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Morehouse Family Papers Ms 20

Summary Information

Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

Creator

Morehouse family

Title

Morehouse Family Papers

ID

Ms 20

Date [inclusive]

1749-1903

Extent

1.5 Linear feet (3 boxes, 400 items)

Language

English

Abstract

Papers of the Morehouse family of Fairfield, CT mostly consisting of letters written to Sadie M. Morehouse Wakeman in the 1870's and 1880's. Also includes a family account book circa 1735-1847.

Preferred Citation note

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

Biographical/Historical note

The first Morehouse to settle in Fairfield was Thomas in the middle 1600's. Many of his descendants stayed in the Fairfield area and became farmers, mill owners, military officers, store and ship owners. The bulk of the collection is letters to Sadie Morehouse who married John B. Wakeman. Their daughter, Sarah Wakeman Wood, willed a large amount of land to the Fairfield Historical Society in 1970. For more information on the family, see genealogy in Box I.



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Scope and Contents note

This collection is contained in three boxes. In Box I, Folders A and B hold legal and financial papers. A deed to John Morehouse was donated by Stanley Crane of the Pequot Library [L1982.Feb.2]. Correspondence to Sadie M. Morehouse from the 1870's are located in Box I Folders C-Q and Folders A-H in Box II. Sadie was attending the Connecticut State Normal School in New Britain when she received many of these letters. Letters addressed to Sadie after her marriage to John Wakeman are in Box II Folders I-L. Letters written to Sarah M. Morehouse at Mt. Holyoke College are in Folder M. Many of the envelopes contain several letters. The Morehouse family account book was added to the collection in 2011 [L2001.17.2] and is housed in Box III.

Administrative Information

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.

Custodial History note

Most of this collection was donated by W. Bradley Morehouse in December 1978 though it has been supplemented with other related material.

Processing Information note

Processed in September 1982 by Martha Rockwell and added to in November 2011 by Marie Jarry.



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Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Wakeman, Sarah Mariah Morehouse, 1859-1910
- Wood, Sarah Wakeman

Subject(s)

- Account books--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Correspondence.
- Deeds--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Writs--Connecticut.