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- I. Title Pardee, William Scranton, 1860-1918. Papers, 1843-1978.
- II. The papers of William Scranton Pardee deposited in the Library ~~XX~~, by Pardee family ~~as~~ converted the deposit to a gift.
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: *22 1/2 feet*
Approximate number of items: 3,200
- IV. Restrictions: None
- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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: William Scranton Pardee, grandson of the Laban and son of the William Bradley whose papers form the first part of this collection, made his contribution to New Haven not in the continuation of the distinguished family, but in his civic and cultural benefactions during his life and his bequests upon his death. He was born on Sept. 16, 1860 to William Bradley and Nancy Maria English Lum Pardee, and died June 19, 1918, a bachelor. A graduate of Yale and its Law School, he devoted himself ever after to it and its relations to New Haven. He practiced law for some time, was treasurer or secretary of several utility companies, and was a partner in the Globe Silk Works [see MSS #131 The Marvin Collection]. Though defeated in the mayoralty of 1905, he remained active in politics as a Democrat, authoring the first Corrupt Practices Act among other political reform contributions.
To an appreciative New Haven, he is best remembered for his bequest to this Society for their benefit of the Old Morris House in Morris Cove, now known as the Pardee-Morris House, continuous home of part of his ancestry from 1671 until his death; his art collection; funds for park development in New Haven.
This sketch is briefer than Pardee merits, because further information can be easily found in this library in his Yale obituary in Box I Folder A; in the Dana Collection, v. 51, pp. 1-24; in The Pardee Genealogy by Donald Lines Jacobus; in Pardee's Old Morris House, by Walter Stone Pardee; and by consulting the card catalog for publications by him.
- VIII. Analysis: This collection consists of two parts because the papers were acquired some years apart. Moreover, they essentially cover different generations. The first part covers 1841-1892 and pertain

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to Laban (1790-1859), grandfather, and William Bradley (1821-1893), father, of WilliamScranton Pardee (1860-1918). The latter's papers, 1843-1978,comprise the second part.

This part is grouped, in so far as is possible because of material being bound or glued together, by the major interests of W. S. Pardee. Box I contains genealogical material; Box II, political interests; Box III legal affairs; Box IV, business interests; Box V, a continuation of proceeding as well as art, yachting, and other interests; Box VI, a variety of business, legal, social, political, charitable and other interests, drawings by Nancy Pardee, music memorabilia of Harpin Lum, his half-brother, and an oversized architectural sketch of the Morris House, by Walter Stone Pardee; Box VII family Bibles; Box VIII steel engravings for advertising pamphlet of the Yale Iron Works. Each of these boxes is arranged chronologically, and the word "interests" signifies correspondence, clippings, pamphlets, cards, etc. pertaining to that particular area of concern.

Box VIII a and b, additional engravings

Box IX and X, books belonging to William Scranton Pardee.

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Box I

- Folder A: Ancestors of William Bradley Pardee, lv. (16)
 Folder B: Ancestors of Nancy English, lv. (16)
 Folder C: Biography of William Scanton Pardee from
Yale Obituaries 1918 (3)
 Additional genealogical contributions
 from Nancy Mathews Pardee, 1771-1852, to
 line of Leavit Pardee, by Litchfield
 Historical Society, 1978 (13)
 NHCHS brochure announcing publication of
The Pardee Genealogy (2)
 Folder D: Letter from Donald L. Jacobus offering his
 services as genealogist to W. S. Pardee 1916 (1)
 Letters from J. Homan Pardee contributing
 corrections and additional information for
 the Pardee Genealogy, including photographs
 of the Pitminster Church where the first
 George Pardee was baptised 1923 (14)
 Letter from Virginia Rowe Clemmer contributing
 corrections and additions to the Justus
 Bellamy Pardee (1810-1864) line as cited in
 the Pardee Genealogy 1963 (7)
 Correspondence from Erma J. Van Aver about her
 Pardee ancestry (6)

Box II

- Folder A: Bound volume of clippings and copies of
 correspondence concerning political interests
 of W. S. Pardee and his career in the Democratic
 Party, especially his sponsorship of the first
 Corrupt Practices Act and his part in Democratic
 Convention of 1896 1890-1902 (1v.)
 Folder B: New Haven Daily Palladium of Nov. 14, 1843
 stating Whig ticket for State officers (1)
 Brochure, On the Power of the General Assembly
 of Connecticut to Call a Constitutional
 Convention 1891 (2)
 Copies of correspondence concerning construction
 of a porte cochere at the new New Haven Rail-
 road Station to provide covered shelter for
 exchange of trolley and railroad passengers
 1910-1912 (19)
 Folder C: Continuation 1912 (20)
 Folder D: Continuation 1912-1916 (22)
 Folder E: Continuation 1916 (21)
 Folder F: Clippings and pamphlets concerning the
 porte cochere 1912-1917 (17)

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Box III

- Folder A: Bound volume of copies of legal correspondence,
Dec. 20, 1899 - Jan. 9, 1902 (1,001)
- Folder B: Notebook for case of Annie E. Bronson vs.
Borough of Wallingford 1886 (1v.)
Notebook of case of John Lennon vs. Adolf
Rawitser et al 1889 (1v.)
- Folder C: Notebook of case of New Haven vs. Board
of Trustees of Sheffield Scientific
School 1890 (7v.)
- Folder D: Notebook of cases of Harry S. Pierce vs.
City of New Haven, Estate of Martin Dwyer,
and unidentified issue n.d. (4v.)
- Folder E: Account book of Pardee as treasurer and
director of the Suffolk Gas and Electric
Light Co. 1898-1907 (1v.)

Box IV

- Folder A: Volume of copies of correspondence as
treasurer and director of the New Canaan Water
Co. 1907-1911, with index to addressee (499)
- Folder B: Continuation 1v. 1913-1914 (509)
- Folder C: Annual reports of Conn. River Rail Road
Co. (1857), City of Norwich Water Works
(1889), and Board of Water Company City of
Hartford (1890) (3)
Advertaising brochure of Yale Iron Works,
owned by William Bradley Pardee, c1880. (1)
[Engraved plates for these illustrations
will be found at the end of this collection]

Box V

- Folder A: Correspondence, catalogs, bills and clippings
concerning art collection 1906-1911 (15)
- Folder B: Continuation 1911-1915 (20)
- Folder C: Continuation 1915-1917 (20)
- Folder D: Continuation of 1917 correspondence and
letter from Hugo Ballin in 1938 regretting
inability to attend showing of W. S. Pardee
art collection at New Haven Public Library,
May 10 - June 22, 1938 (11)
- Folder E: Two art catalogs 1816 + 1881 (2)
Signed photograph from Jo Davidson,
sculptor 1905 (1)
- Folder F: Copies of correspondence concerning New
Haven Yacht Club and the Morris Cove. Co.,
including index to addressees 1912-1913 (53)
- Folder G: Continuation 1913-1915 (29)
- Folder H: Correspondence concerning construction of a
breakwater at Morris Cove 1914 (20)
- Folder I: Varied correspondence concerning business,
social, civic, political, legal, charitable
and other interests unable to be separated
because of attachment to signatures of volume.
Includes pertinent brochures, cards,
catalogs clippings, etc 1907-1909 (15)

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Box V (cont.)

Folder J: Continuation 1909-1908 [sic] (16)
Folder K: Continuation 1908-1911 (16)

Box VI

Folder A: Continuation 1911-1912 (15)
Folder B: Continuation 1912-1913 (18)
Folder C: Index to remaining continuation of copies
of correspondence (20)
Folder D: Continuation June 1913 - July 1913 (100)
Folder E: Continuation July 1913 - Oct. 1913 (148)
Folder F: Continuation Oct. 1913 - Dec. 1913 (102)
Folder G: Continuation Dec. 1913 - Feb. 1914 (143)
Folder H: Continuation Feb. 1914 - March 1914 (101)
Folder I: Continuation March 1914 - April 1914 (97)
Folder J: Hopkins Grammar School monthly reports
for W. S. Scranton 1873-1878 (1v.)
Notice of admission of W. S. Pardee to Yale
College, June 21, 1878 (1)
*Thanks of Yale Corporation for establishment
of a publication fund in the School of
Fine Arts Jan. 21, 1918 (1)
[Other publications about Yale found in this
collection, such as law journals, literary
magazines, Life at Yale, etc. transferred to
Yale]
Harper's Weekly for July 30, 1898, an issue
devoted to the Spanish-American War (1)
Drawings by Nancy English Lum, mother of
W. S. Pardee (3)
Music memorabilia belonging to Harpin Lum,
half-brother of W. S. Pardee (6)
New Haven County Horticultural Society Award
of Merit to Pardee's Old Morris House 1920 (1)
Walter Stone Pardee's sketch plans of the
Morris House [shelved as over-sized] 1920 (1)
Informational leaflet about the Pardee-Morris
House 1981 (1)

Box VII

Folder A: Bible of Nancy Maria English Lum Pardee
[1823-1904] mother of W. S. Pardee (1v.)
Folder B: Pardee family Bible with photographs and
some genealogical records from 1624 to 1958 (1v.)

Box VIII

Engraving plates for the brochure of the Yale Iron
Works to be found in Box IV, Folder C
Engraving plates of Tory Tavern, Elm St. (2)

Oversize

Architectural sketch of the Morris House by Walter
Stone Pardee 1920

* School report card of Fannie Pardee, 1877

BOX VIII

- Folder B. Additional engraving platers for above (7)
- Folder C. Continued (4)

BOX VIIIa

- Folder A. Engraving plates; some for Yale Iron Works, some for other manufactured machinery. (5)
- Folder B. Continued (7)
- Folder C. Continued (4)
- Folder D. Continued (7)

engraving plate for 2 calling cards and her photo

(3)

BOX VIIIb

- Folder A. Continued (3)
- Folder B. Continued (3)
- Folder C. Continued (5)
- Folder D. Continued (6)