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Collection Overview

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TITLE: Pond family papers

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LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, Pond and Norton family deeds, and financial papers of the Pond family of Connecticut together with records pertaining to the town of Wolcott. The papers also contain a partial autobiography of Peter Pond (1740-1807) describing his experiences in the French and Indian War and as a fur trader in the northwest.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

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Preferred Citation
Pond Family Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical
Moses Pond (1787-1873): lawyer; Connecticut State representative (1837-1855); and selectman of Wolcott, Connecticut. Peter Pond (1740-1807): soldier in the French and Indian War; fur trader in the West, 1765-1785; and explorer of the U.S. Northwest.

Scope and Contents
The bulk of the Pond Family Papers relate to Moses Pond (d. 1819), to his sons Moses, Jr., Aaron, and Alpheus, and to Henry A. Pond, son of Moses, Jr. Moses Pond, Jr. (1787-1873), was a lawyer, executor of numerous estates, state representative (1837-1855), collector of the ecclesiastical tax, and selectman of the town of Wolcott, Connecticut.

The Pond Family papers contain a selection of business correspondence (1818-1896), a large number of deeds for land in Farmington, Wolcott, Southington, Waterbury, and Bristol, Connecticut, belonging to the Pond and Norton families, and legal and financial documents, both originals and copies, such as leases, papers from various estates, and receipts. Also in the papers are letters patent for Seth Peck’s tinware manufacturing machine, Adam Pond’s petition concerning privateering, various papers relating to the town of Wolcott, including tax records of the ecclesiastical society, and an account book for the Wolcott sawmill. The final item in this collection is the partial autobiography of Peter Pond, describing his experiences in the French and Indian War (1756-1760) and afterwards as a trader in the northwest.

Information on the genealogy of the Pond family can be found in A Genealogical Record of Samuel Pond, and his Descendants by Daniel S. Pond.
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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**
- Families
- Lawyers

**Geographic Names**
- Connecticut
- United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- United States -- History -- French and Indian War, 1754-1763
- Wolcott (Conn. : Town)

**Genres / Formats**
- Account books
- Deeds

**Occupations**
- Fur traders

**Names**
- Pond, Henry A.
- Pond, Moses, 1787-1873
- Pond, Moses, d. 1819
- Pond, Peter, 1740-1807

**Families**
- Norton family
- Pounds family