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SUMMARY: Correspondence, journals, and legal and financial papers of the Hillard family of Preston, Connecticut. Moses Hillard, 1780-1837, a sailor, ship's captain, farmer, and tax collector, and his son, Elias Brewster Hillard, 1825-1895, a minister, are represented in the papers.

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

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Biographical / Historical

ELIAS BREWSTER HILLARD, 1825-1895

ELIAS BREWSTER HILLARD, son of Captain Moses and Martha (Brewster) Hillard, of Preston, Connecticut, was born in that town on September 6, 1825. His father, Moses Hillard, 1780-1837 was a sailor, ship's captain, farmer, and tax collector. During Elias's College course his residence was in Norwich, Connecticut.

After graduation he was for two years principal of the Lewis Academy in Southington, Conn., and a little later entered the Yale Divinity School. In 1852 he removed to the Andover Theological Seminary, where he finished the course in July, 1854. On March 15, 1855, he was ordained as pastor of the Congregational Church in Hadlyme, Connecticut, and on September 10th married Julia, daughter of Judge Frederick Whittlesey (Yale College 1822), of Cleveland, Ohio. He was dismissed from his pastorate on April 15, 1860, and on May 16 was installed over the Congregational Church in Kensington Society, in the township of Berlin, Connecticut. He left this post on March 2, 1867, and was settled two months later over the Congregational Church in South Glastonbury, Connecticut, where he remained until November, 1869. Thence he went to Plymouth, Connecticut, where during a pastorate of twenty years he came into special prominence throughout the State as a leader in movements of temperance reform. His last pastorate (1889-1893) was in Conway, Massachusetts, and the closing months of his life were spent in Farmington, Connecticut, where he died on March 1, 1895, in his 70th year, of heart failure, following pneumonia. His wife survived him, with five daughters and two sons.

From *Yale University Obituary Record, 1890-1900*, p. 303.

Scope and Contents

The Hillard Family Papers consist of letters, business papers, and a journal of Moses Hillard (1780-1837) and members of his family. Moses Hillard's letters and journal vividly document his experiences as a sailor and later a ship's captain from 1799 through the 1820s (they recount such events as the seizure of his ship by French privateers in 1800, harassment by the British before and during the War of 1812, and the sinking of another ship during a storm in 1817), as a farmer, and as collector of school taxes in Preston, Connecticut. For a more detailed discussion of Hillard's life as revealed by his papers, see the attached article by Archibald MacLeish, great-grandson of Moses Hillard.

Other items in the collection include legal and financial papers of Moses Hillard and other family members; there is an agreement between the master and the crew of the schooner *Antelope*, accounts of sales, bills, freight lists, invoices, port regulations, and other shipping papers, as well as school tax lists and related

items. There are, in addition, approximately twenty-five letters from Rev. Elias Brewster Hillard, Moses Hillard's youngest son, to members of his brother William's family. These letters, written during E.B. Hillard's study at Yale and Andover, are accompanied by genealogical notes provided by the Hillard family.

Collection Contents

Inventory, (1799-1827)-1855

Moses Hillard

Outgoing letters

b. 1, f. 1	Allen, Capt. [_____]	1808
b. 1, f. 1	Batelle, Jonathan	1816, undated
b. 1, f. 2	Brown, William W.	1820
b. 1, f. 2	Buswell, John L.	1803
b. 1, f. 3	Corning, Elisha	1811
b. 1, f. 3	Craig, William & Samuel	1808
b. 1, f. 4	Messrs. Cramens Brothers	1813
b. 1, f. 4	Deming, Lucy	1821, 1823
b. 1, f. 5	Doyle, [_____]	1809
b. 1, f. 5	Emline, George	1816
b. 1, f. 6	Graepel, Johann G.	1810
b. 1, f. 6	Messrs. Gould Brothers & Co.	1804
b. 1, f. 7	Hazard, Samuel	1813
b. 1, f. 7	Heffernan, John	1809
b. 1, f. 8	Hoxie, John	1814
b. 1, f. 8	Messrs. Jenkins, Frederick & Son	1818
b. 1, f. 9	Messrs. Lewis & Hall	1815
b. 1, f. 9	Messrs. Mullet, Thomas; J.J. Evans and Co.	1813
b. 1, f. 10	Otis, Joseph	1803-1809
b. 1, f. 10	Peabody, William	1815
b. 1, f. 11	Preston, Conn. (Letters to select men of the town)	1811
b. 1, f. 11	Roberts, Benjamin	1827
b. 1, f. 11	Smith, Shubal	1811
b. 1, f. 12	Talcott, Noah and Daniel	1812-1817
b. 1, f. 13	Talcott, Noah	1809-1815

Incoming letters

Moses Hillard > Incoming letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 14	Allen, Joseph	1806
b. 1, f. 14	Andrews, Robert	1818
b. 1, f. 15	Angeron, Peter [to J. Otis]	1804-1805
b. 1, f. 16	Aspinwall, William H.	1825
b. 1, f. 16	Baker, Fred	1805
b. 1, f. 17	Barker, Jacob	1814
b. 1, f. 17	Barrell, C.F.	1815
b. 1, f. 18	Battelle, Jonathan	1818
b. 1, f. 18	Bernard, Louis	1819
b. 1, f. 19	Bowie, Washington	1805
b. 1, f. 19	Brewer, Pliny	1801-1815
b. 1, f. 20	Brillaud, Martin	1819
b. 1, f. 20	Burchan, Richard	1818
b. 1, f. 21	Burrough and Sturges	Undated
b. 1, f. 21	Buswell, Thomas B.	1804
b. 1, f. 22	Callet, Thomas	1816
b. 1, f. 22	Cambreng & Pearson	1818
b. 1, f. 23	Carnes, Nathaniel G.	1815
b. 1, f. 23	Carter, Matthew	1818
b. 1, f. 24	Castaing, Bernard	1806
b. 1, f. 24	Craig, William & Samuel	1807-1808
b. 1, f. 25	Cruger, Henry	1816
b. 1, f. 25	Cuerta, John L. de la & Co.	1809
b. 1, f. 26	C[_____], Agustin	1805
b. 1, f. 27	Deming, Lucy [with added ALS from J. Giddings]	1823
b. 1, f. 27	Duhamel, E.	1819
b. 1, f. 28	Ely, E.M.	1816-1819
b. 1, f. 28	Emline, George	1816
b. 1, f. 29	Fitch, Asa	1818-1819
b. 1, f. 29	Fitch, Douglas W.	1818

Moses Hillard > Incoming letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 30	Fosdick, William	1811
b. 1, f. 30	Francis & Harmony	1824
b. 1, f. 31	Frichot (?), A.	1816
b. 1, f. 31	Frink, John H.	1802
b. 1, f. 32	Gallatin, Albert	1816
b. 1, f. 32	Gana, Fran de	1806
b. 1, f. 33	Gomez & Co.	1806
b. 1, f. 33	Grivegnée & Co.	1806
b. 1, f. 34	Harris, Ben J.	1815
b. 1, f. 34	Hazard, Samuel	1818
b. 1, f. 35	Heffernan, John	1804-1810
b. 1, f. 35	Hill and Blodget	1816
b. 1, f. 36	Hottinguer & Cie.	1816
b. 1, f. 36	Howland, Joseph & Son	1806
b. 1, f. 37	Hubbard, Thomas, Jr.	1801
b. 1, f. 37	Jane, Orbeyozo & Castanares	1824
b. 1, f. 38	Jarmet, [_____]	1816
b. 1, f. 38	Jenkins, Matthew	1819
b. 1, f. 39	Kinney, J.W.	1816
b. 1, f. 39	Lawton, J.	Undated
b. 1, f. 40	Lord, H. & Co.	1805
b. 1, f. 40	Loring, William	1817
b. 1, f. 41	Martini, Charles	1813-1816
b. 1, f. 41	May, E.	1819
b. 1, f. 42	McCready, [_____]	1815
b. 1, f. 42	Mullet, Thomas, and J.J. Evans & Co.	1812-1813
b. 1, f. 43	Nevins, David Jr.	1801
b. 1, f. 43	N.Y. Society for the Promotion of Agriculture, and Domestic Manufacture	Undated
b. 1, f. 44	Otis, Joseph	1805-1809
b. 1, f. 44	Page, J.	1808

Moses Hillard > Incoming letters (continued)

b. 1, f. 45	Paynerre (?), [_____]	1816
b. 1, f. 45	Peabody, William	1803
b. 1, f. 46	Perkins, Andrew and Joseph	1815
b. 1, f. 46	Pollard, John	1799
b. 1, f. 47	Quchelle, Peter & Sons	1824
b. 1, f. 47	Rathbone, J.	1819
b. 1, f. 48	Richards, Guy Jr.	1818
b. 1, f. 48	Robinson & Toler	1824
b. 1, f. 49	Saintmare (?), [_____]	1817
b. 1, f. 50	Short, William	1819
b. 1, f. 50	Smith, Chester	1804
b. 1, f. 51	A Smuggler [signed this]	1806
b. 1, f. 51	Steety, William	1817
b. 1, f. 52	Talcott, Daniel	1811-1812
b. 1, f. 52	Talcott, Noah	1809-1815
b. 1, f. 53	Talcott, Noah and Daniel	1816
b. 1, f. 53	Thibault, Madame	1819
b. 1, f. 54	Thompson, Isaac	1801
b. 1, f. 54	Tucker, William Jr.	1815
b. 1, f. 55	Vaudaunne (?) [_____]	1819
b. 1, f. 55	Ventura Gomez de la Torre & Grandsons	1806-1824
b. 1, f. 56	Warden, David B.	1816
b. 1, f. 56	Wertheim, S.	1816
b. 1, f. 57	Whitlock, William	1818
b. 1, f. 57	Wilder, J.S.	1815
b. 1, f. 58	Wallis, [_____]	1816
b. 1, f. 58	Zangronis, J.J.	1824

Elias Brewster Hillard

Outgoing letters

b. 1, f. 59	Mary (Hillard) Coit	1852-1853
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b. 1, f. 59	Caroline (Wrigley) Hillard	1849-1853
b. 1, f. 59	William Hillard	1851-1855
b. 2, f. 60-67	Legal and financial papers	1802-1827, undated
b. 2, f. 68	Moses Hillard: journal	1799-1800
b. 2, f. 68	Notes re: mercantile goods	Undated
b. 3	Oversize legal and financial papers	1803-1824, undated

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Shipping

Geographic Names

Connecticut
Preston (Conn.)
United States -- History -- War of 1812

Genres / Formats

Journals (notebooks)

Occupations

Seamen

Names

Hillard, E. B. (Elias Brewster), 1825-1895
Hillard, Moses, 1780-1837

Families

Hillard family