

Guide to the Wilcox-Hand family papers

MS 1715



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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1715

CREATOR: Wilcox family

TITLE: Wilcox-Hand family papers

DATES: 1817-1892

BULK DATES: 1832-1853

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist entirely of correspondence of various members of the Wilcox and Hand families. Several letters, particularly those in the 1830s, relate to the family's shipping business and to financial investments. Letters exchanged between family members also document social and family life in Madison, Connecticut; Augusta, Georgia; and upstate New York.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

Jonathan Samuel Wilcox was a ship owner and merchant in Madison, Connecticut. He was married to Chloe Hand, the daughter of Daniel Hand. There were several sons and daughters in their family, two of whom attended Yale College. Their eldest son, William W. Wilcox, was born in 1816 and graduated from Yale in 1835. He taught school and headed Lee's Academy in Madison for two years. In 1839 he moved to Augusta, Georgia, where other members of the Wilcox family lived. He died in 1841. His brother, George Augustus Wilcox, was born in 1830. Following his graduation from Yale in 1852 he studied law, first in Georgia and then in the office of his uncle, George E. Hand, in Detroit, Michigan. He practiced law there until 1892 and died in 1928.

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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

Shipping

Geographic Names

Augusta (Ga.)

Madison (Conn.)

Families

Hand family

Wilcox family