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# Couch Family Papers, 1713-1858 Ms 5

## SUMMARY INFORMATION

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### Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

### Creator

Couch family

#### Creator

Couch, Simon, 1729-1809

#### Creator

Couch, Simon, b. 1788

### Title

Couch Family Papers, 1713-1858

### ID

Ms 5

### Date [inclusive]

1713-1858

### Extent

0.5 Linear feet

### General Physical Description note

(1 box, 275 items, 2 oversize items)

### Language

English

### Abstract

This collection contains personal and financial papers from the Couch family of Fairfield, CT in the 18th and 19th centuries.



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## ***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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This Couch family settled in Fairfield in the middle of the 17th century. As the collection indicates, these were people of property. Many of the items belonged to Simon Couch (1729-1809) who settled in Green's Farms and was a farmer, merchant, town official and tax collector. His daughter Abigail married William Sherwood. More genealogical information can be found in the following:

*The History of Fairfield* by Elizabeth Hubbell Schenck, New York, 1889.  
*History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield*, Vol. I, Part I by Donald Lines Jacobus, Fairfield, CT, 1930.

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## **SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE**

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This collection consists of one box containing bills, correspondence, deeds, financial records and legal papers, real estate papers, wills, Yale school papers and ledgers. Of particular note is Folder K with indenture servant and slave papers. There are two oversize items: Simon Couch, Jr.'s Practical Survey Work Book and a genealogy of the Couch family.

The deeds, misc. ledgers and writs are listed by date. All other categories are alphabetized.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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### ***Publication Information***

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## ***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 by Martha Rockwell in March 1981.

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## **RELATED MATERIALS**

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

The papers in this collection interrelate with the Sherwood Papers, MS 7.

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## **CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS**

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

- Greens Farms (Conn.)

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

- Sherwood, Abigail Couch, 1782-1858

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

- Account books--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Deeds--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Real property--Connecticut--Fairfield County.
- Receipts (financial records)