

# Guide to the Hugh Peters Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1032

**CREATOR:** Peters, Hugh, 1807-1831

**TITLE:** Hugh Peters Family Papers

**DATES:** 1826-1831

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Family correspondence largely consisting of letters to Hugh Peters and his brother, William T. Peters, from their father John T. Peters, a judge of the Supreme Court in Connecticut, on local politics. Also in the papers are newspaper clippings on Hugh Peters' death. Several of his poems are mounted in the library catalogue of Ithiel Town, father-in-law of William T. Peters.

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b.      box  
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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1941.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

John Thompson Peters was born in Hebron, Connecticut, on October 11, 1765, being a son of Jonathan Peters, of Hebron, and a nephew of the Rev. Samuel Peters (Yale 1757). His mother was Abigail, daughter of John Thompson, of Hebron. A younger brother was graduated here in 1794.

After graduation he studied law with the Hon. John Cotton Smith (Yale 1783), of Sharon, and settled in practice in his native town. His fellow-citizens elected him thirteen times as a Representative in the General Assembly between 1802 and 1813.

In 1813 he was appointed Collector of United States Revenue for the First District of Connecticut, and removed to Hartford. He was an Episcopalian and a Republican, and in May, 1818, on the accession of the Republicans to power, he was made a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, and continued in that office until his death, although his mind had begun to fail perceptibly long before the constitutional limit of his term of service, which would have been reached a few weeks after his death.

He died in Hartford on August 28, 1834, in his 69th year. The tall monument erected over his grave, in the churchyard adjoining the Episcopal Church in Hebron, includes a marble bust, reproducing his features in a lifelike representation.

He married Mrs. Elizabeth Caulkins, of Norwich, Connecticut, daughter of Captain John and Elizabeth (Chapman) Farnham. She died in New York City, on September 4, 1841, aged 71 years.

One son was graduated in Yale in 1826, and after showing marked literary ability died before his father.

(Taken from *Yale University Obituary Record*).

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## Scope and Contents

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Letters to Hugh Peters (1807-1831; Y. 1826), from		
b. 1, f. 1	Ruggles, Benjamin (1783-1857) A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1829
b. 1, f. 2 - 10	Peters, John Thompson (1765-1834; Y. 1789)	1829-1831
Letters to William Thompson Peters (1805-1885; Y. 1825) from		
b. 1, f. 11	Peters, Andrew Jackson	1828
b. 1, f. 12	Waites, Julius P.	1826, undated
b. 1, f. 13	Newspaper clipping of obituary for Hugh Peters A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1831
b. 1, f. 14	Catalogue of the library of Ithiel Town (1784-1844; Y. 1825), with manuscript and printed poems by Hugh Peters	undated
b. 1, f. 15	ALS to the <i>American Mercury</i> from John Thompson Peters	1802 April 6

## **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  
Lawyers

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Politics and government --  
1775-1865  
United States -- Politics and government

### **Names**

Peters, Hugh, 1807-1831  
Peters, John Thompson, 1765-1834  
Peters, William Thompson, 1805-1885  
Town, Ithiel, 1784-1844