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Nichols Family Papers, 1728-1894 Ms 23

Summary Information

Repository

Fairfield Museum and History Center

Creator

Nichols family

Creator

Nichols, Samuel Allen, 1790-1864

Creator

Nichols, Susan Warner, 1828-1911

Creator

Scambler, Jasper

Title

Nichols Family Papers, 1728-1894

ID

Ms 23

Date [inclusive]

1728-1894

Extent

1.5 Linear feet (3 boxes, 134 items, 3 oversize items)

Language

English

Preferred Citation note

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

Biographical/Historical note

The papers in this collection belonged to the descendants of the Nichols family who settled in Stratford, CT in the middle 1600's. As early land holders, many continued as farmers. Others were millers, storekeepers, smithies, shoemakers and school teachers. Samuel Allen Nichols (1789-1864) was a storekeeper and the Town Clerk for Fairfield from 1837-1863. For a published genealogy see: *History and Genealogy of Old Fairfield*, Vol. I, Part II by Donald Lines Jacobus, Fairfield, CT, 1930.



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Scope and Contents note

The collection is housed in three boxes and has three oversize items. Box I, Folder A-C contain deeds. Financial, contractual and probate papers are in Folder D. Folder E contains correspondence, legal papers and certificates. Of particular note is a negro girl contract from Ebenezer Nichols dated 1804. Folder F contains a recipe book and Folder G holds the diaries of John J. Nichols (1838-1922).

Box II contains account books of Peter Nichols and Samuel Allen Nichols (1790-1864). Box III contains diaries and verse books belonging to Susan Warner Nichols (1828-1911).

Oversize Item A is a 1785 illustrated navigation copy book of Jasper Scambler. In Oversize Item B are two account books. Oversize Item C holds Samuel Allen Nichol's account book.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Fairfield Museum and History Center
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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

The items in this collection were given to the library by E. Perkins Nichols, the estate of Elizabeth H. Nichols and unknown sources.

Processing Information note

This collection was processed by Martha Rockwell in June 1983.



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Controlled Access Headings

Occupation(s)

- Blacksmithing--Connecticut--Fairfield.

Personal Name(s)

- Nichols, Ebenezer
- Nichols, Ephraim
- Nichols, Peter, fl. 1772-1782

Subject(s)

- Account books--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Diaries.
- Genealogy.
- General stores--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Merchants--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Navigation--Early works to 1800.
- Probate records--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Real property--Connecticut--Fairfield County.
- Receipts(financial records)
- Shoe industry--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Slaves--Connecticut.
- Weaving--Connecticut--New Milford.
- Women--Connecticut--Fairfield--Diaries.
- Writs--Connecticut.