

# Guide to the Dyer White Papers

GEN MSS 1862



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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 1862

**CREATOR:** White, Dyer, 1762-1841

**TITLE:** Dyer White papers

**DATES:** 1762-1856

**BULK DATES:** 1799-1841

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.03 linear feet (6 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English (Latin script)

**SUMMARY:** Papers of Dyer White pertaining to his efforts as a lawyer, judge, and revenue collector in New Haven, Connecticut, 1785-1841. Included are 12 account books, three sets of bound stubs from application entries for stills, eight applications for licenses to retail wine, a cash book, correspondence, two ledgers, and a waste book.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Roger S. White, 2nd, 1913.

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## Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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Associated material: Dyer White Commonplace Book (GEN MSS FILE 573), Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Associated material: Stephen Trowbridge Daybooks (GEN MSS 1468), Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Associated material: Henry White Papers (MS 551), Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Dyer White (1762-1841) was a lawyer, judge, and revenue collector in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded his law firm in 1785.

White married Susannah Whittesley White (1766-1796) in 1791, Hannah Wetmore White (1773-1830) in 1801, and Eunice Pomeroy White (1777-1869) in 1832. With Hannah White, he had one son, Henry White (1803-1880).

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## Scope and Contents

Papers of Dyer White pertaining to his efforts as a lawyer, judge, and revenue collector in New Haven, Connecticut, 1785-1841. Included are 12 account books, three sets of bound stubs from application entries for stills, eight applications for licenses to retail wine, a cash book, correspondence, two ledgers, and a waste book.

Account books document White's time as a revenue collector and includes information on such matters as distilleries, auctions, snuff factories, sugar refineries, carriages, and imported provisions.

Correspondence is chiefly addressed to Dyer White but includes letters to other members of the White family.

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## **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by format.

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## Collection Contents

b. 6	Account books	1791-1819
b. 1	Application entries for stills	1799-1810
b. 2	Applications for licenses to retail wine	1797-1801
b. 3	Cash book	1812-1841
b. 5	Correspondence	1762-1856
b. 1	Ledger A	1785-1810
b. 1	Ledger B	1806-1841
b. 4	Waste book	1798-1812

## **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.

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Economic conditions  
New Haven (Conn.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books

### **Subjects**

Distilleries -- Connecticut  
Lawyers -- Connecticut  
License system -- Connecticut  
Liquor laws -- Connecticut  
Taxation -- Connecticut

### **Occupations**

Lawyers -- Connecticut

### **Acquired From**

White, Roger Sherman, 2nd, 1876-1941