

# Guide to the George G. Phelps Family Papers

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**CREATOR:** Phelps, George G.

**TITLE:** George G. Phelps Family papers

**DATES:** 1838-1927

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and business papers of George G. Phelps, farmer and businessman, and other members of the Phelps family of Hebron, Meriden and Wallingford, Connecticut.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from George L. Gaines, Jr., in 1942.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

The papers of George G. Phelps and other members of the Phelps Family of Hebron, Meriden and Wallingford, Connecticut, consist primarily of family letters, business letters and papers for the period 1838-1928. Most of the correspondence is concentrated in the period 1855-1859 and concerns Mr. Phelps' farm in Manchester, various real estate interests in Hebron, Grand Lodge matters and proceedings on financial notes. The 173 piece collection was purchased from George L. Gaines, Jr., in 1942, and is of limited historical interest, providing some information on the business of farming in Connecticut in the mid-nineteenth century and on the local history of the towns discussed in the letters.

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## Arrangement

I. Correspondence. II. General Subject Files.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1854-1859, 1926-1927

3" 1/2 Box

Correspondence contains family and business letters written to George G. Phelps, Mary Page Phelps, Elizabeth Phelps, Harriet C. Phelps, and Emma K. Foskett. The letters are arranged alphabetically by name of author for each member of the family.

Topics covered in letters include George G. Phelps' farm in Wallingford, real estate interests and Grand Lodge matters.

#### Letters to George G. Phelps

b. 1, f. 1	Bissel, [P?]	1856
b. 1, f. 2	Bishop, Alfred	1858
b. 1, f. 3	Bliss, B.S.	1856
b. 1, f. 4	Campbell, James	1855
b. 1, f. 5	Elliot, George	1855-1858
b. 1, f. 6	Fitch, Henry H.	1857
b. 1, f. 7	Fitch, S.S.	undated
b. 1, f. 8	Gilbert, Leyton R.	1855
b. 1, f. 9	Gillet, N.	1857
b. 1, f. 10	Gillett, G.	1858-1859
b. 1, f. 11	Hanks, F.F.	1855
b. 1, f. 12	Harris, S.H.	1855-1857
b. 1, f. 13	Hyde, A.P.	1855
b. 1, f. 14	Jones, Amos	1859
b. 1, f. 15	Lewis, William	1857
b. 1, f. 16	Page, Ebenezer B.	1856
b. 1, f. 17	Page, Jonathan G.	1855-1857
b. 1, f. 18	Parker, Phiny	1854-1859, undated
b. 1, f. 19	Phelps, Alfred M.	1855-1858
b. 1, f. 20	Phelps, Elizabeth	1855-1858
b. 1, f. 21	Phelps, George G.	1856

## Letters to George G. Phelps (continued)

b. 1, f. 22	Phelps, Mary	1858-1859, undated
b. 1, f. 23	Root, Austin	1856-1858
b. 1, f. 24	Root, Marvia	1857
<u>Letters to Mary Page Phelps</u>		
b. 1, f. 25	Brown, S.L.	1856
b. 1, f. 26	Fitch, Dr. S.S.	1855
b. 1, f. 27	Hanks, Abby	1855
b. 1, f. 28	Hanks, C.F.	1858
b. 1, f. 29	Hanks, E.P.	1854
b. 1, f. 30	Hanson, D.D.	1856
b. 1, f. 31	Harris, Eliz. Mary	1855
b. 1, f. 32	Page, I.	1859
b. 1, f. 33	Phelps, Harriet C.	1859
b. 1, f. 34	Root, Marvia	1857
<u>Letters to Elizabeth Phelps</u>		
b. 1, f. 35	Parker, Phiny	1857, undated
b. 1, f. 36	Phelps, Harriet C.	1856, undated
b. 1, f. 37	Unknown sender	undated
<u>Letters to Harriet C. Phelps</u>		
b. 1, f. 38	Buck, Dorliski, E.	1856
b. 1, f. 39	Parker, Andrew	1855
b. 1, f. 40	Parker, Phiny	undated
b. 1, f. 41	Tuttle, A.E.	1856
b. 1, f. 42	Ellen (her cousin)	1856
<u>Letters to Emma K. Foskett</u>		
b. 1, f. 43	Seymour, George N.	1926-1927

**Series II: General subject file, 1838-1888***3" 1/2 Box*

This series includes appointment certificates, minutes, Grand Lodge communications, receipts and printed material.

b. 1, f. 44	Appointment Certificates	1850, 1853
b. 1, f. 45	Minutes of Meetings	1838, 1856
b. 1, f. 46	Grand Lodge of Connecticut Communications	1851-1852, undated
b. 1, f. 47	Receipts	1855-1857
b. 1, f. 48	Advertisement Leaflets	1852, 1859
b. 1, f. 49	Prayer Meeting Schedule	Spring, 1888
b. 1, f. 50	Newspaper Clipping about Escaped Slave Family	February 28, 1856
b. 1, f. 51	Calling Card	undated
b. 1, f. 51	Personal Note	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.

### **Subjects**

Agriculture  
Agriculture -- Connecticut  
Families  
Farmers

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut  
Manchester (Conn.)

### **Names**

Phelps, George G.

### **Families**

Phelps family