

Guide to the Sheldon Family Papers.

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Collection Overview

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CREATOR: Sheldon family

TITLE: Sheldon family papers

DATES: 1683-1945

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9.0 linear feet (8 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: This collection contains correspondence, military papers, legal papers, printed material, photographs, journals, and other papers relating to members of the Cooper, Tweed, Savage, and Sheldon families.

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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 William Harrison Swift, 2025.

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Box 8, Folder 2 (correspondence): Restricted fragile. Item awaiting treatment.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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These materials have been arranged and described according to national and local standards. For more information, please refer to the Yale Archival Processing Manual.

Related Materials

Related material: Sheldon family papers and photographs (Coll. 4282) at Maine Historical Society.

Scope and Contents

The Sheldon Family papers document the history of Anne Dudley Sheldon Swift's (1916-2003) family. The papers come from both her father and mother's sides of the family, the Sheldons and the Coopers respectfully. Anne's family papers capture snapshots of life in Maine, Massachusetts, and Connecticut over several generations including significant moments in American history such as the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

Harrison Tweed Sheldon (1883-1933)--Anne's father--was born in New Haven, CT. He graduated from Yale University in 1905 and Yale Law School in 1908. Harrison married Alice Cooper Stanton (1879-1967) in 1915. The couple, and later their family, frequently took trips to the Katahdin region of Maine to camp, hike, canoe, and fish. Both Harrison and Anne are buried in the historic Grove Street Cemetery in New Haven, CT.

The Cooper branch of Anne's family includes the Savage and Tudor families. Papers relating to the Cooper family include correspondence between James S. Cooper and his father John Cooper; William Savage's journals documenting sea travel to the southern hemisphere; and official notes from the Committee of Correspondence for Boston, written by town clerk Reverend William Cooper.

The Sheldon branch of Anne's family includes the Tweed, Pond, and Jones families. Papers relating to the Sheldon family include correspondence between Theodore H. Sheldon and his family members including his wife Emily, and his brother Winthrop; military commission documents; and financial records for the family cattle business.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into two series: I. Correspondence, 1739-1917. II. Family papers, 1683-1945.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1739–1917

0.83 linear feet (2 boxes)

This series contains correspondence created by members of Alice Cooper Stanton Sheldon's family. Correspondents include family members, friends, and business associates.

Box 8, Folder 2: Restricted fragile. Item awaiting treatment.

This series is arranged into two sub-series: Cooper family correspondence; and Sheldon family correspondence.

Cooper family correspondence 1739–1880

This sub-series contains correspondence from the Cooper branch of the family, which includes the Savage and Tudor families.

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This sub-series is arranged into four groupings: James Sullivan Cooper correspondence; John Cooper correspondence; William Savage correspondence; and General Cooper family correspondence.

James Sullivan Cooper 1819–1831

INCOMING 1819–1831

The incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 1, f. 1 Cooper, Charles Wendell 1819–1824

b. 1, f. 2 Cooper, Elizabeth Savage 1822–1831

b. 1, f. 3 Porter, Rufus King 1826–1827

b. 1, f. 4 Savage, Arthur 1824 November 9

John Cooper 1791–1845

This grouping is organized into outgoing and incoming correspondence.

OUTGOING 1827–1845

b. 1, f. 5 Cooper, James Sullivan 1827–1845

INCOMING 1791–1836

Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 1, f. 6 Coffin, Nathaniel 1801 August 6

b. 1, f. 7 Cooper, William 1796–1800

b. 1, f. 8 Crodey, William 1819 August 29

b. 1, f. 9 Lee, John 1793

b. 1, f. 10 Owen, David 1796–1809

Cooper family correspondence > John Cooper > INCOMING (continued)

b. 1, f. 11	Savage, James	1822-1836
b. 1, f. 12	Sullivan, James	1791 April 14
b. 1, f. 13	Thatcher, George	1792 February 5
b. 1, f. 14	Tudor, William Jr.	1819 July 14
b. 1, f. 15	Tudor, William	1791-1803
b. 1, f. 16	Webber, Samuel	1810 January 15
	William Savage	1803-1827
	This grouping is organized into outgoing and incoming correspondence.	
	OUTGOING	1803
b. 1, f. 17	Tudor, William	1803 April 22
	INCOMING	1814-1827
	Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.	
b. 1, f. 18	Lee, George G.	1814 March 12
b. 1, f. 19	Manton, William M.	1814
b. 1, f. 20	Tudor, Frederic	1827 December 29
	General Cooper family correspondence	1739-1880
	Box 8, Folder 2: Restricted fragile. Item awaiting treatment.	
	Materials in this grouping are arranged chronologically.	
b. 8, f. 2	Letter from Thomas Cooper to William Cooper Restricted fragile material. Item awaiting treatment.	1739
b. 1, f. 21	Letter from Reverend William Cooper to William Cooper Jr.	1742 May 10
b. 1, f. 22	Letter from Mary Cooper to Caroline Cooper	1772 April 30
b. 1, f. 23	Letter from Samuel Cooper	1796 January 31
b. 1, f. 24	Letter from S.D.F. to Thomas Savage	1814
b. 1, f. 25	Letter from James Ingersoll Wyer Jr. to his sister	1865 July 15
b. 1, f. 26	Letter from Charles W. Cooper to Emily [Tweed?]	1870 October 10
b. 1, f. 27	Letter from Henry W. Longfellow to Henry W. [Thomett?]	1880 August 8
b. 1, f. 28	Copy of a letter from Thomas Cooper to William Cooper	undated
b. 1, f. 29	Envelopes	undated

Sheldon family correspondence 1800-1917

This sub-series contains correspondence from the Sheldon branch of the family which includes the Tweed, Pond, and Jones families.

This sub-series is arranged into four groupings: Catherine Winthrop Jones Pond correspondence; Emily Tweed Sheldon correspondence; Theodore Hulburd Sheldon correspondence; and General Sheldon family correspondence

Catherine Winthrop Jones Pond 1851-1855

This grouping is organized into outgoing and incoming correspondence.

OUTGOING 1855

Outgoing correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 1 Sheldon, Emily Tweed undated

b. 2, f. 2 Sheldon, Theodore Hulburd 1855, undated

INCOMING 1851-1855

Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 3 Jarvis, Charles 1855 July 27

b. 2, f. 4 Winthrop, Robert 1851 February 10

Emily Tweed Sheldon 1868-1880

This grouping is organized into outgoing and incoming correspondence.

OUTGOING 1873

b. 2, f. 5 Sheldon, Theodore Hulburd 1873

INCOMING 1868-1880

Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 6 Chickering, J.K. 1880

b. 2, f. 7 Sheldon, Ann Dudley Jones 1868

b. 2, f. 8 Tweed, B.F. 1868 August 27

b. 2, f. 9 [?], Louise undated

Theodore Hulburd Sheldon 1863-1915

This grouping is organized into outgoing and incoming correspondence.

OUTGOING 1863-1897

Outgoing correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 10 Sheldon, Ann Dudley Jones 1863, undated

b. 2, f. 11 Sheldon, Emily Tweed 1897 November 19

b. 2, f. 12 Sheldon, Winthrop 1863

Sheldon family correspondence > Theodore Hulburd Sheldon (continued)

INCOMING

1863-1915

Incoming correspondence is arranged alphabetically.

b. 2, f. 13	Buckingham, Alice	1964 January 14
b. 2, f. 14	Davis, N.R.	1872-1876
b. 2, f. 15	Emmons, L.F.	1873-1878
b. 2, f. 16	Jones, Annie Dudley	1866
b. 2, f. 17	Jones, Caroline Rowland	undated
b. 2, f. 18	King, Clarence	1871-1880
b. 2, f. 19	Mitchell, George	1863-1879
b. 2, f. 20	Penny, May	1864-1865
b. 2, f. 21	Rydery, F.M.	1893
b. 2, f. 22	Sharp, Carrie B.	1871
b. 2, f. 23	Sheldon, Winthrop	1863-1913
b. 2, f. 24	Wakefield, Grace	1871
b. 2, f. 25	Wetimore, S.G.	1873
b. 2, f. 26	Unsorted correspondence	1871-1915

General Sheldon family correspondence

1800-1917

Materials in this grouping are arranged chronologically.

b. 2, f. 27	Letter from Joshua Tweed to Betty Pratt	1800 September 15
b. 2, f. 28	Correspondence regarding Winthrop Sheldon	1802
b. 2, f. 29	Correspondence regarding Harrison Tweed	1826-1829
b. 2, f. 30	Letter from H.P. Laper to Ann Dudley Sheldon	1850 March 9
b. 2, f. 31	Letter from [Huldah Ann Pond?] to [Charles Harrison Tweed?]	1875 October 15
b. 2, f. 32	Letter from Ann Dudley Jones Sheldon	1888 March 18
b. 2, f. 33	Letter from G.H. Foster to Huldah Ann Pond	1891 June 11
b. 2, f. 34	Letter to Alice Cooper Stanton Sheldon	1917 November 12

Series II: Family papers, 1683–1945

8.17 linear feet (6 boxes)

This series contains personal and professional papers related to the lives of the Cooper, Savage, Sheldon, and Tweed family members.

Materials include military commissions, journals, legal papers, financial records, and photographs.

This series is arranged into four sub-series: Cooper family papers; Savage family papers; Sheldon family papers; and Unsorted family papers.

Cooper family papers 1743–1822

Materials in this sub-series are arranged chronologically.

b. 3, f. 1	William Cooper commissions	1743–1781
b. 4, f. 1	Broadside of a letter to Reverend William Cooper	circa 1740
b. 4, f. 2	Notes from the Committee of Correspondence for Boston written by William Cooper	1774
b. 4, f. 3	William Albies[?] deposition relating to John Cooper	1790 December 9
b. 4, f. 4	Copy of a petition to the General Court of Massachusetts by John Cooper	1791
b. 4, f. 5	Address from the Committee of Plantation to John Cooper	1792
b. 4, f. 6	"A Topographical Description of Machias" by John Cooper	1794
b. 4, f. 7	Wendell Cooper deed copy	1803
b. 4, f. 8	William Savage journal at sea	1817 February
b. 4, f. 9	William Savage journal at sea	1817 June
b. 4, f. 10	Charles W. Cooper passport	1822
b. 4, f. 11	Mary E. Cooper Savage recipe book	1832
b. 4, f. 12	Monody on the Death of Samuel Cooper	undated
b. 4, f. 13	"On the Patronage of Genius" by James Savage	undated

Sheldon family papers 1793–1916

Materials in this sub-series are arranged chronologically.

b. 4, f. 14	Memoranda on the marriage of Theodore Jones and Katharine Winthrop Sargent	1793
b. 5, f. 1	Harrison Tweed commissions	1862–1878
b. 4, f. 15	[Winthrop D. Sheldon?] nine month campaign journal	1862 October to 1863 June
b. 4, f. 16	Winthrop D. Sheldon military commissions	1863–1887
b. 4, f. 17	Harrison Tweed financial statements and expenses	1862–1863

Sheldon family papers (continued)

b. 4, f. 18	Theodore H. Sheldon cattle raising contract and expenses	1871-1885
b. 4, f. 19	Winthrop D. Sheldon photographs	circa 1870
b. 4, f. 20	Annie Winthrop Sheldon funeral program	1889
b. 4, f. 21	Sheldon family ephemera	1901
b. 4, f. 22	"the Death and Resurrection of Lazarus" by O.P. Tweed	undated
Unsorted family papers		1683-1945
Materials in this sub-series are arranged chronologically.		
b. 7, f. 1	Nathaniel Hyde indenture contract	1683
b. 7, f. 2	Thomas Hackley contract	1696
b. 8, f. 1	Henry [Tedin's?] mortgage	1704
b. 6, f. 1	Genealogies	1760-1880
b. 3, f. 2	<i>The Royal Gazette</i> No. 493	1781 July 11
b. 5, f. 2	<i>The Connecticut Journal</i> No. 1093	1788 October 8
b. 6, f. 2	<i>Massachusetts Historical Collection</i>	1794 March
b. 3, f. 3	Mail stage time tables from Boston to Albany and Philadelphia to Jersey City	1813
b. 7, f. 3	<i>The Connecticut Journal</i> No. 2987	1825 January 25
b. 6, f. 3	New Haven ephemera	1838-1887
b. 3, f. 4	Lyon regiment recruitment poster	1862
b. 6, f. 4	Florence Nightingale Society of Calais benefit broadside	1865
b. 6, f. 5	<i>The Heraldic Journal</i>	1865
b. 6, f. 6	Vacation journal	1867
b. 6, f. 7	Commonplace notebook	1885
b. 6, f. 8	Wolling-Salzman wedding invitation	1945
b. 6, f. 9	A Christmas hymn	undated
b. 6, f. 10	Sharon Union Library book plate	undated

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.

Genres / Formats

Correspondence
Diaries
Diaries -- United States -- 19th century

Geographic Names

Maine -- History
Massachusetts -- History
New Haven (Conn.) -- History
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United States -- History -- 19th century
United States -- History -- 20th Century
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865
-- Campaigns

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Women -- Maine

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