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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: Wakeman Family. Papers

Collection #: Ms 15

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Biographical/historical note:

The Wakeman family were early land holders in Fairfield and later in Ohio. Members were involved in the military, ministry, shipping, storekeeping and farming. John (1601-1661) was the progenitor of the family. He had a son Samuel (1635-1692) who in turn had three sons, Samuel (1657-1691), John (1660-1709) and Joseph (1670-1726). The materials in this collection concern the descendants of John and Joseph. The most notable Wakeman, in relation to this collection, is William Webb (1799-1869), the son of Jessup (1771-1844, who served as collector of Revenue in Fairfield) and Esther Dimon Wakeman. A sea captain, William was active in the coastal trade between New York, Boston, and Salem, Mass., later expanding his route to Georgetown (Washington, DC), Savannah Georgia and Galveston, Texas. As principal in the firm Wakeman, Dimon & Co., he engaged in trade with East India and China. At the start of the Civil War, Wakeman added steamships to his line, and these ships were used by the U.S. government as transports. For more information on the family and on William Webb, see The

Wakeman Genealogy (1900). A chart of the Wakeman family, with members whose papers are included in the collection highlighted, can be found in the collection folder.

Scope and content note:

The collection primarily consists of legal and financial records of several generations of the Wakeman family. The individuals are arranged alphabetically with their papers organized chronologically.

A. Maria Wakeman's papers in Series 1 include photographs, newspaper articles, reminiscences of Fairfield schools and examples of school work, 1888-1913, 1935-1938, from Stratford and Dwight schools where she was a teacher, and a copy of Maria's obituary, 1938; and records she kept as clerk of the Greenfield Hill Church, 1925-1931.

Abbie D. Wakeman, Series 2, is represented by probate records of her estate, 1910. Andrew Wakeman (1745-1821) was a Lieutenant and later Captain in the 1st Company, 4th Conn. Regiment. His papers, organized in Series 3, consist of deeds and maps of properties, 1771-1816; receipts for rations and rum for his men, 1777; a slave purchase and emancipation document for the slave Jeffrey, 1801, 1812; his will, 1817; and receipts and accounts, 1816-1820.

David Wakeman is represented in Series 4 by deeds, 1857. The documents of two Ebenezers are arranged in Series 5. The first Ebenezer (1749-1801) is represented by a deed, 1785; the second (b. 1775) by a bill of sale, 1823. Eleanor Wakeman (1783-1873), daughter of Epaphras Wakeman and wife of Jesse Wakeman, sold land in Westport in 1836. These documents are arranged in Series 6.

Eli Wakeman (1768-1858) administered estates, carted goods, dug graves and sold dry goods and livestock. These transactions are recorded in an account book, 1834-1856, in Series 7. Henry Burr Wakeman (1820-1892), a noted agriculturist and fruit raiser from Greens Farms, is represented in Series 8 by deeds, 1838-1889, including contracts for the sale of crops such as onions, potatoes and hay. The papers of Jabez (1706-1774) and his wife Ruth Treadwell Wakeman, are arranged in Series 9. They consist of deeds, 1729-1738, and a writ, 1773. Jessup (1771-1844) Wakeman served as collector of revenue in Fairfield, and his account book, 1815-1816, and an inventory of his estate, 1843, are organized in Series 10.

John (1601-1666) the progenitor of the family is represented in Series 11 by signatures, both holographic and copies, ca. 1661. Deeds, 1759-1808, and an account book, 1769-1817 are attributed to John (1730-1809) and are arranged in Series 12. Series 13 contains the deeds of John B. Wakeman, 1888-1931.

At least four generations of Josephs are included in the collection. There may be some overlap in the assignment of papers to the individuals. Series 14 contains the papers of Joseph (1670-1726), which consists of deeds, 1705-1726, and a copy of his
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military appointment, 1708. The deeds, 1734, of Joseph (1704-1762) are arranged in Series 15. Joseph (1763-1839) is represented by an account book, 1774-1817, bills and receipts, 1789-1822, found in the book, and a writ, 1787, which are organized in Series 16. Series 17 contains the deeds of Joseph (1793-1854) which date from 1819-1827. Deeds dating 1843 and 1849, bearing the name Joseph Wakeman, are arranged in Series 18, although this particular individual has not been identified.

Mary Catherine Hull Wakeman (b. 1813), the wife of William Webb Wakeman, is represented by her own deeds, 1869, 1880, in Series 19. Series 20 contains the 1831-1838 shipping account book of Maurice (1801-1870) Wakeman. Ruth Rogers Wakeman (1712-1784), wife of Samuel (1713-1752), leased property to her son, Andrew, in 1762, and wrote her will in 1783. These documents are contained in Series 21.

At least five generations of Samuels are included in the collection, and again, attribution has been made but there may be some overlap of materials. Further refinement will be necessary. Series 22 contains the will, 1690, of Samuel (1657-1691). Significant among the papers of Samuel (1693-1771) are indentures for an Indian woman and her child, 1742. Additional documents in Series 23 include deeds, 1734-1751, bonds, 1738-1749, and a lease, 1789.

Samuel (1713-1752) Wakeman's appointment as a Ensign in the 1st Co. of Fairfield's militia, 1745, is among his papers in Series 24. Other documents include an inventory, 1753, and a court order, 1780, concerning his estate. Series 25 contains the account book of Samuel (1734-1809) who operated a sawmill and also traded in meat and cider. The legal records of Samuel (1774-1826) in Series 26 consists of deeds, 1798-1820, and the distribution of his estate, 1826. The papers of several different Samuels are arranged chronologically in Series 22. These include deeds, 1746, 1843-1844, 1859; regimental orders, 1809; and a probate record, 1910.

Sarah Ann Bulkley Wakeman (1818-1880) settled her husband, Joseph's, estate and those records are arranged in Series 28. Series 29 contains deeds, 1843-1855, and bills and receipts, 1852-1859 belonging to Seth Wakeman.

The business records of William Webb Wakeman are organized in Series 30. They include a cash book, 1816; shipping papers related to Wakeman & Dimon, including bills and receipts, 1857; claims for loss related to several vessels, 1864-1865; insurance documents for ships, 1862-1864; contracts for charter parties, 1868; and a ledger, 1859-1862. William's letter book, also related to shipping, 1858-1868, is included in this series.

Series 31 contains the deeds, 1805-1837, of Zalmon Wakeman. An account book from Wakeman Gardens, 1957, if found in Series 32. Assorted documents

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regarding various family members are arranged in Series 33. Folder 1 includes legal and financial records arranged in alphabetical order according to the name of the

individual. Of note is a receipt, 1769, issued to Gideon Wakeman, for a share in the Susquehannah Purchase. Maps of the Wakeman/Dimon homestead are in Folder 2. Andrew Wakeman's Bible dictionary is in Folder 6.

Series 1-29. A. Maria - Seth Wakeman

Box 1

Series 30-33. William Webb - Assorted Wakeman Family

Box 2

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Papers, 1705-1957

Box 1

Series 1. A. Maria Wakeman Papers, 1888-1938

Folder 1. School memorabilia including photographs of school classes at program; obituary, 1938

Folder 2. Greenfield Hill Church clerk's records, 1925-1931

Series 2. Abbie D. Wakeman Papers, 1910

Folder 1. Probate court records, 1910

Series 3. Andrew (1745-1821) Wakeman Papers, 1771-1820

Folder 1-2. Deeds, 1771-1816

Folder 3. Maps, 1784, 1780

Folder 4. Military documents, 1777

Folder 5. Slave purchase and emancipation, 1801-1817; will, 1817

Folder 6. Financial records, 1816-1820

Series 4. David Wakeman Papers, 1857

Folder 1. Deeds, 1857

Series 5. Ebenezer Wakeman Sr. (1749-1801) and Jr. (b. 1775) Papers, 1785, 1823

Folder 1. Deed, 1785; bill of sale, 1823

Series 6. Eleanor (1783-1873) Wakeman Papers, 1836

Folder 1. Deeds, 1836, for land in Westport

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Series 7. Eli (1768-1858) Wakeman Papers, 1834-1856

Folder 1. Account book, 1834-1856

Series 8. Henry B. (1820-1892) Wakeman Papers, 1838-1889

Folder 1. Deeds, 1838-1889; sales of crops

Series 9. Jabez (1706-1774) and Ruth Wakeman Papers, 1729-1773

Folder 1. Deeds, 1729-1738; writ, 1773

Series 10. Jessup (1771-1844) Wakeman Papers, 1814-1816, 1843

Folder 1. Appointments as assessor, 1814, 1816 (flat files, o/s items # 1&2)
Folder 2. Account book, Collector of Revenue, 1815-1816
Folder 3. Inventory of real and personal estate, 1843
Folder 4. Map of real estate in Wakeman Township Ohio, 1850 (flat files, oversize item #9)

Series 11. John (1601-1666) Wakeman Papers, ca. 1661

Folder 1. Signatures, ca. 1661

Series 12. John (1730-1809) Wakeman Papers, 1759-1817

Folder 1. Deeds, 1759-1808
Folder 2. Account book, 1769-1817

Series 13. John B. Wakeman Papers, 1888-1931

Folder 1. Deeds, 1888-1931

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Series 14. Joseph (1670-1726) Wakeman Papers, 1705-1726

Folder 1. Deeds, 1705-1726; copy of military appointment, 1708

Series 15. Joseph (1704-1762) Wakeman Papers, 1734

Folder 1. Deeds, 1734

Series 16. Joseph (1763-1839) Wakeman Papers, 1787-1822

Folder 1. Account book, 1774-1817 (Oversize item #5)

Folder 2. Bills and receipts, 1789-1822 removed from account book;
writ, 1787

Series 17. Joseph (1793-1854) Wakeman Papers, 1819-1827

Folder 1. Deeds, 1819-1827

Series 18. Joseph Wakeman Papers, 1843-1849

Folder 1. Deeds, 1843, 1849

Series 19. Mary Catherine Wakeman (b. 1813) Papers, 1869, 1880

Folder 1. Deeds, 1869, 1880

Series 20. Maurice (1801-1870) Wakeman Papers, 1831-1838

Folder 1. Shipping account book, 1831-1838 (Oversize item #6)

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Series 21. Ruth Rogers Wakeman Papers, 1762-1783

Folder 1. Lease, 1762; will, 1783

Series 22. Samuel (1657-1691) Wakeman Papers, 1690

Folder 1. Will, 1690

Series 23. Samuel (1693-1771) Wakeman Papers, 1734-1789

Folder 1. Deeds, 1734-1751

Folder 2. Survey, 1737; bonds, 1738-1749; indentures of an Indian woman

Series 24. Samuel (1713-1752) Wakeman Papers, 1745-1780

Folder 1. Military appointment, 1745; estate inventory, 1753; court order,

Series 25. Samuel (1734-1809) Wakeman Papers, 1755-1783

Folder 1. Account book, 1755-1783 (sawmill, meat, cider, etc.)
(Oversize Item #7)

Series 26. Samuel (1774-1826) Wakeman Papers, 1798-1826

Folder 1. Deeds, 1798-1820; estate distribution, 1826

Series 27. Samuel Wakeman Papers, 1746-1859, 1910

Folder 1. Deed, 1746; writ, 1772; regimental order, 1809; deeds, 1843-1844,

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Series 28. Sarah Ann Bulkley Wakeman Papers, 1854-1856

Folder 1. Probate records concerning her husband Joseph (1793-1854),
1854-1856

Series 29. Seth Wakeman Papers, 1760-1859

Folder 1. Account book, 1760-1830
Folder 2. Deeds, 1843-1855
Folder 3. Bills and receipts, 1853-1859

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Series 30. William Webb (1799-1869) Wakeman Papers, 1816-1869

Folder 1. Cash book, 1816; correspondence, 1838, 1858
Folder 2. Wakeman & Dimon shipping papers, 1857-1868
Folder 3. Letter book, 1858-1868 (Oversize item # 8)
Folder 4. Wakeman & Dimon ledger, 1859-1862 (Oversize item #3)
Folder 5. Insurance documents concerning ships, 1862-1865
Folder 6. Legal documents, 1864, 1869

Series 31. Zalmon (1781-1856) Wakeman Papers, 1805-1837

Folder 1. Deeds, 1805-1818
Folder 2. Deeds, 1820-1824
Folder 3. Deeds, 1825-1837

Series 32. Wakeman Gardens Records, 1957

Folder 1. Account book, 1957

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Series 33. Assorted Wakeman Family Papers, 1769-1917

- Folder 1. Abbie D., deed, 1869; Ann, map, 1827; Edward O., deed, 1883;
mortgage, 1867; Mary, receipt, 1860; Sarah, tax receipt, 1831;
Sarah M., deed, 1921; Stephen B., notice, 1868; Talcott, deed, 1889.
- Folder 2. Wakeman/Dimon homestead maps, n.d.
- Folder 3. Ann Scofield probate records, 1909, 1917
- Folder 4. Mary Wilson, letters from Eunice Smith, 1805, 1810
- Folder 5. Miscellaneous bills and receipts
- Folder 6. Andrew Wakeman Bible dictionary, pub. 1855 (Oversize
item #11)

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Subject headings

Account books--Conn.--Fairfield
Account books--Conn.--Westport
Connecticut--militia
Deeds--Conn.--Fairfield
Deeds--Conn.--Westport
Greenfield Hill Congregational Church (Fairfield, Conn.)
Indentured servants--Conn.--Fairfield
Indians of North America--legal status, laws, etc.
Internal revenue--Conn.--Fairfield
Inventories of decedents' estates--Conn.--Fairfield
Maps--Conn.--Fairfield
Maps--Ohio--Wakeman
Schools--Conn.--Fairfield
Shipping--Conn.--Fairfield
Shipping--New York, N.Y.
Slave records--Conn.--Fairfield
Wakeman & Dimon Co. (New York, N.Y.)
Wakeman Gardens (Fairfield, Conn.)

Wakeman, Andrew, 1745-1821
Wakeman, Jessup, 1771-1844
Wakeman, Maurice, 1801-1870
Wakeman, Samuel, 1693-1771
Wakeman, Samuel, 1713-1752
Wakeman, William Webb, 1799-1869

Family genealogy (those whose papers are included in the collection are in bold)

1 **John (1601-1661)**

2 Samuel (1635-1692)

3 **Samuel (1657-1691)** m. (1) Mary Burr; (2) Sarah Knowles

4 John (1660-1709) m. Marth Hubbell

6 **Samuel (1693-1771)** m. Elizabeth --

Eleanor

Moses (1726-1764) m. Molly Goodsell

Epaphras (b. 1746)

Eleanor (1783-1873) m. Jesse Wakeman

Eliphalet (1749-1779)

Elizabeth (1751-1796)

Molly (b. 1753)

Sarah (b. 1755)

Samuel (b. 1757)

Ann m. Nathan Hubbell

Elizabeth m. John Lyon

Sarah (1731-1769) m. Gershom Hubbell

Samuel (1734-1809) m. Mabel Burr

Lloyd

Ann

Samuel (1763-1840)

Mabel

Ezekiel

Jesse (d.y.)

Eleanor

Sarah

Jesse (1781-1875) m. Eleanor Wakeman (1783-1873)

7 Stephen (1702-1761)

8 John (1705-1789/90) m. Catherine Gilbert

John (1730-1809) m. Esther Bradley

Lyman

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Eli (1768-1858) m. Ruhamah Goodsell

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Zalmon (1781-1856) m. Clara Nichols

Gershom (1731-1781) m. Elizabeth Downs

Ebenezer (1737-1823) m. Elizabeth Webb

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Ebenezer (1770-1848) m. Eunice Bradley

Eleanor (1739-1764) m. Eliphalet Lyon

Abigail

Seth (1743-1770)

Thaddeus

5 **Joseph (1670-1726)** m. Elizabeth Hawley

9 Ebenezer (1698-1726) m. Sarah Sturges
Ebenezer (1725-1762) m. (1) Ann Hill; (2) Sarah Hanford
Ebenezer (1749-1801) m. Anna Banks
Ebenezer (b. 1775)

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10 **Joseph (1704-1762) m. Abigail Allen**
Ann
Mary
Abigail
Gideon
Joseph (1739-1784) m. Rebecca Adams
Joseph (1763-1839) m. Rachel Hide
Seth (1766-1835)

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11 **Jabez (1706-1774) m. Ruth Treadwell**
Elizabeth
William (1730-1802) m. Sarah Hill

...

12 **Samuel (1713-1752) m. Ruth Rogers**
Catherine
Hannah
Mary
Andrew (1745-1821) m. (1) Hannah Allen; (2) Eunice
Samuel (1774-1826) m. Sally Burr
Elizabeth

...

Joseph (1793-1854)

...

Elizabeth

13 Stephen (1716/17-1760) m. (1) Mary Booth; (2) Sarah Jessup
Stephen (1744-1789) m. Mary Adams
Sarah
Jessup (1748-1780) m. Amelia Banks
Banks () m. Eleanor Jennings
Happy Osborn
...
Stephen Burritt (1804-1857)
Stephen Banks (b. 1835)
...
Talcott Banks (1815-1888)
Eleanor
Henry Burr (1820-1892)

Jessup (1771-1844) m. Esther Dimon
William Webb (1799-1869) m. Mary
Maurice (1801-1870)
Zalmon (1803-1865)
Jessup Banks (1806-1879)
Sarah