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Whitman Family Correspondence, 1808-1867

A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository:	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Whitman Family
Title :	Whitman Family Correspondence
Dates :	1808-1867
Extent :	0.5 linear feet (1 box)
Location:	Ms 70929
Language:	English

Biographical Sketch

Captain Samuel Whitman (1753-1810), a Revolutionary War soldier, was born in West Hartford where he lived with his wife Abigail Abbott Whitman (1762-1844). Their oldest son Samuel (1786-1888) married Elizabeth Howard and lived in West Hartford where he was devoted to breeding fine sheep and serving with the Governor's Horse Guard. The other children in the family included Eliza (1788-1812), Abigail (1789-1812) who married Timothy Goodman, Henry (1791-1812), Emma who died young, Lucy (1797-1831) who married Avelyn Sedgwick and settled in Ogden, NY, Harriet (1799-1850) who married Epaphras Goodman, Timothy's brother and a minister, Emeline (1801-1825), Julia (1803-1864) and Laura (1807-1833). Samuel and Elizabeth Howard Whitman had children Henry Lyman, George Abbott, Eliza (b. 1819), Myrtle, Charlotte, Samuel (b. 1823), Emeline (b. 1826) and John (b. 1828). Additional information on the family can be found in the collection folder in the archivist's office and in the Whitman genealogy.

Scope and Content

The collection consists almost entirely of correspondence among the members of the Whitman, Goodman and Sedgwick families concerning family and neighborhood news. There are a few other documents, namely

some rewards of merit for good school work, several compositions and poems, and a memorandum book kept by one of the Samuel Whitmans.

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

Goodman, Abigail Whitman, 1789-1812.
Goodman, Epaphras, 1790-1862.
Goodman, Harriet Whitman, 1799-1850.
Goodman, Timothy, 1787-1869.
Sedgwick, Avelyn 1793-1868.
Sedgwick, Lucy Whitman, 1797-1831.
Whitman family.
Whitman, Abigail Abbott, 1762-1844.
Whitman, Eliza, 1788-1812.
Whitman, Emeline, 1801-1825.
Whitman, Henry, 1791-1812.
Whitman, John b. 1828.
Whitman, Julia, 1803-1864.
Whitman, Laura, 1807-1833.
Whitman, Samuel, 1786

Subjects

Family networks --Connecticut --West Hartford.
West Hartford (Conn.) --History --Sources.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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

Processing Details

Collection was processed by Ruth Douglass and Barbara Austen in 2008.

EAD Finding Aid created June 2011.

Accruals

The collection is closed.

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| 1 | 3 | Abigail Whitman from Emeline Whitman and from Harriet and Epaphras Goodman, 1829-1842 |
| 1 | 4 | Samuel Whitman from Timothy Goodman, 1810 |
| 1 | 5 | Samuel Whitman from Henry Whitman, 1813 |
| 1 | 6 | Samuel Whitman from Harriet and Epaphras Goodman, 1830-1850 |
| 1 | 7 | Samuel Whitman from Avelyn Sedgwick, 1836-1849 |
| 1 | 8 | Samuel Whitman from Julia Whitman, 1845-1862 |
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| 1 | 13 | Henry Whitman from Timothy Whitman and Orville Deming, 1814 |
| 1 | 14 | Harriet Whitman Goodman from her sisters Lucy and Julia, from Avelyn Sedgwick and from her husband Epaphras Goodman, 1826-1845 |
| 1 | 15 | Emeline Whitman school composition and rewards of merit letters from friends and from Harriet Whitman Goodman, 1819,1821-1825 |
| 1 | 16 | Julia Whitman award of merit, undated, and probate document, 1864 |
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- Sedgwick, Avelyn Sedgwick, Epaphras Goodman, and Harriet
Thompson Sedgwick, 1819-1842, undated
- 1 21 Laura Whitman from sisters Julia, Lucy Sedgwick and Harriet
Goodman, 1825-1833
- 1 22 Eliza Whitman from Abigail Whitman and aunts Harriet and Helen
Goodman, 1830-1860
- 1 23 John Whitman from Emma Arnold and Samuel Goodman, 1864-
1867
- 1 24 Assorted Whitman and Goodman correspondence, 1808-1862
- 1 25 Assorted documents, 1815-ca. 1850