

# Guide to the William Barrett Pease Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 15

**CREATOR:** Pease, William Barrett, 1844-1903

**TITLE:** William Barrett Pease papers

**DATES:** 1877-1887

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and financial records of William Barrett Pease, son of a New Haven bookseller and Civil War veteran. Most of the letters are from members of his wife's family and relate to Pease's real estate holdings in Brooklyn. A letter (1879 Jul 3) from Samuel Chapman Armstrong, the founder of the Hampton Institute, offers Pease a position at the Institute.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Edward Ingraham, 1955.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

William B. Pease was the son of Thomas Huntington Pease (1815-1890), a New Haven bookseller. After enlisting as a private in the 15th infantry regiment of the Connecticut Volunteers, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the 8th regiment of U.S. Colored Troops in 1862. The regiment served in Florida for a time and was then transferred to Virginia where it was one of the first units of the Union Army to enter Petersburg. After the war he went with the regiment to Brownsville, Texas to assist in restoring order. In 1867 he received a commission as First Lieutenant in the 11th regiment of the regular army. The only letter in the collection connected with his service with the Colored Troops is one in folder one from Samuel Chapman Armstrong dated 1879 July 3. Armstrong, the founder of Hampton Institute, offers Pease a position at the Institute, but there is no further information on the subject in the papers. Of the later events in Pease's life, little has been recorded. For a time he served as Captain at Fort Omaha, Nebraska and from at least 1899 until his death in 1903 he lived in Samobor, Austria. Pease married Mary Frances Cook and was the father of four girls. The letters from non-family members are mainly concerned with his investments in real estate and railroads, financial notes and mortgages, and army supplies.

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## Scope and Contents

The William Barrett Pease (1844-1903) Papers consist of one box of primarily business and family letters and financial statements covering the period 1877-1887. Originally mounted in chronological order in one volume, the papers are now alphabetically arranged in two series of 41 folders. Most of the letters are from F.W., John, and Henry Cook, his wife's uncle and cousins, and concern Pease's real estate holdings in Brooklyn.

These papers were donated to the Yale University Library by Edward Ingraham in 1955.

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## Arrangement

I. Correspondence. II. Financial Records.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence, 1877-1887

#### 3" Box 1

Correspondence includes letters arranged in alphabetical order according to last name of sender or recipient, and arranged in chronological order within each folder. Much of the correspondence is with Pease's cousins, Henry F., and John C. Cook; his father, Thomas Huntington Pease (1815-1890) of New Haven; and an uncle, R.W. Cook. Also included are some business letters.

b. 1, f. 1	Armstrong, Samuel Chapman (1839-1893)	1879
b. 1, f. 2	Brown, M.B.	1877
b. 1, f. 3	Bunce & Benedict	1882
b. 1, f. 4	Carpenter, W.H.	1879
b. 1, f. 5	Clarke, E.	1882, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Cook, F.W.	1878, 1880
b. 1, f. 7	Cook, Henry F.	1878-1879
b. 1, f. 8	Cook, John C.	1878-1887
b. 1, f. 9	Cook, William E.	1880
b. 1, f. 10	Ely, H.	1882
b. 1, f. 11	Foot	1880
b. 1, f. 12	Foster, Fred W.	1880
b. 1, f. 13	Foster, James H.	1877, 1879
b. 1, f. 14	Jennings, S.A.	1880
b. 1, f. 15	Lee, J.M.	1880
b. 1, f. 16	Lemington, M.J.	1879
b. 1, f. 17	Lindenberger, I.	1881-1882
b. 1, f. 18	Macnaughten, Ramsay	1880-1881
b. 1, f. 19	Mackall, J.O.	1881
b. 1, f. 20	Max Meyer & Brother	1881
b. 1, f. 21	Mills, E.A.	1880-1882
b. 1, f. 22	Adrian Muller & Son	1877
b. 1, f. 23	Nanton	1880
b. 1, f. 24	Newman, Clement D.	1878

b. 1, f. 25	Norris, W.F.	1887
b. 1, f. 26	Paul, Augustus C.	1879-1880
b. 1, f. 27	Pease, Thomas H.	1878
b. 1, f. 28	Redfiell, H.J.	1880
b. 1, f. 29	Rockefeller, C.M.	1879, 1881
b. 1, f. 30	Shiverick, Charles	1881
b. 1, f. 31	Taylor, William	1879
b. 1, f. 32	Thayer, G.D.	1880
b. 1, f. 33	Towar, George W.	1880
b. 1, f. 34	Wallace, William	1881
b. 1, f. 35	White, George W.	1878-1884
b. 1, f. 36	Wild, J.E.	1879
b. 1, f. 37	Wittenan, Anna.	1884
b. 1, f. 38	Pease, Miriam Halsey "Mimi" (Pease's Daughter)	undated

**Series II: Financial records, 1878-1886**

*3" Box 1*

Financial Records contain statements of accounts, bills, and an assessment of the value of houses owned by William B. Pease.

b. 1, f. 39	Statements of accounts	1878-1879
b. 1, f. 40	Financial statements of Mrs. William B. Pease	1878-1886
b. 1, f. 41	Assessment of value of houses owned by William B. Pease	undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Geographic Names**

Brooklyn (New York, N.Y.)

### **Subjects**

Businessmen

### **Names**

Armstrong, S. C. (Samuel Chapman), 1839-1893

Pease, William Barrett, 1844-1903

### **Corporate Body**

Hampton Institute