

# Guide to the Talman Family Papers

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**CREATOR:** Talman family

**TITLE:** Talman family papers

**DATES:** 1683-1866

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Deeds, leases, miscellaneous documents, and some correspondence of the Talman family, early settlers of Guilford, Connecticut.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1948.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Four generations of the Talman family are represented in these papers: Peter Talman (1658-1726) and his wife Anna (Wright) Walstone Talman; their son Ebenezer (1692-1770); their grandchildren Peter III and Sarah (Talman) Curtis; and their great-grandson Peter, Jr., and his wife Ruth. The first Peter, born in Newport, Rhode Island, on March 22, 1658, was a physician who settled in Guilford in 1683. He married Anna Wright in 1683 and died on July 6, 1726. His son, Ebenezer, was also a doctor. (See *A History of the Plantation of Menunkatuck and of the Original Town of Guilford, Connecticut* by Bernard C. Steiner.)

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains papers dating from 1683 to 1866 which pertain to the Talman family, early settlers of Guilford, Connecticut. The papers are divided into two series, the contents of which are arranged alphabetically by author.

The first series, GENERAL DOCUMENTS, contains fourteen items not related to land holdings or transfers. Included are, for instance, a bond for a slave, an apprenticeship agreement, a statement of early 18th-century Puritan religious belief entitled "Doctrine of Faith," inventories, and a few pieces of correspondence.

Series II, DEEDS AND LAND TRANSACTIONS, consists of thirty-three deeds to land in and around Guilford, as well as nine other documents dealing with land transactions. Included are certificates, memoranda, and correspondence concerning land.

These papers were purchased by Yale University in 1948.

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## Arrangement

Arranged in two series: I. General Documents. II. Deeds and Land Transactions.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: GENERAL DOCUMENTS, 1683-1866

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The Talmans were among the early settlers of Guilford, Connecticut. All the documents in this collection are believed to be connected with this family. The dates of these documents range from 1683-1866.

The 14 documents in this series are concerned either with legal matters unrelated to land or with no legal affairs at all. Typical documents include a bond for a slave; correspondence that makes no mention of land transactions; an apprenticeship agreement; a paper entitled "Doctrine of Faith," which is a statement of early 18th-century Puritan religious belief.

b. 1, f. 1	Cook, Mary Ann: A.L.S. to Peter Talman, her brother	1820 October 30
b. 1, f. 2	Curtis, Sarah (Talman): Receipt for her dowry	1795 February 2
	"The Doctrine of Faith" (Guilford, early 18th century) English See: <a href="#">box 2</a>	
b. 1, f. 4	Miscellaneous Remedies of a Dr. Benjamin Brown of N.Y.	undated
b. 1, f. 5	New Haven Insurance Agency: Form letter to Peter Talman	1851 September 1
b. 1, f. 6	Norton, Joel: Apprenticeship to Ebenezer Talman	1765 August 6
b. 1, f. 7	Roll, Elizabeth: ALS to Peter Talman	[n.y.] July 1
b. 1, f. 8	Rossiter, Sherman: ALS to Peter Talman	1822 October 17
b. 1, f. 9	Ruggles, Nathaniel: Bond to Ebenezer Talman	
b. 1, f. 10	Talman Family: Genealogical Data	
b. 1, f. 11	Talman, Ebenezer: Bond to Samuel Beecher for E. Talman's re-purchase of a black boy sold to Beecher	1746 September 17
	Talman, Eli and Peter: Inventories of the furniture of:	
b. 1, f. 12	Catharine Stoddard	1797 January 16
b. 1, f. 12	Clarissa Slaughter	1798 December 28
b. 1, f. 12	Perthenia Palmer	1893 December 10
b. 1, f. 13	Terril, Huldah: ALS to Ruth Talman, her sister	1808 March 11.
b. 1, f. 14	Unidentified Writer: ALS to Peter Talman of North Guilford	[n.y.] July 13

**Series II: DEEDS AND LAND TRANSACTIONS, 1683-1866***.25 linear feet (1 box, 1 folio)*

## Deeds &amp; Land Transactions

The 42 documents in this series consist mainly of 33 deeds. The remaining documents include such items as three certificates for land and a letter that mentions how some land was disposed of in a will. One deed is for land in Branford, Connecticut, but all the other deeds are for land in Guilford and North Guilford.

	Avered, Josiah: Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford (with Elizabeth his wife) See <a href="#">box 2</a>	1722 December 31
b. 1, f. 16	Beach, Perthenia: Memo to a Mr. Bradley re: her father's estate	1775 April 16
b. 1, f. 17	Benton, Ebenezer: Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1739/40 March 20
b. 1, f. 18	Benton, William J.: Deed to Charles B. Hull of Guilford	1866 October 24
b. 1, f. 19	Bungis, Thomas: Deed to Peter Talman IV of Guilford	1822 May 20
b. 1, f. 20	Chapman, Esther: Deed to Peter Talman III of Guilford	1790 February 16
b. 1, f. 21	Chapman, Israel: Deed to Peter Talman III of Guilford	1792 January 10
b. 1, f. 22	Chapman, Jonathan: ANS to a sibling (fragment)	1789 February 27
b. 1, f. 23	Chittenden, Levi and Jared: Deed for land sold to Peter Talman	1831 June 8
b. 1, f. 24	Clay, Joseph: Deed to Peter Talman of Guilford	1694 October 1
	Collins, Oliver	
b. 1, f. 25	Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1744 June 14
b. 1, f. 26	Deed to Peter Talman III of Guilford	1769 June 17
b. 1, f. 27	Deed to Peter Talman III (first half of deed is missing)	1773 March 15
b. 1, f. 28	Cruttenden, John: Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1730 May 8
b. 1, f. 29	Evarts, Timothy: Deed to Ebenezer Talman	1754 February 13
	Hill, Michael	
b. 1, f. 30	Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1729/30 January 30
b. 1, f. 31	Deed to Ebenezer Talman	1729/30 February 6
b. 1, f. 32	Hill, Nathaniel: Certificate for land in the sixth and seventh divisions of Guilford	undated
	Hill, Samuel	
b. 1, f. 33	Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1730/31 March 12
b. 1, f. 34	Certificate for land in the sixth division of Guilford	1744 June 13

b. 1, f. 35	Hoadley, William and Nathaniel Foot: Deed to Peter Talman I, land in Branford	1708 April 3
b. 1, f. 36	Hodgkin, Noah: Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1743 May 18
	Hubbard, Samuel	
b. 1, f. 37	Deed to Ruth Talman of Guilford	1818 November 4
b. 1, f. 38	Deed to Peter Talman of Guilford	1819 June 9
b. 1, f. 39	Lee, Samuel: Deed to Peter Talman of Guilford	1711 July 27
b. 1, f. 40	Miscellaneous Scraps	1753 and undated
	Redfield, John	
b. 1, f. 41	Deed to Peter Talman, Jr.	1804 June 28
b. 1, f. 42	Deed for land sold to Ruth Talman	1804 June 28
b. 1, f. 43	Rose, Jonathan: Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1755 April 5
b. 1, f. 44	Rose, Reuben: Deed to Peter Talman III	1791 March 21
	Rossiter, Jonathan	
b. 1, f. 45	Deed to Peter Talman of Guilford	1719 September 20
b. 1, f. 46	Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford	1742/43 March 24
b. 1, f. 47	Rossiter, Josiah: Deed to Peter Talman I	1695 April 29
b. 1, f. 48	Schovel, Abigail: Deed to Peter Talman III. Deed signed by Abigail Schovel, Solomon Spencer, and Unis Spencer	1790 February 15
b. 1, f. 49	Stoddard, Harmon: ALS to Peter Talman, his brother-in-law	1816 April 29
b. 1, f. 50	Stone, William: Deed for Peter Talman in Guilford	1695 July 22
	Talman, Ebenezer	
b. 1, f. 51	Certificate for land in Guilford	1744 September 28
b. 1, f. 52	Deed to his son, Peter Talman III, of Guilford	1765 October 28
b. 1, f. 53	Talman, Eli: Deed to Peter Talman	1804 September 27
b. 1, f. 54	Talman, Peter: Memorandum of land owned by Peter Talman	1683
b. 1, f. 55	Talman, Peter and Anna: Deed to Ebenezer Talman Note: Peter and Anna Talman were husband and wife. The Peter Talman of this deed is Peter Talman I.	1720 April 12

b. 1, f. 56

Talman II, Peter: Lease to Ebenezer and Anna Talman, his father and mother

1766 December  
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**Oversize**

This folio contains material from Series I, Folder 3, and from Series II, folder 15.

b. 2	"The Doctrine of Faith" (Guilford, early 18th century) English	
b. 2	Avered, Josiah: Deed to Ebenezer Talman of Guilford (with Elizabeth his wife)	1722 December 31

## **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**

Families  
Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions  
Physicians

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut  
Guilford (Conn.) -- History

### **Genres / Formats**

Deeds

### **Names**

Chittenden, Jared  
Chittenden, Levi  
Newcomer, Caroline Annie Stoddard, 1852-1943  
Talman, Anna Wright Walstone, 1693?-1773  
Talman, Ebenezer, 1692-1770  
Talman, Eli  
Talman, Peter, 1658-1726

### **Families**

Talman family