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Timothy Dimock Papers, 1809-1887

A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository:	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Dimock, Timothy
Title :	Timothy Dimock Papers
Dates :	1809-1887
Extent :	1.5 linear feet (1.5 boxes, 1 volume)
Location:	Ms 100702
Language:	English and French

Biographical Sketch

Timothy Dimock was born on April 7th, 1800 in Coventry, Connecticut, to Daniel Dimmock (also spelled Dimmick) and Anna Wright. He had eight siblings. He graduated from Yale in 1823 and spent 45 years as a doctor in Coventry. He was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives in 1838 and the Senate in 1846. During the 1850s and 1860s he served as surgeon for parts of Connecticut's militia, empowered to grant medical waivers for exemption of duty. Timothy married Mary Ann Moody (born circa 1812) on June 29th, 1826. She died on August 16th, 1838 after giving birth to a daughter on July 31st who died soon after birth. Timothy remarried on May 8th, 1839 to Laura Farnum Booth (born circa 1816). Her father was the Reverend Chauncey Booth. The two had three children: Daniel (born circa 1835), Maria (born circa 1844) and Henry (born circa 1845). He corresponded with a niece, L. Dimock, and a nephew, D.D. Clark. Timothy may have been a justice of the peace or otherwise involved in court cases. He died on April 24th, 1874. Henry Farnum Dimock attended Yale in the late 1830s and later worked as a grocer. He died on April 10th, 1911, leaving \$40,000 to the South Coventry Library Association to build the Booth and Dimock Memorial Library, named for his father and grandfather.

Scope and Content

The collection is made up primarily of correspondence and legal, financial and personal documents relating to Timothy Dimock. Family correspondence includes letters to Timothy from his nephew D.D. Clark, and from son Henry to his mother Laura Dimock. General correspondence to Timothy follows the family letters. Legal documents consist of agreements and indentures, insurance records, court documents, and summons. Among the financial records are receipts, accounts, tax records and an account book. Timothy settled his father Daniel's estate, and those records are part of the collection. Timothy's medical career is represented by medical prescriptions and lists of ingredients for various treatments. Henry Dimock is represented by a composition entitled "Brotherhood of Man" and by financial records, 1865, 1886-1887. A number of items cannot be attributed to any one person. These include several compositions and French lessons, a wallet with an inked inscription containing several small documents and some human hair, and a small notebook and an account book. Of note in the collection are a Dimock family genealogy and a newspaper pattern for a shirt.

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

Dimock, Daniel.
Dimock, Henry.
Dimock, Laura Farnum Booth.
Dimock, Timothy, 1800-1874.

Subjects

Dimmick family.
Dimock, Daniel.
Dimock, Henry.
Dimock, Laura Farnum Booth.
Physicians --Connecticut --Coventry.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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

Processing Details

Collection was processed by Robert Johnston in 2009.

EAD Finding Aid created June 2011.

Accruals

The collection is closed.

Contents:

Papers

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1	1	Correspondence to the Dimock family, 1839-1869, undated
1	2	Correspondence to Timothy Dimock from nephew, 1840-1867
1	3	Correspondence from Timothy Dimock to nephew, 1859-1860
1	4	Correspondence to Laura Dimock from son Henry, 1860-1869
1	5	General correspondence to Timothy Dimock, 1827-1846
1	6	General correspondence to Timothy Dimock, 1852-1874
1	7	Military/State Militia Documents and Record Book, ca. 1860-1869
1	8	Tax documents, 1862-1870
1	9	Insurance documents, 1858-1868
1	10	Agreements/indentures, 1815-1853
1	11	Legal/court documents, 1850-1865, undated
1	12	Sheriff summons, 1846-1853
1	13-14	Estate of Daniel Dimock documents/records
1	15	Medical prescriptions/ingredients
1	16	Henry Dimock "Brotherhood of Man" composition
1	17	Unattributed French lessons
1	18	Unattributed compositions
1	19	Papers removed from account book

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1	20	Henry Dimock financial documents/receipts 1865, 1886-1887
1	21	Undated financial documents/receipts
1	22	Financial documents/receipts, 1809 ca. 1825-1835
1	23	Financial documents/receipts, ca. 1845
1	24	Financial documents/receipts, 1850-1855

Box Folder

2	1	Financial documents/receipts, 1856-1859
2	2	Financial documents/receipts, ca. 1865
2	3	Financial documents/receipts, 1870-1874
2	4	Unattributed wallet
2	5	Unattributed notebook, undated
2	6	Unattributed account book, 1850s
2	7	James S. Whitney notebook, 1862
2	8	Dimock family genealogy, 1862
2	9	Assorted documents
2	10	Shirt Pattern, undated

Volume

1	Account book, 1864-1866
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