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No. 60

Date processed: June 2, 1977

- I. Title Boardman Papers (1803-1862)
- II. The papers of Elijah Boardman and William Whiting Boardman deposited in the Library ~~on~~ in 1897-1900 , by Mrs. W.W. Boardman and in ~~in~~ 1925 by Philip Grossman ~~converted the deposit to a gift.~~ as a gift.
(D.S. Boardman papers)
- III. Linear feet of shelf space occupied: 7½ inches
Approximate number of items: 872
- 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- V. Literary rights of the unpublished writings of in these papers, and in other collections of papers in the custody of the New Haven Colony Historical Society Library, have been dedicated to the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: see page 2
- VIII. Analysis:

The collection consists of loose documents, notebooks and ledgers, spanning the period from 1803 to 1862 and is arranged in two boxes. See "Content Guide", p.3.

BOARDMAN PAPERS

Biographical Notes

The collection consists of material pertaining to Elijah Boardman (May 7, 1760--Oct. 8, 1823) and his eldest son, William Whiting Boardman (Oct. 10, 1794--Aug. 27, 1871).

Elijah Boardman, a prominent merchant of New Milford, CT, married Mary Anna Whiting (1767-1848) of Great Barrington, MA on Sep. 25, 1792. He was a member of CT House of Representatives, 1803-1805 and 1816; a member of ~~CT~~ State Upper House, 1817-1818 and the ~~CT~~ State Senate, 1819-1821; a Democratic U.S. Senator from CT, 1821 till his death. He died in Boardman, Ohio and was buried in Center Cemetery, New Milford. For additional information see Memoir of the Life And Character of Mrs. Mary Anna Boardman by John Frederick Schroeder, 1849.

William W. Boardman was born in New Milford, attended Bacon Academy (Colchester) & graduated from Yale in 1812. He studied law both at Cambridge (1812-1813) and the Litchfield law schools. He started his New Haven law practice in 1819; was a clerk in the CT Senate from 1820-1825. He was a probate judge, 1825-1829; a member of the CT State Senate, 1830-1832; a member of the CT House of Representatives, 1836-1839, 1845, 1849, 1851 and served as its speaker in 1838, 1839, 1845; a member of the U.S Congress, 1841-1843. He was a Trustee of Trinity College from 1832 till his death; a warden of Trinity Church in New Haven and was influential in the councils of the Episcopal Churches of the diocese.

He married Lucy Hall (1819?-1906) on July 28, 1857. Since they were childless, his widow distributed their fortune for public charity. Kirtland Hall was donated to the Sheffield Science School for instruction in mineralogy & allied subjects.

David Sherman Boardman (Dec. 8, 1768--Dec. 2, 1864) was the brother of Elijah Boardman and their parents were Sherman and Sarah Bostwick Bordman [sic]. He married Charlotte Taylor (1782-1864) of New Milford on May 18, 1806. He graduated from Yale College (1793) and the Litchfield Law School, was admitted to the Litchfield County bar in 1795 and practiced law in New Milford. He was probate judge, 1805-1821; Chief Judge of County Court, 1831-1836; eight time member of the General Assembly between 1812-1829. He was interested in history and literature and wrote for the press.

CONTENT GUIDE

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6. Corr. to Roger Skinner, 1807
7. Accounts with James Leach, 1803-1805
8. Receipt, 1814
9. Contract, 1814
10. Partnership agreement, 1813
- 11-12. Will--directions to executor, 1823
- 13-14. List of land owned by E.B. and its value.
15. Quit claim deed, 1817
16. Land deed, 1808
17. Land deed--Elle Grannis, 1807 ****
18. Land deed--A. Stoddard, 1817

B-1 Elijah Boardman Estate--Ledger (financial accounts of estate and copies of deeds & agreements pertaining to W.W. Boardman), see also folders G & H [circa 46 p.]

*** C. William Whiting Boardman--Corr.

1. From Henry Bamard, 1839
2. G.S. Blake, 1843 (includes sketch & notes on South West Ledge of New Haven Harbor) [3]
3. F.S. Boardman, 1847 (contains copy of H.M. Boardman's will)
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9. Henry Rose, 1839
10. Char. Sam Stewart, 1823 (Missionary in Hawaii) four page letter in very poor condition--transcribed [8]
11. Transcript of document 10. [6]
- 12-13. To Osborn & Baldwin, 1839
14. Letter by W.W.B., no salutation & no date
15. To Osborn & Baldwin from C. Kirtland, 1837

D. Appointments

- 1-5. Appointments--Judge of Probate Court, 1824-1828.
- 6-9. Appointments--Governor's Foot Guards, 1821-1823, 1826.
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11. Member of Congressional Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, 1841
12. Joseph R. Ingersoll--released from his Congressional appointment, 1824
13. List of acts passed by the 27th Congress, 1841 [3]
- 14-15. List of Standing Committees, 1841

E. Personal & Misc. Legal Papers

- 1-6. Accounts
7. Mortgage, 1845
8. Notice from J.M. Edwards, grandjuror, 1829; W.W. Boardman to Sheriff of New Haven, 1829; Notice from J.C. Parker, constable, 1829; List of Receipts, 1829, Court case--State vs. Hanson & Dorman.

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9. Rail-Road Way-Bill, 1839
10. Receipt list for salt exchanged for bacon, 1862
11. Table of Fees adapted by the New Haven County Bar, 1826
12. From the Boston Anthology, Poem "Hand Organ"

F. Maps

1. Map of Boardman, Ohio
2. Map of Johnston Town, Trumbull County, Ohio

G. Account Book, 1821-1827 (see folder B.) [circa 10 p]

H. Loose material removed from account book in folder G [16]

I. Drafts of speeches

1. Eulogy
2. "Declaration of the People of the County of New Haven," 1840
3. Court speech
4. "Anniversary of a Nation" [40]
5. Plan for Insurance Against Fire For the City of New Haven with a list of fires in New Haven between 1800-1833; read at a public meeting on January 28, 1834 (check card catalogue for printed form) [25]
6. Remarks on behalf of R.I. Ingersoll during the Democratic Convention at Hartford, 1838/1839 ?? [24]
7. Part of speech with list of committee members, June 1838 [2]
8. Partial draft of speech, n.d. [20]

J. Eight Notebooks--"Insurance" [76]

K. Six Notebooks--"Bills of Exchange," 1817-1818 [46]

L. Notebooks

1. "Fraud" [12]
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3. Misc. [21]

Box II (1/2 box)

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1. Passport & visas, 1857-1858
 2. Notebook--list of subscribers to the New Haven Scientific & Military Academy, 1824 2
 3. Ledger--"Reports of Cases Argued & Determined," 1820-1823 (misc. notes at end of ledger) [55]
 4. Ledger--Notes on legal & other subjects, 1840 & newspaper clippings at the end of ledger [77]
 5. Ledger--"Waste Book"--clerk of the Senate, 1820-1823 [164]
 6. Ledger--Account Book, 1819-1821 [164]
 7. Inventory to the Hon. Elijah Boardman papers, 1762-1825, held by C.B. Cobb. Prepared by J.J. Grabowski. Rev. 1986. [25p.]

**** Box I folder A-- Letter patent issued to John Grannis, 1812 (envelope), a letter from a descendent with an explanation, Nov. 1, 1901. [2]

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- LTR CHAS. STEWART, MISSIONARY IN HAWAII, TO WILLIAM BOARDMAN (1) 1823

*** box I folder B-2. David Sherman Boardman--commission as Judge of Probate, 1805; plus letter of donation--Philip Grossman, 1925.