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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: Bulkley Family. Papers

Collection #: Ms 19

Dates: 1713-1943

Size of Collection: 2-1/2 linear ft. (6-1/2 boxes; four oversize items)

Accession Number: L1982 Aug 1; L86 May 1; L88 Apr 8; unknown

Donor: George Bulkley; Benjamin A. Bulkley; Ada Jennings; purchase; unknown

Restrictions: None

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Biographical/ historical note:

This Bulkley family descended from Thomas, Daniel and Peter who settled in Fairfield in the middle 1600s. Their ancestors became farmers, store owners, lacksmiths, seamen, politicians, shipping merchants and ship owners. Eleazer Bulkley (1763-1843) and later his sons were successfully engaged in shipping in New York and Southport, Connecticut. For more information see Family of Reverend Peter Bulkley by Donald Lines Jacobus, New Haven, 1933.

Scope and content note:

This collection consists of legal, financial, and shipping papers from various members of the Bulkley family. Box 1 contains deeds by date, probate papers, writs (organized by date), legal papers, and bills (in alphabetical order). Box 2 holds shipping bills, financial records and correspondence. The most notable letters are those between

Francis Sayre and his sister Jane Sayre Bulkley and her husband, Uriah Bulkley. The shipping papers include bills of lading and manifests. Boxes 3-5 contain account books and diaries. Shipping books are arranged in Boxes 6 and 7. The oversize items consist of account books and bank check books.