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## Burr Family Papers Ms B20

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

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#### **Repository**

Fairfield Museum and History Center

#### **Title**

Burr Family Papers

#### **ID**

Ms B20

#### **Date [inclusive]**

1743-1955

#### **Extent**

7.0 Linear feet 23 boxes 10 oversize items Approximately 2,000 items

#### **Language**

English

#### **Abstract**

A collection of papers from various generations of the Burr family of Fairfield, CT.

#### ***Preferred Citation note***

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (Box #, Folder #). Fairfield Museum and History Center, Fairfield, Connecticut.

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE**

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The Burr family settled in Fairfield in the 1600's. The Burrs in this collection were town officials, farmers, storekeepers, sea fareres and business people.

Among the more distinguished family members were Thaddeus Burr (1736-1801) at whose house John Hancock was married and Aaron Burr (1756-1836) whose father moved from Fairfield to Newark, NJ.

### ***Burr Family Members***

- a. Thaddeus Burr, 1735-1801
- b. George Burr, b. 1740
- c. Ebenezer Burr III, b. 1750's
- d. Peter Burr, 1754-1816
- e. Nathaniel Burr, Jr., b. 1767
- f. Caroline Burr, b. 1798
- g. Eben Burr, 1798-1873
- h. David Burr, 1826-1866
- i. Magdalen Grostephen Burr (wife of David), 1831-1908
- j. William Burr, 1831-1914
- k. James O. Burr, 1859-1913
- l. David A. Burr, 1864-1923
- m. Emma Josephine Burr, 1860-1901
- n. William O. Burr, 1876-1953
- o. Aretta Burr Sherwood (wife of William O.), 1868-1956
- p. Lillian Burr, b. 1882
- q. Florence Burr (Mrs. Philo Shelton), 1893-1976
- r. Theodore B. Burr, b. 1899
- s. Raymonde Pezard Burr, b. 1895
- t. Theodosia Burr Thomas Lyon
- u. Alice A. Burr (wife of Frederick)
- v. Anna F. Burr
- w. Eben Burr, b. 1901
- x. Ephraim Burr
- y. Peter Burr
- z. Henry S. Burr
- aa. William T. Burr



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## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

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This collection consists of 23 boxes and 10 oversize items. Box I contains deeds, probate records and writs. The rest of the boxes have been arranged chronologically and by family member where possible. Box II is an assortment of family members.

Box III and V pertain to David Burr and his wife Magdalen while Box IV contains seafaring type materials including Bowditch's Practical Navigator. Box VI contains William Burr's papers and Boxes VII and VIII hold James O. Burr's papers, consisting mostly of letters from "Mame". Box IX has the papers of Josie, David A. and Emma Josephine BUrr.

William O. Burr's papers make up Boxes X and XI and include Fairfield Tercentenary papers as well as a "phrenological character" of W. O. His wife Aretta's papers are in Box XII as are Eunice Dennie Burr and Harry Hill Sherwood. Papers from Lillian Burr's college days at Mt. Holyoke can be found in Boxes XIII and XIV.

Box XV contains Florence Burr Shelton's papers and some photos. Papers belonging to Theodore B., Raymonde Pezard and Theodosia Burr are in Box XVI and include interesting World War I related items. Box XVII is made up of miscellaneous items but of particular note are letters written to Florence A. Wright (Mrs. George Wright) from "Da Da" while both traveled with the Elsie DeWolf theatre company.

Box XVIII holds various account books while Box XIX contains family photos and postcards. Copies of Howard Burr's papers are in Box XX while Box XXI holds Mrs. Frederick A. Burr (Alice) papers. William T. Burr's items, including his Civil Air Patrol papers, are in Box XXII while Fred A. Burr's papers are in Box XXIII.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### ***Publication Information***

Fairfield Museum and History Center  
370 Beach Rd.  
Fairfield, CT  
203-259-1598

### ***Conditions Governing Access note***

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

### ***Conditions Governing Use note***

Use of the material requires compliance with the Fairfield Museum and History Center regulations.

### ***Processing Information note***

This collection was processed in January 1988 by Martha Rockwell.

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## RELATED MATERIALS

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### ***Related Archival Materials note***

Other Burr Family material can be found in Ms B24 (letters from World War I), Ms B53 (A DAR scrapbook) and Ms B25 (World War I scrapbook).

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## CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

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### ***Geographic Name(s)***

- Fairfield(Conn.)



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## ***Personal Name(s)***

- Burr family
- Burr, Alva
- Burr, Anna F.
- Burr, Caroline, b. 1798
- Burr, David A., 1864-1932
- Burr, David, 1826-1866
- Burr, Eben, 1798-1873
- Burr, Eben, b. 1901
- Burr, Ebenezer III
- Burr, Emma Josephine, 1860-1901
- Burr, Ephraim
- Burr, Eunice Dennie
- Burr, Frederick A.
- Burr, George, b. 1740
- Burr, Henry S.
- Burr, James O., 1859-1913
- Burr, Josie
- Burr, Lillian, b. 1882
- Burr, Magdalen Grostephen, 1831-1908
- Burr, Nathaniel, Jr., b. 1767
- Burr, Nehemiah
- Burr, Peter, 1754-1816
- Burr, Peter
- Burr, Raymonde Pezard, b. 1895
- Burr, Thaddeus, 1735-1801
- Burr, Theodore B., b. 1899
- Burr, Theodosia
- Burr, William O., 1876-1953
- Burr, William T.
- Burr, William, 1831-1914
- Burr, Zalmon, 1869-1832
- Shelton, Florence Burr, 1893-1976
- Sherwood, Aretta Burr, 1868-1956
- Sherwood, Henry Hill, 1870-1937

## ***Subject(s)***

- Account books--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Churches--Connecticut.
- Correspondence.
- Deeds--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Merchants--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Probate records--Connecticut--Fairfield



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- Receipts(financial records)
- School notebooks
- Ships
- Writs--Connecticut.