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### **Manuscript Finding Aid**

Title: Huntington Family. Collection

Collection #: Ms B16

Dates: 1811-1907

Size of Collection: 8 inches (1-1/2 boxes)

Accession Number: various gifts; L97.1

Donor: Mr and Mrs David Huntington

Restrictions: None

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#### Biographical/ historical note:

Enoch Smith Huntington (1804-1862), around whom the collection is built, was born in Ashford, Connecticut, the son of Andrew and Zerviah Smith Huntington. He was a Congregational minister and a missionary in Illinois. His youngest sister was Amelia (1811-1847). In 1836 Enoch married Lucy Cowles (d. 1843), the daughter of Chester and Sally Cowles. Lucy's siblings included Frances and William. Enoch Huntington's third wife, whom he married in 1853, was Esther Lyon (1819-1904), daughter of Burr (1789-1867) and Abigail (Burr) Lyon and grand-daughter of Wakeman (b. 1764/65) and Esther Hubbell Lyon. Enoch and Esther's children were Lucy, Frances, William Smith, Eliza Matilda, Andrew Burr (b. 1857) and Enoch Smith. Esther's siblings were Mary, Eunice Sherwood (1789/90-1889), Eleanor B. (1825-1899), Morris Wakeman (1826/7-1906), and Eliza A. (1828-1898). Morris Wakeman Lyon was a graduate of Yale and for a number of years he ran a school in New York City. He was also a major donor to the Fairfield Memorial Library. In 1853 he married Isabella Beard Wildman (1831-1912), daughter of William Bradley and Elizabeth Field (Beard) Wildman. Eunice Lyon

married Daniel Thatcher (1789-1867), wholesale drug merchant and bank president in Bridgeport, Conn. She was his second wife. Thatcher's first wife was Julia Ann Hubbell (1798-1852).

For more information about these families, see the genealogical pages in the collection file.

#### Scope and content note:

The materials in this collection are arranged first by family and alphabetically under each family by first name. Papers relating to the Huntington family are arranged in Sub-group I. Series A encompasses the estate account and division of property of Amelia Huntington, 1847. Andre Huntington's school diary, 1868, is in Series B. The papers of Enoch Smith Huntington in Series C encompass certificates and letters concerning assuming pastorships, 1833-1850; preaching record, 1847-1861, and a chap book with answers to religious questions as well as a preaching record and vital records, 1837-1865; diaries, 1835-1836; correspondence, 1839-1850; and assorted material including a bill, 1856, printed material, 1825 n.d., and a photograph of his Ashford home, n.d.

Esther Lyon Huntington is represented by correspondence, 1880-1893, primarily concerning genealogy, and Hubbell genealogy notes in Series D. Series E. consists of the correspondence of Lucy Cowles Huntington, 1833-1842, including letters from her mother Sally Cowles, her brother William Cowles, and from her sister Frances and Mary B. Waters. The final series in this sub-group is a photograph album that belonged to Harriet Bulkley. The images are primarily cartes-de-visite and tintypes and most have been identified. Harriet Bulkley is related to the Huntington's through marriage. See the collection folder for genealogical information.

Sub-group II consists of the papers of the Lyon family. Series A encompasses correspondence, 1811-1812; a receipt, 1839; and a bond, 1843 for Burr Lyon, and a set of Temperance publications bound into a single volume, with his manuscript notes at the back, 1828-1842. Series B and C consists of the estate records of sisters Eleanor Lyon, 1900, and Eliza Lyon, 1898-1899. The papers of Morris Lyon are arranged in Series D. They include a diary, 1849-1850, 1856; legal documents, including deeds, 1851, 1866; a letter of administration, 1879, leases, 1867-1875; correspondence, 1898-1901, including a petition to President McKinley concerning war with Cuba and a response from Ebenezer Hill, 1898; a historical address about the ministers of First Congregational Church in Fairfield, 1902; catalogs of the Collegiate Institute in New York City, 1861-1875; two volumes with the constitution and by-laws and minutes of meetings of the Literary Society at the Collegiate Institute, 1866-1867; two copies of the address given at his funeral and memorial resolutions, 1906-1907; gift acknowledgements, 1871-1872; and math exercise books, 1803-1804. Morris' wife Isabella is represented in Series E by correspondence, including sympathy notes, and a letter from her nephew Leonard concerning his experiences during the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco. Series F consists of correspondence and financial records concerning the Greenfield Hill Church, 1811-1828; deeds, 1801, 1810; and receipts, 1809-1828, kept by Wakeman Lyon.

Thatcher family papers are organized in Sub-group III. Daniel Thatcher is represented in Series A by correspondence, 1838, 1860, 1868; deeds, 1826-1861, 1878; stock transfers, 1838-1860; and power of attorney letters, 1838-1856; financial records, including bills, receipts and promissory note, 1845-1866; and accounts with his son George (b. 1825), 1838-1861; and plot maps, 1832. Eunice Lyon Thatcher's estate records, 1891, are in Series B. Assorted materials in Series C include genealogy notes on the Thatcher family; a copy of the 1810 Greenfield tax list; mechanical drawings; a blank petition for women's and men's emancipation; an inventory of a trunk marked "E.S."; a letter to Esther Lyon; a poem; a receipt from Thomas Couch to Titus Freeman, a free black, 1819; and a photograph of a man with a dead bear.

Sub-Group I. Huntington Family Papers, 1825-1893	Box 1, Box 3
Sub-Group II. Lyon Family Papers, 1801-1907	Box 1, Box 2
Sub-Group III. Thatcher Family Papers, 1819-1866	Box 2

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Box 1

Sub-Group I. Huntington Family Papers, 1825-1893

Series A. Amelia Huntington Papers, 1847

Folder 1. estate account and division of property, 1847

Series B. Andre Huntington Papers, 1868

Folder 1. school diary, 1868

Series C. Enoch Smith Huntington Papers, 1825-1865

Folder 1. certificates and letters concerning his pastorship, 1833-1850

Folder 2. preaching record, 1847-1861; chap book, 1837-1865

Folder 3. diaries, 1835-1836

Folder 4. correspondence, 1847-1850

Folder 5. bill, 1856; printed material, n.d., 1825; photograph, n.d.

Series D. Esther Lyon Huntington Papers, 1880-1893

Folder 1. correspondence, 1880-1893

Folder 2. Hubbell genealogy, n.d.

- Series E. Lucy Cowles Huntington Papers, 1833-1842  
Folder 1. correspondence from Sally Cowles, 1833-1839  
Folder 2. correspondence from William Cowles, 1839-1842  
Folder 3. correspondence from Mary B. Waters and Frances, 1839-1842

Box 3

- Series F. Photograph album, n.d.

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Sub-Group II. Lyon Family Papers, 1801-1907

- Series A. Burr Lyon Papers, 1811-1843  
Folder 1. correspondence, 1811-1812; receipt, 1839; bond, 1843  
Folder 2. temperance publications bound in one volume, with

- Series B. Eleanor Lyon Papers, 1900  
Folder 1. estate records, 1900

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- Series C. Eliza Lyon Papers, 1898-1899  
Folder 1. estate records, 1898-1899

- Series D. Morris Lyon Papers, 1803-1907  
Folder 1. diary, 1849-1850, 1856  
Folder 2. legal documents, 1851-1879  
Folder 3. correspondence and petition, 1898-1901  
Folder 4. historical address, 1902  
Folder 5. catalogs, 1861-1875, of the Collegiate Institute

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- Folder 6. constitution and by-laws, 1866; minutes, 1866-1867, of the  
Folder 7. funeral address and memorial resolutions, 1906-1907  
Folder 8. gift acknowledgements, 1871-1872; notes, n.d.  
Folder 9. math exercises, 1803-1804

- Series E. Isabelle Wildman Lyon Papers, 1906  
Folder 1. correspondence, 1906

Series F. Wakeman Lyon Papers, 1801-1828

Folder 1. Greenfield Hill Church correspondence and financial records,

Folder 2. deeds, 1801, 1810; receipts, 1809-1828

Sub-Group III. Thatcher Family Papers, 1810-1866

Series A. Daniel Thatcher papers, 1826-1866

Folder 1. correspondence, 1838, 1860, 1866

Folder 2-8. legal records, 1826-1878

Folder 9-10. financial records, 1838-1866

Folder 11. plot maps, 1832

Series B. Eunice Lyon Thatcher papers, 1891

Folder 1. estate distribution, 1891

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Sub-group III (cont.)

Series C. Assorted Thatcher Family papers, 1810-1819, n.d.

Folder 1. Thatcher genealogy, n.d.; Greenfield Hill tax list, 1810

Folder 2. drawings, emancipation petition, inventory, letter, poem,

Subject headings:

Clergy--Conn.--Appointment, call and election

Decedents' estates--Conn.--Fairfield

Diaries

Family--Connecticut--Fairfield

Greenfield Hill Congregational Church (Fairfield, Conn.)

Hubbell family

Literature--Societies, etc.

Lyon family

Photographs

Probate records--Conn--Fairfield

San Francisco--Earthquakes, 1906

Temperance

Undertakers and undertaking

U.S.--History--War of 1898--Campaigns--Cuba

Huntington, Enoch Smith, 1804-1862  
Huntington, Esther Lyon, 1819-1904  
Huntington, Lucy Cowles, d. 1843  
Lyon, Eleanor, 1825-1899  
Lyon, Eliza, 1828-1898  
Lyon, Morris Wakeman, 1826-1906  
Lyon, Wakeman, 1764-1831  
Thatcher, Daniel, 1789-1867