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### **Manuscript Finding Aid**

Title: Nichols Family. Collection  
Collection #: Ms B77  
Dates: 1794- ca. 1970  
Size of Collection: 1.75 linear ft (2-1/2 boxes)  
Accession Number: L96.45 (L96 Dec 45)  
Donor: Barbara Nichols Miles  
Restrictions: None  
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#### Biographical/ historical note:

The donor's ancestors include members of the Jennings, Bulkley, and Barmore families of Weston and Fairfield, Connecticut. C. Orville Nichols married first, Julia Maria Banks and second, Bella Rogers. Their children included Lillian, who married Erva Brotherton, and Clifford J., who married Ruby V. Jennings, daughter of Freddie C. Jennings. Clifford and Ruby had daughters Barbara and Shirley, the donors. Portions of this material relating to the Jennings, Bulkley, Barmore, Banks, Lockwood and Brown families come from the donor's mother; the rest of the material relates to the Brotherton side of the family. See the collection file for additional genealogical data.

#### Scope and content note:

The collection consists of legal and financial records and photographs from two branches of the Nichols family of Fairfield. Sub-group I contains the papers and records of members of the Jennings/Bulkley/Barmore side of the family. Records are arranged in

chronological order. Samuel Coley Brown's account book for carting, building stone walls, and butchering, 1841-1881, is found in volume 1. Volume 2 contains the accounts of George Wilson for guns and gun stocks, carting, plowing, and metal work, 1845-1879. Volume 3 contains observations of daily weather, lists of livestock and produce, and work records, kept either by Charles France or Samuel B. Lyon, 1883-1885. Volumes 4 through 6 are photograph albums, in which only some of the images are identified. Names included are Stella Lockwood Barmore and Stephen Barmore, Ann Maria Brown Lockwood, Edith Barmore Banks, Turney Bulkley, Eli and Ada Jennings, and Martha Gould. Unidentified cased daguerreotypes and tintypes constitute volumes 7-11. Loose unidentified family photographs are in folders 12-14. Images of Clifford J. Nichols and his co-workers at Kennel Food Supply in Fairfield, ca. 1970. Folder 16 contains a collection of wedding invitations, while folder 17 holds two printed works that belonged to Freddie C. Jennings.

The material in sub-group II is organized in chronological order. Deeds to and from John Goodsell, 1794-1859 are in folder 1. Photocopies of maps showing the location of the Brotherton property on Sturges Highway, and an essay on the "Brotherton Indians" are in folder 2. The Pieter family, who owned the property before the Brothertons, are represented by photographs in folder 3. Folder 4 contains images of the Bradley and Goodsell houses, while folder 5 has images of the Ellis Brotherton house. Brotherton and Bennett family photographs are arranged in folder 6 and 7, respectively. Unidentified photographs are in folders 8-11.

Part of this donation included a shingle from the steeple of the Greenfield Hill Church, which blew down in a storm in 1944. The shingle has been transferred to the museum.

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Sub-Group I. Jennings/Bulkley/Barmore family records, 1841-ca. 1970

- Volume 1. Samuel Coley Brown account book, 1841-1882
- Volume 2. George Wilson account book, 1845-1879
- Volume 3. Lyon/France journal, 1883-1885
- Volume 4-6. Photograph albums
- Volume 7-11. Cased daguerreotypes and tintypes, ca. 1845
- Folder 12-14. Unidentified family photographs
- Folder 15. Kennel Food Supply photographs, ca. 1970
- Folder 16. Wedding invitations, 1916-1956
- Folder 17. Printed materials belonging to Freddie C. Jennings, 1847, 1883

Sub-Group II. Brotherton/Goodsell family records, 1794-ca. 1960

- Folder 1. John Goodsell deeds, 1794-1859
- Folder 2. Photocopied map of Brotherton property, n.d.  
essay on "Brotherton Indians," n.d.
- Folder 3. Pieter family photographs, ca. 1920
- Folder 4. Goodsell and Bradley house photographs, n.d.
- Folder 5. Ellis Brotherton house photographs, ca. 1960
- Folder 6. Brotherton family photographs
- Folder 7. Bennett family photographs
- Folder 8-11. Unidentified family photographs

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Subject headings:

Account books  
Brotherton family  
Deeds--Conn.--Fairfield  
Invitations, wedding  
Jennings family  
Kennel Food Supply (Fairfield, Conn.)  
Manual labor--Conn--Fairfield  
Photographs

Brown, Samuel Coley, 1811-1889  
Nichols, Clifford  
Wilson, George