

Hubbell Family Collection
MS B140

Summary Information

Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

Title

Hubbell Family Collection

ID

Ms B140

Date [inclusive]

1750-1865

Extent

3 boxes, 4 oversize items

Accession Numbers

2015.8

Language

English

Abstract

Account books, correspondence, deeds, schoolbooks, and other materials relating to Gershom Hubbell of Fairfield, his family members and legal papers from Hubbell's tenure as justice of the peace. Bibles with family records are also included.

Preferred Citation note

Item, Hubbell Family Collection, (Box #, Series, Folder #). Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.

Biographical/Historical Note:

The Hubbell family's roots in Fairfield go back to immigrant ancestor Richard Hubbell (1627-1699), who first appears in Fairfield records in 1664. He was an original member of the Stratfield Church and served as a sergeant in the Fairfield militia and a deputy to the colonial legislature, 1678-1681.

Gershom Hubbell, son of Nathan (son of Richard's son Samuel), married three times and had 15 children; the children of his third marriage to Sarah St. John were Moses, Priscilla, William, Uriah, Susannah, Gershom, and Abraham. He was a tanner, and made breeches, vests, and other items. He served in the Greenfield militia company in 1765-7 and during the Revolutionary War, he served in 1776 in Elijah Abel's company (his descendants later filed for a pension for support of his widow Sarah). He also served as a justice of the peace in Fairfield.

In 1751, he built a house in Greenfield Hill (1081 Hillside Road) which came to be known as Hubbell Homestead and was still standing in 2015. Rev. Timothy Dwight held divine service and taught school in a room of this house while his academy in Greenfield Hill was being built. Gershom's daughter Priscilla, whose fiancé was lost at sea, never married and remained in the family home until her death. The descendants of Gershom Hubbell maintained the house into the 20th century, and kept many of the family's antique items there until the 1930s.

Gershom's grandson Uriah (son of Moses) married 1) Sally Sterling, daughter of Thaddeus Sterling Jr., and Eleanor Ogden of Fairfield (who later married Eliphalet Lyon, Jr.); their children were Augustus, John C., Adelia, Mary Ann, Charles, Arthur S., Rufus B., Rufus W., Perry B. and Priscilla Hubbell.

Scope and Contents note

The collection consists of three boxes and four oversize items and is organized into six series. These include series for account books and other items related to Gershom Hubbell, including a series of legal papers from his service as justice of the peace in 1786-1787; account books which document his business making leather goods (including a price list for his services from 1750); correspondence, and legal documents related to his children Priscilla and Uriah Hubbell, and to grandson Uriah Hubbell. A series of printed material includes several broadside poems by P. Fayerweather of Bridgeport, and a small copy of the *Adventures of Captain Gulliver*. Items pertaining to different Hubbell family members (including a deed from immigrant ancestor Richard Hubbell, 1681) are included in the last series, and were added to the collection in order to keep materials from this family together. There is also a family Bible from Eleanor Ogden Lyon (whose daughter married into the Hubbell family). The oversize items include an account book for Uriah Hubbell, and family Bibles belonging to Priscilla Hubbell and Sally Hubbell.

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Conditions Governing Use note

Use of the material requires compliance with the Fairfield Museum and History Center regulations.

Processing Information note

This collection was processed by Elizabeth Rose, 2015.

Source note: Items donated by Roger Reid, 2015; other items transferred from MS 37, Fairfield Families Collection.

Controlled Access Headings

Family Names

Hubbell family
Ogden family

Geographic Names

Fairfield (Conn.)

Personal Names

Hubbell, Gershom, 1729-1802
Hubbell, Priscilla, 1773-1868
Hubbell, Uriah, 1778-1848
Hubbell, Uriah, 1806-1871
Lyon, Eleanor Ogden, 1782-1858

Subjects

Account books
Correspondence
Deeds
Legal documents
Probate records

Collection Inventory

Box I

Series 1: Gershom Hubbell

Folder 1: Gershom Hubbell account book, 1750-65
Folder 2: Gershom Hubbell account book, 1780-1828 [continued after his death?]
Folder 3: Gershom Hubbell his book, 1788-1796
Folder 4: Inventory of estate of Gershom Hubbell, 1802

Box II

Series 2: Legal papers signed by Gershom Hubbell as Justice of the Peace, 1776?-1787

Court summons, writs, promissory notes, verdicts, notes, search warrant (see list in folder)

Folder 1: 1776? – 1786
Folder 2: January 1787- June 1787
Folder 3: July 1787- December 1787

Series 3: Priscilla and Uriah Hubbell (1778-1847)

Folder1: Uriah Hubbell – Road Repair Instructions, 1810

Folder 2: Deeds & Writs

Deeds:

Josiah St. John to Sarah Hubbell, 1790
Abijah Hubbell to Samuel Wakeman, 1795
Ebenezer and Ruth Ogden to Uriah Hubbell, 1807
Uriah Hubbell to Priscilla Hubbell, 1817
Sarah Hubbell to Uriah and Priscilla Hubbell, 1820
Uriah Hubbell to Sarah Hubbell, 1820

Sarah Hubbell to Uriah Hubbell, 1820
Jacob and Mable Quimly to Uriah Hubbell, 1822
John Hull to Uriah Hubbell, 1824
Uriah Hubbell to Priscilla Hubbell, 1826
Uriah Hubbell to Priscilla Hubell, 1828
Receipt, Joseph Banks, Jr., to Priscilla Hubbell, 1829
Receipt, Priscilla Hubbell to Abraham Hubbell, 1830
Abraham Baldwin to Priscilla Hubbell, 1830
Promissory note, Walter Bradley to Priscilla Hubbell, 1832
Alba Word to Priscilla Hubbell, 1844

Writs:

Sarah Hubbell v. Jesse Dimon? 1809
Ebenezer Nichols v. Uriah Hubbell, 1810

Folder 3: Letters to Priscilla Hubbell from H. R. Hubbell, Fred R. B. Hubble, Horatio Hubble, 1838-1860

Series 4: Uriah Hubbell (1806-1871)

Folder 1:

Uriah Hubbell account book, 1841-49 [see also oversize item A]
Uriah Hubbell, misc. receipts, 1853-1865
God a Refuge (Uriah Hubbell's book)

Box III

Series 5: Printed material

Folder 1:

P. Fayerweather, "The Inquiry"
P. Fayerweather, "Eden Before the Fall"
Adventures of Captain Gulliver

Series 6: Other Hubbell family

Folder 1: Account book [no name], 1792

Folder 2: Arithmetic Practice Book (Gershom Hubbell, Sally Hubble)

Folder 3: Other Hubbell Family Papers

Deed from Richard Hubbell to John Hubbell, 1681
Deed from John Smith to Nathan Hubbell and Joseph Bradley, Jr., 1749
Deed from Abel Hubbell to Daniel Hubbell, 1750
Writ, David Hubble vs. Thaddeus Jennings, 1773
Writ, John Hubble vs. Daniel Robertson, 1781
Writ, Israel Blackman and Thaddeus Hubbell vs. Ebenezer Dimon, 1809
Mable Hubble probate papers 1840 2 items **Custodial History note:** Gift of Mrs. Frederick A. Petrie from Hubbell House on Greenfield Hill.
Power of attorney to Ezra Hawley from Ezra Hubbell, 1751
Notes and bills 8 items

Folder 4: Eleanor [Ogden] Lyon Bible, with family record, 1764

Oversize items

OS Item A: Uriah Hubbell account book, 1836
OS Item C: Priscilla Hubbell Bible (1)
OS Item D: Priscilla Hubbell Bible (2), 1818 edition
OS Item E: Sally L. Hubbell, Bible with family record

