

Guide to the Oliver Ellsworth Huntington Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Huntington, Oliver Ellsworth, 1802-1877

TITLE: Oliver Ellsworth Huntington family papers

DATES: 1713–1942

BULK DATES: 1773–1869

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.33 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The collection documents the life and family of Oliver Ellsworth Huntington, particularly life in Norwich, Connecticut, his time as a student at Yale College, and his career as a pharmacist and merchant in New York, Connecticut, and Ohio. Included are Huntington's commonplace book, Yale College disputations, indentures, business records, and correspondence. Also present are deeds, indentures, correspondence, and other legal and financial records related to other members of the Huntington family, including Oliver Ellsworth Huntington's father Joseph Huntington (1768-1837); grandfather Andrew Huntington (1745-1824); grandfather Joseph Carew (1738-1818); Jedediah Huntington (1743-1818); Jonathan Huntington (1696-1773); Joseph Huntington (1661-1747); Joshua Huntington (1751-1821); Roger Huntington (1757-1835); Roswell Huntington (1763-1836); Governor Samuel Huntington (1731-1796); Jabez Williams Huntington (1788-1847); Ebenezer Devotion (1740-1829); and Eunice Huntington Devotion (1742-1827). The collection also contains an account book, political petitions, newspaper clippings, printed material, and other documents concerning social, political, and religious life in Norwich, Connecticut. A small quantity of twentieth century material relates to Oliver Ellsworth Huntington's grandson Ellsworth Huntington, primarily correspondence and newspaper clippings.

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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

Transferred to Manuscripts and Archives from the Yale Divinity School Library, before 2010.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The collection was put in its current arrangement during processing in 2023. All folder titles have been supplied by the archivist. In cases where there are multiple members of the Huntington family with the same name, birth and death dates are provided in the folder titles.

Related Materials

Related materials: Ellsworth Huntington papers (MS 1); and Strong family collection (MS 1198).

Related Materials

Associated materials: Henry S. Huntington family papers (RG 109), Yale Divinity School Library.

Biographical / Historical

Oliver Ellsworth Huntington (1802-1877) was a pharmacist and merchant in Connecticut, New York, and Ohio. He was born in Norwich, Connecticut to Joseph Huntington (1768-1837) and Eunice Carew Huntington (1769-1848). Huntington graduated from Yale College in 1825 and went into business with his

partner William E. Dodge (1805-1883) in New York. He later moved to Ohio and was active in local politics, commerce, and religious activities. Oliver Ellsworth Huntington married his first wife, Mary Ann Strong Huntington (1806-1840) in 1830 and his second wife, Eunice Kimberly Hitchcock Huntington (1825-1910) in 1854. He had four children with his first wife. His son, Henry Strong Huntington, also attended Yale and became a Congregational minister. Oliver Ellsworth Huntington died in 1877 in Ohio.

The Huntington family descends from Simon Huntington (1583-1633) and Margaret Barrett Huntington (circa 1590s-1665 or 1666). Prominent members of the family include Samuel Huntington (1731-1796), the first governor of Connecticut; Jabez Huntington (1719-1786) (Yale 1741), merchant and Connecticut politician; and Ellsworth Huntington (1876-1947), a professor of geography at Yale and president of the Ecological Society of America, Association of American Geographers, and the American Eugenics Society.

Biographical information in this note is primarily drawn from *The Huntington Family in America: A Genealogical Memoir of the Known Descendants of Simon Huntington from 1633 to 1915* (Hartford, Connecticut: Huntington Family Association, 1915).

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The material is arranged in rough chronological order, with undated materials filed at the end.

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b. 1, f. 3	Fragments of Jonathan Huntington's eulogy	1773
b. 1, f. 4	Financial document concerning Joshua Huntington (1751-1821)	1777
b. 1, f. 5	Letter and receipt concerning Jedediah Huntington and Andrew Huntington (1745-1824)	1779
b. 1, f. 6	Document with Governor Samuel Huntington's signature and accompanying letter to Ellsworth Huntington	1780, 1941
b. 1, f. 7	Ship invoice concerning Andrew Huntington (1745-1824)	1781
b. 1, f. 8	Legal and financial documents concerning Governor Samuel Huntington	1782-1787
b. 1, f. 9-10	Legal and financial documents concerning Captain Joseph Carew	circa 1784-1817
b. 1, f. 11	Financial document concerning Roswell Huntington (1763-1836)	1786
b. 1, f. 12	Deed concerning Roger Huntington (1757-1835), Ebenezer Devotion (1740-1829), and Eunice Huntington Devotion (1742-1827)	1788
b. 1, f. 13	Legal and financial documents concerning Carew & Huntington	1795-1807
b. 1, f. 14	Legal and financial documents concerning Joseph Huntington (1768-1837)	1797-1835
b. 1, f. 15	Other financial documents	circa 1790-1830
b. 1, f. 16	<i>The Progress of Dulness</i> by John Trumbull	1801
b. 1, f. 17	Copies of George Braikenridge letters to Francis Jerdone	1804
b. 1, f. 18	Members of Mr. Strong's church, First Society of Norwich	1809
b. 1, f. 19	Oliver Ellsworth Huntington correspondence	1815-1838
b. 1, f. 20	Connecticut petitions	1816-1817
b. 1, f. 21	Copies of poems and songs	1820-1821
b. 1, f. 22	Oliver Ellsworth Huntington commonplace book	1820-1850
b. 1, f. 23	Oliver Ellsworth Huntington Yale College disputations	1822-1825
b. 1, f. 24	Andover Theological Seminary catalogs	1823, 1826
b. 1, f. 25	Lancasterian Juvenile Elocution Society exhibition broadside	1823
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b. 1, f. 27	First Ecclesiastical Society in Norwich resolution	1825
b. 1, f. 28	Draft of a petition to the United States Postmaster General concerning the renaming of the Norwich post office	circa 1825-1830

b. 1, f. 29	Account book	1825–1838
b. 2, f. 1	Huntington & Dodge financial records	circa 1826-1828
b. 2, f. 2	Norwich Anti-swearing Society constitution	1830
b. 2, f. 3	Young Men’s Meeting in Behalf of the Cherokees invitation	1832
b. 2, f. 4	Oliver Ellsworth Huntington and William E. Dodge indenture	1832
b. 2, f. 5	Jabez Williams Huntington letter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams	circa 1833-1847
b. 2, f. 6	Letters to George Washington Gale and Jonathan Blanchard	1834–1851
b. 2, f. 7	Oliver Ellsworth Huntington financial documents	1838–1842
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b. 2, f. 9	Newspaper clippings	circa 1844-1859
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b. 2, f. 12	Notes on ministry and sermons	circa 1849-1863
b. 2, f. 13	Oliver Ellsworth Huntington correspondence and ephemera concerning Yale College	1857–1873
b. 2, f. 14	Notes concerning chemistry, theology, and tobacco	circa 1858
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b. 2, f. 16	Norwich bicentennial invitation and newspaper clipping	1859
b. 2, f. 17	Conversation with Levi Flanders during his severe sickness	1868
b. 2, f. 18	Notes concerning the Civil War	circa 1861-1869
b. 2, f. 19	<i>Catalogue of the Alpha Delta Phi, 1832-1915</i>	1915
b. 2, f. 20	Ellsworth Huntington correspondence	1918–1941
b. 2, f. 21	Newspaper clippings concerning Huntington family members	circa 1939-1942
b. 2, f. 22	Military orders to Captain Ellis	undated
b. 2, f. 23	Notes on peerage and nobility in England	undated
b. 2, f. 24	Genealogical notes on the Huntington family	undated
b. 2, f. 25	Unidentified fragments	circa 1800-1904
b. Box 3 (Oversize)	Oversize newspaper clippings	circa 1859-1875

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

Merchants -- Connecticut
Merchants -- New York (State)
Merchants -- Ohio
Pharmacists -- New York (State)
Pharmacists -- Ohio

Geographic Names

Connecticut -- Commerce
Connecticut -- Economic conditions -- 18th century
Connecticut -- Economic conditions -- 19th century
Connecticut -- Politics and government -- 1775-1865
Connecticut -- Politics and government -- 1865-1950
Connecticut -- Religious life and customs -- 18th century
Connecticut -- Religious life and customs -- 19th century
Connecticut -- Social life and customs -- 18th century
Connecticut -- Social life and customs -- 19th century
New York (State) -- Commerce
New York (State) -- Economic conditions -- 19th century
Norwich (Conn.)
Ohio -- Commerce
Ohio -- Economic conditions -- 19th century
Ohio -- Religious life and customs -- 19th century
Ohio -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

Genres / Formats

Account books
Business records
Commonplace books
Deeds
Indentures
Legal documents

Families

Huntington family

Names

Carew, Joseph, 1738-1818
Devotion, Ebenezer, 1740-1829
Devotion, Eunice Huntington, 1742-1827
Dodge, William E. (William Earl), 1805-1883
Huntington, Andrew, 1745-1824
Huntington, Ellsworth, 1876-1947
Huntington, Jabez Williams, 1788-1847
Huntington, Jedediah, 1743-1818
Huntington, Jonathan, 1696-1773
Huntington, Joseph, 1661-1747
Huntington, Joseph, 1768-1837
Huntington, Joshua, 1751-1821
Huntington, Roger, 1757-1835
Huntington, Roswell, 1763-1836
Huntington, Samuel, 1731-1796

Corporate Body

Yale College (1718-1887) -- Students