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Biographical/ historical note:

George Hull (ca. 1590-1659) was the immigrant ancestor of the Fairfield branch of the Hull family in America. He arrived in the Massachusetts colony about 1631-32 and helped settle Windsor, Conn. in 1636 and Fairfield in 1647. Theophilus (1697-1748), George's grandson, had a son Theophilus (1725-1785). Eliphalet Hull (1700-1737), also one of George's grandsons, had sons Seth, John (1732-1791) and Daniel. John and his wife Eleanor Sherwood Hull (1740-1822) had children John (1763-1830), Sarah or Sally (1766-1825), Benjamin (1769-1820), Mabel (1771-1847), Lyman (1773-1822) and Eliphalet (1776-1842). Martha Hull (1701-1782), a great-granddaughter of George's and the daughter of Cornelius (1655-1740), evidently was a weaver, as evidenced by her account book. She married David Sherwood about 1727. Another of George's grandsons, John (1704-1761), lived in Newtown. The area of Fairfield where most of this family settled is known as Hulls Farms.

Scope and content note:

The collection consists of legal and financial records of several generations of the Hull family of Fairfield, Conn. Materials are organized into series according to the name of the person receiving or originating the document(s) and then chronologically by his or her date of birth.

Series A consists of the 1718 will of Samuel Hull (son of Cornelius (1627-1695)). A deed, dated 1710 involving Theophilus Hull (1697-1748) is in Series B. Martha Hull Sherwood's weaving accounts, 1720-1728, in Series C, includes notations made by her husband Daniel Sherwood.

The papers of Eliphalet Hull (1700-1737), organized in Series D, consist of legal papers, 1727-1736, including deeds and a bill of sale for the Sloop Speedwell, and his will and estate papers, 1736-1737. Series E encompasses a receipt, 1745, surveys of land, 1750, 1753, and a deed, 1754, belonging to John Hull (1704-1761). John Hull (1732-1791) is represented in Series F by receipts, 1775-1790; deeds, 1771-1776; records of the distribution of his estate, 1791-1796; and military appointments, 1770, 1771, to command the Greenfield Hill parish train band.

Legal records, consisting of orders of execution, 1770-1789, issued on behalf of Dr. Eliphalet Hull (1738-1799) are organized in Series G. Eleanor Sherwood Hull (1740-1822) is represented by receipts and accounts, 1794-1822. The papers of Benjamin Hull (1762-1850), arranged in Series I, consist of a bill, 1817, and inventories of lands sold to pay his debts, ca. 1850. Captain John Hull (1763-1830) operated a coastal schooner, the Ship Democrat. His records, in Series J, include bills, receipts and promissory notes, 1792-1830; deeds, 1802-1827, and a summons, 1787; shipping accounts, 1797-1803; and his "retailing" books with accounts of grain shipped and sold, 1799.

Sarah (Sally) Hull (1766-1825) never married. She is represented in Series K by legal records, including a deed, court records, her will dated 1824, and her estate inventory, 1825; and bills and receipts for nursing care and the construction of a coffin, 1823-1826. Lyman Hull (1773-1822) appears to have been a speculator or investor. His records, in Series L, include deeds, 1801-1806; bills and receipts, 1815-1821; promissory notes, 1816-1822; bills paid from his estate, 1823-1829; and records of the distribution of his debts, 1823-1829.

Daniel Hull's orders of execution, 1775, 1790, are arranged in Series M. Eliphalet Hull (1776-1842) is represented by promissory notes, 1818, 1820, in Series N. Series O consists of a letter, 181, and bills, 1826, 1828, to Amelia Hull. Her sister Eliza's bills, 1823-1825, are arranged in Series P. Harry Hull settled the estate of Hezekiah Hull and the deeds from this estate, 1849-1866, are organized in Series Q. Yet another John Hull is represented solely by the distribution of his estate in 1857 and is placed in Series R. Sally B. Hull (1806-1894) received letters from her cousin Sarah Hull, and from Esther Hill, 1829-1830, arranged in Series S. Papers related to other family members,

including an indenture, 1750; legal records, 1787, 1814, 1864; and receipts, 1793-1798, 1826 are arranged chronologically in Series T.

- Series A. Samuel Hull Papers, 1718
- Series B. Theophilus Hull Papers, 1710
- Series C. Martha Hull Sherwood Papers, 1720-1728
- Series D. Eliphalet Hull Papers, 1727-1737
- Series E. John Hull Papers, 1745-1754
- Series F. John Hull Papers, 1770-1796
- Series G. Dr. Eliphalet Hull Papers, 1770-1789
- Series H. Eleanor Sherwood Hull Papers, 1794-1822
- Series I. Benjamin Hull Papers, 1817
- Series J. Capt. John Hull Papers, 1787-1827
- Series K. Sarah (Sally) Hull Papers, 1823-1826
- Series L. Lyman Hull Papers, 1801-1829
- Series M. Daniel Hull Papers, 1775-1790
- Series N. Eliphalet Hull Papers, 1818-1820
- Series O. Amelia Hull Papers, 1816, 1826-1828
- Series P. Eliza Hull Papers, 1823-1825
- Series Q. Harry Hull Papers, 1849-1866
- Series R. John Hull Papers, 1857
- Series S. Sally B. Hull Papers, 1829-1833
- Series T. Assorted Family Papers, 1750-1864

HULL FAMILY PAPERS
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Series A. Samuel Hull Papers, 1718

Folder 1. Will, 1718

Series B. Theophilus Hull Papers, 1710

Folder 1. Deed, 1710

Series C. Martha Hull Sherwood Papers, 1720-1728

Folder 1. Account book, 1720-1728

Series D. Eliphalet Hull Papers, 1727-1737

Folder 1. Legal papers, bill of sale for Sloop Speedwell, 1727-1736

Folder 2. Will and estate papers, 1736-1737

Series E. John Hull Papers, 1745-1754

Folder 1. Receipt, 1745; land surveys and deeds, 1750-1754

Series F. John Hull Papers, 1775-1796

Folder 1. Receipts, 1775-1790

Folder 2. Deeds, 1771-1776; lease, 1790

Folder 3. Estate records, 1791-1796

Folder 4. Military appointments, 1770, 1771

Series G. Dr. Eliphalet Hull Papers, 1770-1789

Folder 1. Legal records, 1770-1789

Series H. Eleanor Sherwood Hull Papers, 1794-1822

Folder 1. Receipts and accounts, 1794-1822

Series I. Benjamin Hull Papers, 1817

Folder 1. Bill, 1817; inventory of lands sold to pay debts, n.d.

Series J. Capt. John Hull Papers, 1787-1830

Folder 1. Bills, receipts and promissory notes, 1792-1830

Folder 2. Deeds, 1802-1827; summons, 1787

Folder 3. "Retailing" books, 1799

Folder 4. "Shipping Accounts," 1797-1803

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Series K. Sarah (Sally) Hull Papers, 1823-1826

- Folder 1. Quit claim deed, 1824; will, 1824; inventory, 1825; court records,
- Folder 2. Bills and receipts, 1823-1826

Series L. Lyman Hull Papers, 1801-1829

- Folder 1. Deeds, 1801-1806
- Folder 2. Bills and receipts, 1815-1820
- Folder 3. Bills and receipts, 1821-1822
- Folder 4. Promissory notes, 1816-1822
- Folder 5-6. Bills paid to settle estate, 1823-1829
- Folder 7. Estate distribution, 1823-1829

Series M. Daniel Hull Papers, 1775-1790

- Folder 1. Legal records, 1775, 1790

Series N. Eliphalet Hull Papers, 1818, 1820

- Folder 1. Promissory notes, 1818, 1820

Series O. Amelia Hull Papers, 1816-1828

- Folder 1. Letter, 1816; bills, 1826, 1828

Series P. Eliza Hull Papers, 1823-1825

- Folder 1. Bills, 1823-1825

Series Q. Harry Hull Papers, 1849-1866

- Folder 1. Deeds, 1849-1866

Series R. John Hull Papers, 1857

- Folder 1. Estate records, 1857

Series S. Sally B. Hull Papers, 1829-1833

- Folder 1. Letters 1829-1833

Series T. Assorted Family Papers, 1750-1826, 1864

- Folder 1. Indenture, 1750; letter and legal papers, 1787; receipts, 1793-1798, 1826; deeds, 1814, 1864

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Subject headings:

Decedents' estates--Conn.--Fairfield
Democrat (Ship)
Inventories of decedents' estates--Conn.--Fairfield
Shipping--Conn.--Fairfield
Speedwell (Sloop)
Weavers--Conn.--Fairfield
Wills--Conn.--Fairfield

Hull, Eliphalet, 1700-1737
Hull, John, 1704-1761
Hull, John, 1732-1791
Hull, John, 1763-1830
Hull, Lyman, 1773-1822
Hull, Sarah, 1766-1825
Sherwood, Martha Hull, 1701-1782