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- I. Title Lounsbury Family. Papers, 1753-1855
- II. The papers of Josiah, Timothy, Timothy, Jr. and John Lounsbury, and deposited in the Library on Eunice and , ~~by~~ Amy Smith
in ~~converted the deposit to a gift.~~
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 2 1/2 inches
Approximate number of items: 100
- IV. Restrictions:
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of
in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of
the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated
to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.
- VI. Press release was issued on
- VII. Biographical note: See page b
- VIII. Analysis: The Lounsbury Family Papers are contained in 1 box of
15 folders and are arranged by type of document and individual
generating the material. Within the folders the papers are
chronological. The collection contains account books and receipts
preponderantly from the early 19th century. The ownership of the
account books may overlap. The papers generally relate to the
families' farming activities. There are also inventories, land
transactions and two early fire insurance policies.

VII. Biographical note:

The Lounsbury family were early Bethany, Connecticut settlers. Josiah Lounsbury came from Rye, New York early in the 18th century. He married Ruth Lines of New Haven in 1724 and they had 9 children. Their 7th child, Timothy, (1743-1821 or 1828?) continued the family farming enterprise in Bethany. Timothy Lounsbury's name is listed in the index of the Bethany, Connecticut Militia. Members of the family were connected with the Congregational Church where Timothy Lounsbury's name is mentioned as a chorister in 1770. Timothy married Hannah Smith of Woodbridge. Hannah Smith had two sisters, Eunice and Amy. Timothy and Hannah's third child was also named Timothy, (1770-1856). He was reputed to be a man of excellent judgement and a thorough and thrifty farmer. Timothy Lounsbury Jr. built a large and expensive home with a ball room in 1811 before his 12th child was born. His family cemetery was near the old homestead and enclosed by an iron fence. Dr. John Lounsbury (1809-1895) was Timothy and Hannah's 11th child. He graduated from Yale in 1837 and practiced medicine in Oxford, Connecticut, where he resided.

Jacobus, Donald Lines, Families of Ancient New Haven, Volumes IV-VI, VII-VIII, Clarence D. Smith, Rome, N.Y., 1927.

Lines, Mrs. Eliza J., Bethany and Its Hills, Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor Co., New Haven, 1905.

Sharpe, W.C., Bethany Sketches and Records, Record Print, Seymour, Conn., 1908.

Index of Bethany, Connecticut Militia, extracted mainly from Connecticut Archives Revolutionary War, Series 1, Connecticut State Library.

LOUNSBURY FAMILY PAPERS
1753 - 1855

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