

# Guide to the Agur Gilbert Family Papers

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## Biographical / Historical

Agur Gilbert was born on May 2, 1807, in Huntington, Connecticut. He died on January 23, 1887, in Derby, Connecticut. His wife, Mary Louise Johnson, was born on September 28, 1808, and died on January 24, 1864, in Derby, Connecticut. They were married on February 4, 1830, in Derby, and had five children.

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Papers of the family of Agur Gilbert, wood turners and toy makers of Derby, Connecticut. Consists of family correspondence, business letters, and account books, primarily for A. Gilbert and Son.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Maria, Clara, and Kate J. Andrews, daughters of P. B. Andrews: letters to Mary L. Gilbert and Susan Gilbert, wife and daughter of Agur Gilbert	1854-1870
b. 1, f. 2	Columbia M. (Phelps) Bennett: letters to her cousin, Susan Gilbert	1852-1857
b. 1, f. 3	David J. Gilbert, son of Agur Gilbert: letters to his family	1863-1865
b. 1, f. 4	Lewis and Lydia Gilbert: ALS to Agur Gilbert	1874
b. 1, f. 5	Mary L. (Mrs. Agur) Gilbert: ALS to Agur Gilbert	1862
b. 1, f. 6	David B. Rowell: letters to Alfred Gilbert	1862-1863
b. 1, f. 7	Henrietta E. Wilson: letters to her cousin, Susan Gilbert, and to Susan Gilbert's stepmother	1867-1869
b. 1, f. 8	Fannie (Gilbert) _____, daughter of Lewis and Lydia Gilbert: letters to Agur Gilbert and his son Alfred	1871-1875, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Miscellaneous family letters	1862-1872
b. 1, f. 10	Business letters to Agur Gilbert, William F. Gilbert, and A. Gilbert & Sons	1869-1919, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Account book for day labor	1844-1878
b. 1, f. 12	Account book	1854-1884
b. 1, f. 13	Ledger	1858-1885
b. 1, f. 14	Account books	1839-1883, 1861-1881
b. 1, f. 15	Notes on the descendants of Lewis and Sally (Ward) Gilbert	[post-1883]

## **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**

Business  
Businessmen  
Families  
Woodworking industries  
Working class

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut  
Derby (Conn.) -- History  
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books

### **Names**

Gilbert, Agur

### **Corporate Body**

A. Gilbert & Son