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**WILLIAM DOWD SCRANTON,
PAPERS**

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Introduction

This collection is primarily genealogical in content consisting of major unpublished genealogies of the Scranton and Allied Families supported by many notebooks, newspaper clippings, loose notes and date, charts, correspondence, and miscellaneous documents.

Biographical Note

William Dowd Scranton was an 8th generation descendant of John Scranton, the immigrant ancestor of the Scranton family of Guilford and Madison, Connecticut, who came to New England in 1639 from Guildford in England. William was born in 1875, the son of Charles Wolsey Scranton, and was a partner in the family business incorporated as Charles W. Scranton & Co., an investment and brokerage firm in New Haven. He was an active member of the Masonic Order and a prominent yachtsman.

History of the Papers

The papers in this collection were given to the Whitney Library in 1996 by Edwin R. Kelsey III, of Short Beach, Branford, CT, a descendant of William Dowd Scranton. There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

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Clippings from Newspaper Genealogical Columns
arranged alphabetically in scrapbook format

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Membership Certificate of William Dowd Scranton in the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, No. 1493 in Connecticut, and No. 14,677 in the National Organization.