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Collection Overview

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**CREATOR:** Fish, Asa, 1790-1861

**TITLE:** Asa Fish papers

**DATES:** 1810–1855

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Letters from family, friends, and business associates of Asa Fish chiefly relating to ocean going trade, whaling, and sealing around the Cape of Good Hope and marine insurance. Also some material on politics in Connecticut.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

**Immediate Source of Acquisition**

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Preferred Citation

Asa Fish Papers (MS 963). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Asa Fish was born in Stonington, Connecticut, on July 17, 1790. He was the son of Sands Fish and Bridget Gallup. He was a merchant, insurance agent, bank and railroad director, selectman, probate judge, state legislator, and political and civic leader of Stonington. He was married to Prudence Brown Dean on September 30, 1818. Fish died in Mystic, Connecticut, on April 20, 1861.

Scope and Contents

The Asa Fish Papers consist of letters, printed notices, and commercial papers that Fish received from relatives, friends, and associates in business and public life. The letters touch on all his interests but are mainly concerned with ocean-going trade (mainly between American ports), marine insurance, whaling and sealing around the Cape of Good Hope, banking in New London County, minor business of the probate court, and Republican-Whig politics in Connecticut. The coverage is fragmentary.
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Selected Search Terms
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Subjects
Business
Merchants
Sealing
Shipping
Whaling

Geographic Names
Connecticut -- Commerce
Connecticut -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865
Stonington (Conn.)
United States -- Politics and government

Occupations
Politicians

Names
Fish, Asa, 1790-1861
Fish, James Deane, b. 1819
Fish, Silas, b. 1825
Perkins, Thomas Clap, 1798-1870