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Manuscript Register

MSS # 57-F

THE HENRY GORDON SWEET COLLECTION

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NOTE REGARDING THIS COLLECTION

In 1969, H. Gordon Sweet gave one box of photographs and other materials concerning the oyster industry to the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

In 2002, his daughter, Gay Sweet Scott, donated additional material of her late father, who had died in 1975.

The original collection, entitled "New Haven Oyster Industry Photographs" has now been changed to "The Henry Gordon Sweet Collection" in recognition of the fact that additions have been made expanding the scope of the collection. The manuscript collection number, MSS 57-F, remains unchanged.

With these addition, the collection consists of material from the Henry C. Rowe Trust. Henry C. Rowe, son of Ruel and Abbie Gordon Rowe, was born April 23, 1851 in New Haven. When Rowe moved to Florida, Gordon Sweet ran the business. When Rowe died in 1931, Gordon Sweet and his Uncle, Gordon Rowe, became co-trustees of the Rowe Estate. The firm itself was dissolved in 1955.

INTRODUCTION

Henry Gordon Sweet was born March 7, 1904. He graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1921 and received a B.A. from Yale in 1926. He then joined H.C. Rowe & Company, a firm of oyster growers organized by his grandfather Raul Rowe in 1868. He became general manager and later the president of the Rowe Company.

In 1945, he served as consultant to the War Shipping Administration in the Division of Ship Requirements.

He became the executive director of the newly formed Citizens Action Commission in 1954. In 1959, he became the Assistant Director of the Agency in charge of the Long Wharf redevelopment project. He retired from that position in 1969.

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Industry Photographs

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