# **Guide to the Fowler Family Papers**

#### **MS 221**



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#### Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 221

**CREATOR:** Fowler family

TITLE: Fowler family papers

**DATES: 1707-1870** 

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence (1806-1870), deeds (1707-1857) to property in Connecticut,

and miscellaneous papers. The bulk of the correspondence is that of William Chauncey Fowler (1793-1881), an educator. Principal correspondents include George Sewall Boutwell, Lewis Cass, Salmon Portland Chase, Rufus Choate, Schuyler Colfax, Horace Mann, Gideon Algernon Mantell, and Truman Smith. Also in the papers is an account book (1854-1866) of Crampton and Fowler, manufacturers and farmers of Northford, Connecticut and a collection of

autographs, including one of John Quincy Adams.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box

f. folder

#### **Administrative Information**

#### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Gift of the Fowler family.

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#### **Preferred Citation**

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## **Scope and Contents**

The Fowler Family Collection consists of one manuscript box and contains approximately 300 items. Deeds, 1707-1857 to land in Canaan, Guilford, Middletown, New Haven, North Branford and Wallingford Conn. Miscellaneous papers, 1756-1860, mainly receipts, bills, promissory notes and tax receipts. Also, a folder containing autographs of well known people, including one of John Qunicy Adams.

The correspondence dates from 1806-1870, the bulk of which was written to William Chauncey fowler (1793-1881). Among the correspondents are George Sewall Boutwell (1818-1905), Lewis Cass (1782-1866), Salmon Portland Chase (1808-1873), Rufus Choate (1799-1859), Schuyler Colfax (1823-1885), Horace Mann (1796-1859), Gideon Algernon Mantell (1790-1852), and Truman Smith (1791-1884).

There is an account book, 1854-1866 of Crampton & Fowler, manufacturers, and farmers, of Northford, Conn. Also, a book written by Samuel Miles Hopkins (1772-1837)\* depicting public and private life in Waterbury, Conn. He comments on the appointment of Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Forces, on General Ethan Allen, and on the history of the state of Connecticut.

\*This book has been removed to Miscellaneous Manuscripts, Alphabetical Series, Mss 352.

# **Collection Contents**

b. 1, f. 1	Correspondence	1806-1870, undated
	Deeds	
b. 1, f. 2	1746, 1784-1813	
b. 1, f. 3	1816-1835	
b. 1, f. 4	1845-1850	
b. 1, f. 5	1853-1857	
	Miscellaneous legal and financial papers	
b. 1, f. 6	1759, 1783-1822	
b. 1, f. 7	1834-1837	
b. 1, f. 8	1838-1839	
b. 1, f. 9	1840-1850	
b. 1, f. 10	1851-1853	
b. 1, f. 11	1854-1858	
b. 1, f. 12	1859-1866	
b. 1, f. 13	n.d.	
b. 1, f. 14	Crampton & Fowler, Manufacturers and Farmers of Northford, Ct.: Account book	1854-1866
b. 1, f. 15	Autograph collection (electrostatic copies)	1714-1886
b. 1, f. 16	Record of texts for weekly sermons	1828

#### **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects
Agriculture

Education Educators

Families

Farmers

**Geographic Names** 

Connecticut Northford (Conn.)

**Genres / Formats** 

Account books Autographs Deeds

**Occupations** 

Manufacturers

#### **Names**

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848 Adams, Nehemiah, 1806-1878 Baldwin, Roger S. (Roger Sherman), 1793-1863 Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905 Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866 Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873 Choate, Rufus, 1799-1859 Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885 Cushing, Caleb, 1800-1879 Fowler, Orin, 1791-1852 Fowler, William Chauncey, 1793-1881 Mann, Horace, 1796-1859 Mantell, Gideon Algernon, 1790-1852 Owen, Robert Dale, 1801-1877 Percival, James Gates, 1795-1856 Smith, Truman, 1791-1884 Winthrop, Robert C. (Robert Charles), 1809-1894

**Families** 

Fowler family

Corporate Body
Crampton and Fowler