswold, Juliette.

Subjects

Meat inspection Connecticut.

Geographic Names

Connecticut Politics and government 1775-1865.
United States Politics and government 1801-1815.

Genre Forms

Holographs; holographs, signed; typescripts.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut.

Processing Details

Updated to EAD 2002 in December 2010.

Accruals

The collection is open, additional material is not expected.

Related Material

An index of catalog cards is available to access Griswold related material in other collections at the item level. Access is through writer, recipient and date. The card catalog is located in the Research Center reading room.

Transcriptions of Griswold correspondence collected by Wolcott G. Lane in the 1940s and 1950s can be found in the Wolcott G. Lane Papers at the Connecticut Historical Society.

Contents:

I. Letters to Fanny Griswold

Box Folder

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| 1 | 1 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. February 19, 1796. (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 2 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. February 23, 1796. (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 3 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. April 13, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 4 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. May 9, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 5 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. May 14, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 6 | Letter to Fanny Griswold,. May 19, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 7 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. May 26, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 8 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. December 12, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 9 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. December 16, 1796 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 10 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. March 1, 1797 (1 item) |

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| | | Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 11 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. March 1, 1797 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 12 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. December 8, 1797 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 13 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. January, 1798 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 14 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. December 23, 1799 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |
| 1 | 15 | Letter to Fanny Griswold. December 27, 1801 (1 item)
Folder contains transcription of letter. |

II. Letters to Elizabeth Griswold (Boalt)

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| 1 | 16 | Letters to Elizabeth Griswold (Boalt). 1818 - 1846 (8 items) |
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III. Letters to Juliette Griswold

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| 1 | 17 | Letters to Juliette Griswold. [18--?] (2 items) |
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IV. Charles L. Boalt Correspondence

Box Folder

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| 1 | 18 | Charles L. Boalt Correspondence. [1823 - 1862] (9 items) |
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V. Report on Provisions Inspected for Export

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| 1 | 19 | Report on Provisions Inspected for Export. 1811 (1 item) |
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VI. Cedric L. Robinson Transcriptions

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| 1 | 20 | Transcribed copies of Letters from Roger Griswold.(Fascicle 1-A).
September 1, 1811 - January 13, 1798 (1 fascicle) |
| 1 | 21 | Transcribed copies of Letters from Roger Griswold. (Fascicle 2-A).
January 18, 1798 - December 20, 1801 (1 fascicle) |
| 1 | 22 | Transcribed copies of Letters from Roger Griswold. (Fascicle 3-A).
January 1, 1801 - May 16, 1812 (1 fascicle) |
| 1 | 23 | Transcribed copies of Letters from Roger Griswold. (Fascicle 4-A).
May 12, 1812 - October 29, 1812 (1 fascicle) |