

# Guide to the Allis Family Papers

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**CREATOR:** Allis family

**TITLE:** Allis family papers

**DATES:** 1840-1895

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

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, diaries, bills, receipts, legal papers, genealogical notes, and miscellanea concerning the Allis family of New Haven, Connecticut, and members of the Colton, Stockbridge, and Foote families, 1840-1895.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Donated by the Yale University Treasurer's Office, 1942.

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## Biographical / Historical

EMILY COLTON, 1803-1887

Emily W. (Stockbridge) Allis Foote Colton (1803-1887), the daughter of David and Sarah (Allis) Stockbridge of Whately, Massachusetts, was married three times. All of her husbands were residents of New Haven, Connecticut.

Her first husband was Salmon White Allis (d. 1868), proprietor of the New Haven Hotel. By him she had three children, Henry W., Fannie and Gertrude Allis. She next married Dr. Elial T. Foote, and then General Joseph Colton (1813-1895).

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JOSEPH COLTON, 1813-1895

Joseph Colton was born on December 19, 1813, in West Springfield, Massachusetts. He was a tailor and merchant, and a Confederate general during the Civil War. He died in New Haven, Connecticut, on May 9, 1895.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence, diaries, bills, receipts, legal papers, genealogical notes, and miscellanea concerning the Allis family of New Haven, Connecticut, and members of the Colton, Stockbridge, and Foote families, 1840-1895.

Papers concerning personal finances, 1840-1895, constitute the bulk of the collection. These include miscellaneous bills and receipts of Joseph Colton, and papers concerning the stock investments, and debts, of Salmon White Allis and his widow Emily Colton. Other materials include childhood diaries, 1849-1850, of Gertrude Allis; and letters to Joseph Colton from family and friends. There is little or nothing concerning Colton's military career or his work as a merchant; most of his papers date from the last years of his life.

The papers were given to the Yale Library by the Yale University Treasurer's Office in 1942. A few papers concern a scholarship fund established at the Divinity School in 1890, in accordance with Emily Colton's will, in memory of her son Henry W. Allis (d. 1841), a member of the Yale College class of 1844.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by the name of family members.

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b. 1, f. 1	Allis, Gertrude: journals	1849 October 6-1850 June 21
b. 1, f. 2	Allis, Salmon White: correspondence, financial and legal papers	1845-1868, undated
b. 1, f. 3	Colton, Emily W. (Stockbridge) Allis Foote: correspondence, financial and legal papers	1855-1858, 1868-1887, undated
	Colton, Joseph	
b. 1, f. 4	Correspondence	1866, 1885-1895
b. 1, f. 5	Bills and receipts	1869-1895
b. 1, f. 6	Address book, accounts, clippings, memorabilia	1870-1895, undated
b. 1, f. 7	Miscellaneous: correspondence, bills and receipts, memorabilia, genealogical notes	1840, 1854, 1868, 1871, 1892-1895, 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.

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut  
New Haven (Conn.) -- Commerce

### **Genres / Formats**

Diaries

### **Names**

Colton, Emily W. Stockbridge Allis Foote,  
1803-1887  
Colton, Joseph, 1813-1895

### **Families**

Colton family  
Ellis family  
Foote family  
Stockbridge family