

# Guide to the Rogers Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1092

**CREATOR:** Rogers family

**TITLE:** Rogers family papers

**DATES:** 1734-1856

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 1.5 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of correspondence, account books, diaries, and legal and financial papers of the Rogers family of Branford, Connecticut. Family members documented in the collection include a Hartford merchant, Elizur B. Rogers, and a Fair Haven butcher, A. A. Hemmingway.

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Diaries purchased in 1952; remainder of the papers given by Marjorie Earle in 1945.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Samuel Rogers, son of Samuel A. and Esther J. Page Rogers of North Branford, Connecticut, was born in 1824. He worked on the family farm with his father and then moved to Wallingford, Connecticut to teach school. In 1848 Rogers entered into a dry goods partnership in New Haven with Leonard A. Dickinson, under the name Rogers & Dickinson. Later that same year Rogers entered into business with William L. Kilbourn, under the name Rogers & Kilbourn.

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## Scope and Contents

The Rogers Family Papers consist of diaries, account books, legal and financial documents, letters, and exercise books of the Rogers family of Branford, Connecticut, from the mid-eighteenth to the mid-nineteenth century. The papers dated earlier than 1820 are all of a legal or financial nature, including deeds, receipts, reports on surveys, and accounts of the administration of estates. The principal items from the later period are tax lists of Branford and North Branford, 1824-1832; account books of Elizur H. Rogers (d. 1849), apparently a merchant in Hartford, 1836-1840, and A. A. Hemmingway, a butcher in Fair Haven, 1852-1853; and diaries of Samuel Rogers (b. 1824), working on the family farm and mill in North Branford, teaching school in Wallingford, and engaging in the dry goods business in New Haven, 1847-1849.

The Rogers Family Papers were received from Marjorie Earle in 1945 except that the diaries were purchased from Whitlock's in 1952.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1	Elizur H. Rogers: ledger and account book of his mercantile business in Hartford	1838
b. 1	Samuel Rogers: diaries	1847-1849
b. 1	Branford tax lists	1824, 1826-1827
b. 1	North Branford tax lists	1832
b. 1	Montague Mining and Trading Association: by-laws and articles of association	1849, undated
b. 1	Correspondence	1777-1849
b. 1	Exercise books	1843-1844
b. 1	Account books	undated
b. 2	Legal and financial papers	1734-1856
b. 2	Deeds	1746-1828
b. 3	A. A. Hemmingway: ledger and daybook of his meat business in Fair Haven	1852-1853

## **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**

Agriculture  
Business  
Families  
Family farms  
Merchants

### **Geographic Names**

Branford (Conn.)  
Connecticut -- Commerce  
Fair Haven (New Haven, Conn.)  
New Haven (Conn.)  
North Branford (Conn.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books  
Deeds  
Diaries  
Surveys

### **Names**

Hemmingway, A. A.  
Rogers, Elizur H.  
Rogers, Samuel, 1824-

### **Families**

Rogers family

### **Corporate Body**

Montague Mining and Trading Association