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Fairfield School Records, 1668-1952

Ms 14

SUMMARY INFORMATION

Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

Title

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Ms 14

Date [inclusive]

1668-1952

Extent 2.5 Linear feet 5 boxes 500 items

Language English

Preferred Citation note

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

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Elizabeth Schenck places the building of the first school house in Fairfield around 1640. First mention of school in the Fairfield town minutes occurs on February 10, 1662:

The towne orders that Srian Sqire and Rod Turney goe to every family in the towne and make tryall what scollars are to be payable scollars to the schoolmaster and bring in a list of their names to the secretary that ther may be a rate made to pay the scollmaster.

This collection contains documentation for several districts: Banks South, Burrs, Deerfield, First Located School Society, Green's Farms, Greenfield School Society, Hull's Farms, Jennings' Woods, Middle School, Millplaine (Mill Plain), Mill River, Southport and Stratfield North.



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Private schools have also proliferated in Fairfield. Advertisements for Mill Allen's Seminary, Miss Braden's School, Grail School and Mr. Brewer's Home and A School for Boys give only a small sample of the many private schools in Fairfield before 1935. Further information about Fairfield's school history can be found in *The History of Fairfield, Fairfield County, Connecticut* by Elizabeth Hubbell Schenk, New York, 1889.

The Fairfield Academy was organized in 1802, opened in 1804, and closed about 1884, although the building was rented or given to several teachers to be used as a private school after that. For a detailed history, see Elizabeth L. Child's *An Old Landmark, Being an Account of the Fairfield Academy*, 1927.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

The collection is divided into six boxes. The first three hold school records, public and private, organized in alphabetical order by name of school. Included are lists of students, school records, ledgers, records of school meetings, bills and receipts, teachers' record books, teacher certifications, advertising brochures, deeds and petitions, certificates of merit and other miscellaneous items.

Box III holds documents concerning Fairfield Academy, including the original record book (1802-1844) which contains the list of original subscribers, charters, registry and transfer of shares, and proprietors' meeting minutes. Folders B-G hold miscellaneous memorabilia, correspondence, bills, teachers' record books, report cards, etc. Folder H contains collected material concerning the restoration of the Academy building, 1927-1929.

Boxes IV and V hold school work books (1777-1883), school papers and miscellaneous pamphlets concerning Fairfield schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Conditions Governing Use note

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Processing Information note

This collection was processed by Irene Miller in 1982 and added to in 1988, 1989, 1995 and 2008.

RELATED MATERIALS

Related Archival Materials note

See also Ms B48--Fairfield School Collection, 1891-1992

CONTROLLED ACCESS HEADINGS

Corporate Name(s)

- Fairfield Academy (Fairfield, Conn.) .

Geographic Name(s)

- Fairfield(Conn.)

Subject(s)

- Penmanship
- School attendance
- School facilities--Connecticut--Design and construction--Finance--Planning.
- School notebooks
- Schools--Connecticut.
- Teachers--Certification--Connecticut.