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Newton C. Brainard research

A Guide to the collection at the Connecticut Historical Society

Collection Overview

Repository:	Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
Creator :	Brainard, Newton Case, 1880-1964.
Title :	Newton C. Brainard research
Dates :	1956-1961
Extent :	2 folders
Location:	Ms 64722
Language:	English

Biographical Sketch

Newton Case Brainard (1904-1964) became a member of the Connecticut Historical Society (CHS) on January 5, 1904. From May 19, 1953 until May 21, 1963, Brainard served as the President of CHS, but continued to be an active member of the Standing Committee and the Society until his death on July 16, 1964. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut on December 26, 1880 to Leverett and Mary (Bulkeley) Brainard. Brainard was a lifelong Connecticut resident, graduating from Yale in 1902 and earning a Master of Arts Degree from Trinity College in 1946.

Brainard was very active in his community and in 1920 he was elected Mayor of Hartford. Later, he served on the Board of Park Commissioners. He was an ardent supporter for the erection of a municipal airport and, as such, Brainard Field was named in honor of him and dedicated in 1921. Brainard was also instrumental in saving the Hartford State House and, in part due to his position as Chairman of Hartford's Fine Arts Commission, oversaw that the building was kept in repair and personally saw to it that the Senate Chamber was refurnished. According to the Society's Annual Report of 1965, "His interests were varied and many, and his friendship for and generosity to this Society were unparalleled."

For further information about Newton C. Brainard, see the Connecticut Historical Society's Annual Report of 1965, which contains a detailed article about him in its Necrology section, pages 7-9.

Arrangement Note

The research notes have been arranged chronologically to the extent possible and a separate folder contains the embossing of the seal of Hartford.

Scope and Content

This collection contains the correspondence of Newton C. Brainard, a Past President of the Connecticut Historical Society, as well as the correspondence of Thompson Harlow, former Director of CHS, all of which relates to their research on the origins of the seal of the city of Hartford that was reportedly first used on a diploma bestowed upon Hector Lewis St. John Crèvecoeur (1735-1813) in 1785 by the mayor of Hartford. There are also research notes, an exhibit placard, newspaper articles, and pictures of the original Hartford seal. The collection also contains an embossing of the seal itself.

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

Harlow, Thompson R. (Thompson Ritner), 1915-
St. John de Creveceour, J. Hector, 1735-1813.

Subjects

Seals (Numismatics) -- Connecticut -- Hartford.

Geographic Names

Hartford (Conn.) -- Seal.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Processing Details

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Accruals

The collection is closed.

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