Guide to the Fowler Family Papers

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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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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 Quincy 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.
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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

**Families**
Fowler family

**Corporate Body**
Crampton and Fowler

**Geographic Names**
Connecticut
Northford (Conn.)

**Genres / Formats**
Account books
Autographs
Deeds

**Occupations**
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**Names**
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Adams, Nehemiah, 1806-1878
Baldwin, Roger S. (Roger Sherman), 1793-1863
Boutwell, George S. (George Sewall), 1818-1905
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