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**Samuel W. Hurlburt,
Papers, 1877-1950**

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Introduction

In 1869, Samuel W. Hurlburt purchased property at the corner of Chapel and High Street where he owned and managed a grocery store, the S.W. Hurlburt Co. In 1889, he built on this site the "Roxbury;" the first floor was occupied by stores and the upper floors by student apartments. He retired from business in 1912.

The father of Mr. Hurlburt's second wife, Ethel Swain, was superintendent of the Henry Killam Carriage factory on Chestnut Street.

This material was given to the New Haven Colony Historical Society in 2001 by Ralph Halsey, executor of the estate of Ethel Swain Hurlburt.

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Tuesday Evening, June 20.
Prayer and Conference Meeting; theme:
"Spiritual Awakenings in Connection with
this Church."
Thursday, June 22, 3 to 5 p. m.
Reception by Dr. and Mrs. Sneath at 27
Perkins street to "ye oide people" of the
Church and Congregation.
Friday Evening, June 23.
Anniversary Reception. Program—
Music—Orchestra.
Prayer.
Greetings.
Letters from Former Pastors.
Music—Church Quartet.
Remarks.
Refreshments.
Sunday, June 25, 10.30 a. m.
Historical Address by the Pastor, Rev. Dr.
Isaiah W. Sneath.
Presentation of Members present from the
different pastorates.
Presentation of the Descendants present, of
the first Members.
Appropriate Music.
A Dedication.
12 m., Sabbath School—Special Exercises.
6.15 p. m., Young People's Society of Chris-
tian Endeavor, historical papers, etc.
7.30 p. m., Sermon by the Rev. Artemas J.
Haynes, D.D., pastor United Church.
Reading of Poem, "Landmarks."

Prominent Men of the City

In this department each week will be published a portrait and sketch of someone prominent in the business, professional, political or social life of the city.



SAMUEL W. HURLBURT.

One of the well-known business men of this city is Mr. Samuel W. Hurlburt, who for many years has conducted a first-class provision store at the corner of Chapel and High streets. Mr. Hurlburt was born in Roxbury on December 20, 1843, and is descended in the seventh generation from Thomas H. Hurlburt, who was one of the eleven passengers to sail from England on August 11, 1635, with Lion Gardiner on the "Bachelor." He learned the hat finishing trade and was engaged in that business at Newark, N. J., Matteawan, N. Y., and Danbury, Conn., but at the

age of twenty-one was obliged to give it up owing to ill health. In the fall of 1866, Mr. Hurlburt entered the mercantile business at Bridgewater, and on March 2, 1869, he came to this city, where he bought out David W. Buckingham at the corner of Chapel and High streets. In 1889, he built the "Roxbury," the first floor being occupied by stores and the upper floors principally by students' apartments. It may safely be said that Mr. Hurlburt has the finest retail provision store in the state.

All Things Come.

"It took an awfully long time to pull that fellow's tooth," said the assistant.
"Yes," answered the dentist, grimly; "he married the girl I loved."—Detroit Tribune.

A Good Reason.

Simkins—"What makes your nose red, Timkins?"
Timkins—"It glows with pride, sir, at not poking itself into other people's business."



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1/A	Deed for Howe Street property, 1877 Lease for land and building at Chapel & High Streets for grocery store, 1879. Listing of mortgage payments for the "Roxbury" building, 1889-1909. Release of mortgage, 1921-1945. Sales agreement for 116-118 Howe Street property, 1944.
1/B	Miscellaneous deeds, 1850-1868.
1/C	Certificate of exemption from the Draft for Samuel W. Hurlburt, 1864.
1/D	Life Insurance policies, Samuel W. Hurlburt, 1867-1971.
1/E	Certificate of marriage for Samuel W. Hurlburt and Frances I. Keller, 1889.
1/F	Miscellaneous deeds, 1885-1935.
1/G	Certificate of Incorporation, S.W. Hurlburt Company, 1902. Certificate of organization, S.W. Hurlburt Company, 1902. Stock certificates, S.W. Hurlburt Company, 1902-1908. Petition signed by property owners on Chapel & High Streets, 1920.
1/H	Promissory notes to and from Samuel W. Hurlburt, 1888-1924. Stock certificates, New Haven Water Company, 1928.
1/I	Certificate from the Library of Congress noting that S.W. Hurlburt's book, <u>The Hurlburt Way</u> was deposited there in 1909.
1/J	Blank samples of letterheads, invoices, checks, invitations to visit the store, calling cards, S.W. Hurlburt Company.
1/K	Photographs of carriages from Henry Killam Carriage Company.
1/L	Photocopies of newspaper clippings including 1935 obituary of Samuel W. Hurlburt, 1950 obituary of Ethel S. Hurlburt, and articles about the 1945 fire in the Hotel Bishop.

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1/M	Unidentified photographic negatives <u>Songs of Old New Haven</u> booklet, 1922.
1/N	Record book, S.W. Hurlburt Co., 1902-1912.
1/O	Photograph of building torn down at site of grocery store in 1869.
1/P	Photographic plate of photograph in Folder O.