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# Sherwood Family Papers, 1654-1920, 1941 Ms 7

## Summary Information

<b>Repository</b>	Fairfield Museum and History Center
<b>Creator</b>	Sherwood family
<b>Title</b>	Sherwood Family Papers, 1654-1920, 1941
<b>ID</b>	Ms 7
<b>Date</b>	1654-1920, 1941
<b>Extent</b>	6.0 Linear feet (9 boxes,
<b>Language</b>	English

## Preferred Citation note

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

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## Biographical/Historical note

This collection centers around descendants of Thomas Sherwood who settled in Fairfield, CT in 1648. Members of this family were land owners with large farms, tradesmen, sea captains and part owners of boats, general store owners and bankers. The Fairfield Museum and History Center hold extensive genealogy records of this family.

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## Scope and Contents note

This collection contains 9 boxes and 18 oversize items. The original part of the collection was processed in 1981 with additions made in the early 2000's. The number 1980.JL1 on some items indicates a Fairfield Historical Society Library accession number.



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The original part of the collection makes up Boxes 1-VII and contains bills, business and personal correspondence, promissory notes, estate and probate papers, wills, estate bills, and distributions arranged alphabetically. Deeds, legal papers and writs are arranged by date. School notebooks, diaries, account books and journals are also in alphabetical order. Many of these items were donated by Royal Everts.

A series of Bradley, Mixter and Sherwood family papers (photocopies only) were added to the collection in 2004 and were processed and arranged differently than the original items. They are in Boxes VIII and IX and have the accession number L2002.3 and were donated by Laura Wilbur. This part of the collection contains Bradley, Mixter and Sherwood family letters, diaries, photographs and genealogy for Sherwood family members and allied Bradley and Mixter (Couch) families.

Of particular note is the correspondence and diary of Abigail Sherwood (1809-1862) daughter of William Sherwood. Abigail never married spending her entire life on the family's Hulls Farm Rd. farm. There is a letter in the series in which Abigail discussed the growing of Mulberry trees for the cultivation of silk worms to make silk material. Brother sea captain Aaron Moses Sherwood's letters to Abigail are in the series. Abigail's sister Elizabeth married David Bradley.

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## 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.

### *Processing Information note*

This collection was initially processed in April 1981 by Martha Rockwell. Subsequent additions were made to the collection with further processing by Barbara Turcy and Dennis Barrow in 2004.



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## Controlled Access Headings

### *Corporate Name(s)*

- William Sherwood and Sons.

### *Family Name(s)*

- Bradley family
- Couch family
- Mixter family

### *Occupation(s)*

- Bankers--Connecticut

### *Personal Name(s)*

- Sherwood , Simon
- Sherwood, Abigail Couch, 1782-1858
- Sherwood, William, 1777-1844

### *Subject(s)*

- Account books--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Correspondence.
- Deeds--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Diaries.
- Fairfield (Conn.)--History
- Farmers--Connecticut
- Merchants--Connecticut--Fairfield.
- Photographs.
- Probate records--Connecticut--Fairfield
- Real property--Connecticut--Fairfield County.
- Receipts(financial records)
- School notebooks
- Wills.
- Writs--Connecticut.