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Title: Perry Family Papers

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Donor: Walter Perry; Leon Thomas; Margaret Perry Clark; Hoyt Perry; others

Restrictions: None

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Biographical/ historical note:

The Perry family's first settler in Fairfield was Richard who was granted land in the middle 1600's. There followed generations of merchants, farmers, shippers, storekeepers, millers, teachers, bankers and politicians.

Kate Emily Peet Perry (1842-1882) whose papers are in this collection was the author of Chapter XXX, Volume 1 in *Hurd's History of Fairfield County, Connecticut & The Old Burying-Ground of Fairfield, Connecticut*, American Publishing Company, 1882.

Scope and content note:

Box I contains deeds, legal papers, financial papers, letters including correspondence to the Southport Saving Bank, house plans & building

contracts. Box II & Box III hold account books and Box IV contains account books, genealogy *The Perry Family* by Kate Peet, notebooks and diaries. Oversize items/boxes A thru L are journals, day books & account books. A photocopy of Peter Perry's (1738/9-1821) mill book is on the library shelf.

Box 1

Folder A: Deeds 1744-1933

<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	
Joseph Perry	Jacob Cadwell	1744/5
Joseph Perry, Jr.	Joseph Perry	1751
Joseph Perry, Jr.	Samuel Bradley	1751
Joseph Perry	Dan'l & Nath'l Perry	1752
Sarah Peter & Joseph Perry	Abigail & Joseph Perry, Jr.	1757
Peter Perry	Daniel and Sarah Perry	1763
Sarah Perry	Thomas & Sarah Wheeler	1767
(Deed of partition)		
Peter Perry	Sarah Perry	1768
Peter Perry	David Hubbill	1773
Peter Perry (with maps)	David Barlow	1783, 1785
Peter Perry	William Silliman	1785
Peter Perry (with maps)	Richard Hubbell, Jr.	1785
Peter Perry	Seth Sherwood	1786
Peter Perry	John Whitehead	1787
Job Perry	Peter Perry	1789
Miah Perry	Peter Perry	1793
Peter Perry	Seth Sherwood	1800
Peter Perry (with letter)	Jesse Burr	1802
Walter Perry	Gerhom Burr	1804
Walter Perry	Thomas Bennit [L91May 34]	1808
Walter Perry	Joseph Whitehead	1810
Bradley Perry	Hezebia & Nancy Osborn	1811
Alfred Perry	Job Perry	1811
Alfred Perry	Henry L. & Polly Penfield	1821
Alfred Perry	Seth Perry	1821
Alfred Perry	Bradley Perry, et al.	1821
Seth Perry	David B. Perry	1822
Walter Perry	Increase Sturges	1824
Charles Perry	Hetty Perry	1832
Alfred Perry	Isaac & Mable Marquand	1834
Alfred Perry, et al.		1852
Alfred Perry	Fairfield School Society	1852
Alfred Perry	Ephraim & Emiline Gregory	1862
Alfred Perry	Munson Perry	1862
Burr Perry	Orando Perry	1869
Oaklawn Cemetery Assn	Burr Perry	1870
Burr Perry	Charolotte Burr, et al.	1875
Francis Burr Perry	Henry S. & Harriet Glover	1908, 1912
Francis Burr Perry	Mary Grace Perry	1933

Folder B: Legal Papers, 1771-1867, 1943

Writs

Seth Perry vs. Joseph Gilbert **1771**

David Perry vs. Jonathan Squier	1772
Samuel Perry vs. Peter Blackman	1773
Seth Perry vs. Benoni Dimon	1774
Joseph Hanford vs. Seth Perry	1774
Peter Perry vs. Amos Williams	1775
Joseph Perry vs. Joseph Lyon	1786
Ebenezer Perry vs. Sturges Ogden	1788
Peter Perry vs. Abigail Sturges	1788
Zalmon Sherwood vs. Peter Perry	1801
Peter Perry vs. Daniel Mills	1803
Walter Sherwood vs. Edmund Gershom Burr	1809
David Hawkins vs. Alfred Perry	1818
Ichiel Thorp vs. Sarah Perry	1823
Abraham Thorp vs. Alfred Perry	1823
Town of Fairfield vs. Frances Burr Perry	1943

Summonses

To the Constables of Fairfield re: stolen meal from Peter Perry's Mill by Daniel Sherwood, et al. 1771

To the Constable of Norwalk and Fairfield to transport Demma Perry, a needy person to
Stratford 1784

Appeals

Bradley Perry & Hezekiah	n.d.
Power of Attorney to Oliver T. Sherwood from Burr Perry	1899
Certificate of foreclosure, Alfred Perry vs. Mary Ann Perry	1861
Military certificate to Burr Perry	1851
Civil War substitute for Burr Perry	1864

Wills & Probate papers of the following:

Peter Perry (map)	1795-n.d.
Alfred Perry	1862, 1881
Mary Perry (copies)	1864-1867
Joseph Perry, Jr.	1753, 1754
Sarah Perry	1838
Alfred Perry	1812
Ebenezer Bradley	1786
Bradley Perry's grandfather	n.d.

Joseph Perry, deed of partition **1768**

Misc. papers n.d.

Folder C: Financial Papers, 1796-1848

Insurance papers of Alfred Perry	1847, 1848
Seth Perry's list, unknown list	1796, 1830
Highway tax book by Orrando Perry	1829
Military substitutes receipt to Peter Perry from James Whipple	1781
Note to Peter Perry against Reuel Thorp	1796
Walter Perry's notes	1828, 1829
State notes of Mr. Perry	1795
Promissory note to O.H. Perry	1814

Bills & receipted bills to:

Alfred Perry	1816, 1820
Job Perry	1809
Seth Perry	1804
Misc. bills	n.d.

Maritime bills to:

Sloop Comet	1819
Perry & Bulkley	1829
Misc. bill	n.d.

Maritime papers:

Sale of 1/8 part of Sloop Bonaporte	1801
Inventory of Schooner Ann Eliza	n.d.

Papers regarding David Perry's finances, 1798-1803

Amos William's bill of sale	1784
Power of attorney for Peter Perry's stock transfers	1798, 1801

Folder D: Letters to the following, 1783-1900

Alfred Perry from Gideon Tomlinson	1821, 1823
Alfred Perry from Zolmon Perry	1825
Alfred Perry from Denis Belden	1843
Peter Perry	1783-1802
Peter Perry, surveyor of highways	1783, 1787, 1789, n.d.
Mr. Perry	1812
Mrs. Perry	n.d.
Brothers & sisters	1802
Seth Perry	1803
Mrs. Perry (genealogical information)	1880, n.d.
Miss Cook	n.d.
Burr Perry	1880
Miss Loretta B. Perry	1900

<u>Folder E:</u>	Contracts, plans, maps, misc., 1773-1849	
	Fire rights land to John Squire from Walter Perry	1806
	Lumber contract for a Sloop for Peter Perry	1786
	License for Grist Mill to Job Perry with illustration	1811
	Paper on various mills to Mr. Wheeler	n.d.
	House contracts as follows:	
	Between Alfred Perry & Wakeman Wilson	1834
	Between Uriah Perry & E. Sherwood	1877
	Between E. Sealey & Miah Perry	1796
	House bills	1825, 1835
	House plans & maps	n.d.
	Black Rock construction	1801, n.d.
	Mill construction	1815, 1849
	Land & building rents rec'd from Ebenezer Perry	1773
	Church papers	1773
	Misc. papers	1819, 1828
Correspondence to the Southport Saving Bank, incoming, as follows, 1858-1909:		
<u>Folder F:</u>	Frank D. Perry	1858-1864
<u>Folder G:</u>	O. H. Perry	1874, 1876
<u>Folder H:</u>	O. H. Perry	1877
<u>Folder I:</u>	O. H. Perry	1878-1883
<u>Folder J:</u>	John H. Perry and Chas. C. Perry	1884-
	<u>1890</u>	
<u>Folder K:</u>	John H. Perry & Chas. C. Perry	1891-1904
<u>Folder L:</u>	Postcards to O. H. Perry et al.	1866-1906
<u>Folder M:</u>	Transcriptions from: Walter Perry's journal, Item D Miah Perry's journal, Item B	
<u>Box IA</u>		
<u>Folder N:</u>	Kate E. Perry diaries with disc	1868-1869,
1870		
<u>Folder O:</u>	Kate E. Perry diaries (photocopy)	1870-1871,
1871-79		

<u>Folder P:</u>	Kate E. Perry <i>Jottings By the Way</i>	1870
<u>Box II:</u>	Account books	
<u>Folder A:</u>	Walter Perry's account book	1793-1795
<u>Folder B:</u>	Walter Perry's day book	1794-1800
<u>Folder B1:</u>	O. H. Perry's receipt book	1835-1836
<u>Folder C:</u>	O. H. Perry's account book	1836-1878
<u>Box III:</u>	Account books	
<u>Folder A:</u>	O. H. Perry's account book	1836-1850
<u>Folder B:</u>	O. H. Perry's account book	1851-1871
<u>Box IV:</u>	Account books, school notebooks, diaries and genealogies	
<u>Folder A:</u>	Joseph & Peter Perry's account book	1743-1768
<u>Folder B:</u>	Peter Perry's account book	1770s
<u>Folder C:</u>	Kate E. Peet's (Perry) school notebook and misc. school papers as follows, 1850, 1860-61, n.d.: Hudson River Institute Harmonia College Hartford High School, Hartford, Conn. Elocutionary Institute, New Milford, Conn. New Milford, Conn. schools Groton River Institute, Golden's Bridge, N.Y. Multum in Parvo Institute, Somers, N.Y.	
<u>Folder D:</u>	Memoirs of Kate Peet (Perry), vol. 1 & II	1842-1860
<u>Folder E:</u>	Winthrop Perry's genealogy book	
<u>Folder F:</u>	<i>The Perry Family</i> by Kate Peet with index	

Folder G: Papers by Loretta B. Perry
Report of Ellsworth Homestead
Early American Inns

Oversize Items:

<u>Item A:</u>	Isaac Perry's account book (tailor)	1804-1831
<u>Item B:</u>	Miah Perry's book of Schooner Ann Eliza Miah Perry's account book	1811-1812 1793-1794
<u>Item C:</u>	Walter Perry's journal	1787-1793, 1806
<u>Item D:</u>	Walter Perry's journal Walter Perry's day book	1793 1796-1798
<u>Item E:</u>	Walter Perry's ship book Walter Perry's store book Walter Perry's day book	1794-1822 1794-1805 1797-1802
<u>Item F:</u>	Walter Perry's journal	1803-1810
<u>Item G:</u>	Walter & Joseph Perry's account book	1794-1795
<u>Item H:</u>	Perry account books 1816	1809-1813, 1811-
<u>Item I:</u>	Burr Perry's account books n.d.	1813-1840,
<u>Item J:</u>	Burr Perry's account book	1851
<u>Item K:</u>	Burr Perry's account book Burr Perry's account book Day book	1870-1873 1799-1802 1909-1910
<u>Item L:</u>	John & Alfred Perry's account book Bradley Perry's day book Burr Perry's account book <i>American Drawing Book Manual for the Amateur</i> , 1847, inscribed by Mrs. Burr Perry and signed by G.L. Gildersleave on the front flyleaf <i>Smith's Atlas</i> , signed by Kate Peet	1815-1850 1850-1865 1870-1893