

Bronson Family Papers

REFERENCE CODE	MS B12
TITLE	Bronson Family Papers
EXTENT	6 linear feet, 14 boxes
CREATOR	Isaac Bronson (); Frederic Bronson (); Arthur Bronson ()
ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT	Isaac Bronson (1760-1839) was a surgeon in the Revolutionary War. He later entered banking in New York City, and played a significant role in the development of the early banking system as well as investing in western lands. Bronson is credited with co-founding both the New York and Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Companies, and he became one of the wealthiest men in New York City. In 1796, he purchased the property of the late Timothy Dwight on Greenfield Hill in Fairfield, and became director and president of the Bridgeport Bank from 1807 to 1832. He and his son Frederic (1802-1868), who later summered in Fairfield, continued their New York financial and social connections. His grandson Frederic Bronson (1849-1900) rebuilt the family house "Verna," which later became the Fairfield Country Day School. The Bronson windmill was restored in the 1970s and is now owned and maintained by the Town of Fairfield.
SCOPE AND CONTENT	This collection is made up of 14 boxes, 1 oversize item and 51 photographs. Boxes 1 through 8 contain account books and boxes 9 through 14 letter books. These books are national in scope. The oversize item is a letter book. The photographs are in the F.H.S. photo file. In Box 14, Folder E are the papers about the Bronson windmill restoration filed by date. For further details, see the table of contents.
GENERAL NOTES	See also the Speculation Lands Collection, University of North Carolina - Asheville, http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/speculation_lands/biographies/bronson_isaac.htm

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