

# Guide to the Bacon-Schneeloch Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 707

**CREATOR:** Bacon family

**TITLE:** Bacon-Schneeloch family papers

**DATES:** 1875-1935

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 6.5 linear feet (9 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of family correspondence, autograph albums, diaries, notebooks, financial records, photographs and memorabilia, principally of Leonard Woolsey Bacon, a physician, and of his first wife, Emma Waleska Schneeloch. The largest part of the papers is made up of Bacon's prescription books (1892-1937) containing diagnosis, prescriptions, and name, age and occupation for each patient. Also in the papers are the financial records of his practice (1907-1919) which, together with the prescription books, make an important record of the practice of medicine in New Haven in that period. In the family correspondence is a long series of letters (1886-1892) from Leonard Bacon to Emma Schneeloch during their courtship. Much of the correspondence is made up of letters from various members of the Bacon family who were opposed to the marriage. Emma Schneeloch sang with her sister, Emilie, with a band that traveled to the West in 1891. A diary kept by Emilie of this trip is in the papers. Also included are student papers from Vassar (ca. 1917-1921) and other memorabilia kept by Emma Waleska Bacon Evans, daughter of Leonard and Emma Bacon.

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f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mrs. Leonard W. Bacon, 1939.

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The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

LEONARD WOOLSEY BACON, 1865-1939, B.A. 1888.

Born February 24, 1865, in Stamford, Conn.

Died January 8, 1939, in Hamden, Conn.

Father, Rev. Leonard Woolsey Bacon (B.A. 1850, M.D. 1856, D.D. 1879). Mother, Susan (Bacon) Bacon. Yale relatives include: Leonard Bacon (B.A. 1820) (grandfather); Benjamin W. Bacon (B.A. 1847), Theodore Bacon (B.A. 1853), Francis Bacon (M.D. 1853), George B. Bacon (B.A. 1856), Edward W. Bacon (B.D. 1869), Thomas R. Bacon, '72, Alfred T. Bacon, '73 (uncles); Henry S. Bacon, '93, Leonard B. Smith, '94, Winthrop D. Smith, '96, Leonard B. Bacon, '96, Harrison Gray, ex-'00 S., Roger T. Bacon, ex-'11 S., Alfred H. T. Bacon, '14, Henry W. Closson, '16, Agnes B. Sargent, '24 Art (cousins); Leonard Bacon, '09, B. Selden Bacon, '11, Wallace G. Corwin, '17, Selden D. Bacon, '31, Nathanael B. Greene, '31 S. (nephews); Dorothy B. Woolsey, ex-'09 Art, Margaret T. Corwin, M.A. Hon. 1934 (nieces).

Norwich Free Academy, The Bingham School, Asheville, N.C., and Phillips-Andover. Attended Amherst College 1884-1885. Entered Yale in 1885; third English composition prize Sophomore year; dissertation appointment Junior year; a founder of the Yale Orchestra and its librarian Junior year; member Andover Club.

Attended University of Leipzig 1887-1888, University of Pennsylvania 1888, Syracuse University 1889, and Mills Training School for Male Nurses, Bellevue School of Nursing, 1889-1890; worked as professional nurse in Europe and United States 1889-91; attended Yale School of Medicine 1891-1892 (M.D. 1892); postgraduate study of medicine at universities of Tübingen and Bern 1906-1907; engaged in practice of medicine New Haven 1892-1918, and since 1923; specialized in general surgery and orthopedics; assistant medical clinic Yale University School of Medicine 1892-1894 and surgical clinic 1895-1897; instructor operative surgery 1897-1905 and surgery 1905-1906; city physician 1893-1894; member of staff Hospital of St. Raphael and

Grace Hospital; commissioned Major, Medical Corps, September 5, 1918; attended Medical Officers' Training Camp, Camp Greenleaf; assigned to General Hospital No. 3; on orthopedic service Children's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital; assistant chief and later chief of orthopedic service General Hospital No. 32, Chicago, February 1-June 15, 1919; surgeon chief General Hospital No. 16, New Haven, June 15, 1919, until discharge September 1, 1919; in U.S. Public Health Service in charge of surgical staff Hospital No. 41, 1919-1923; contributed numerous articles to medical and scientific journals; a founder of Beaumont Medical Club; president Society of Orthopedic Surgeons, and New Haven Medical Association 1908; vice-president Connecticut State Medical Society 1935-1936; first vice-president Association of Yale Alumni in Medicine 1924-1925 and president 1925-1926; member New Haven County and American Medical associations, and New Haven Colony Historical Society.

Married (1) July 6, 1892, in New Haven, Emma Waleska, daughter of Hugo and Emilie (Neumann) Schneeloch, and sister of Ralph H. Schneeloch, ex-'01 M. Children: Leonard Woolsey, Jr., ex-'17; and Emma Waleska (B.A. Vassar 1921), the wife of Theodore Schlosser Evans, '17 (M.D. Columbia 1921). Mrs. Bacon died July 17, 1925. Married (2) April 8, 1927, in Bridgeport, Conn., Esther Louise, daughter of William and Anna Oleson. Children: Thorwald Oleson; Susan Esther; and Theodare Davenport.

Death due to coronary occlusion. Buried in Grove Street Cemetery, New Haven. Survived by wife, children, one grandchild, four sisters, Margaret B. Corwin, the wife of Robert N. Corwin, '87, Miss Susan Almira Bacon (B.A. Mount Holyoke College 1905; Ph.D. Yale 1911), of Palo Alto, Calif., Mabel Bacon Ripley (B.A. Smith College 1896), wife of Philip F. Ripley, '97, and Elizabeth Bacon Greene, the wife of Prescott M. Greene, '03 S., a brother, Selden Bacon, ex-'83, and a half brother, David Leonard Bacon, '16 S. His brothers, Nathaniel T. Bacon, '79 S., Benjamin W. Bacon, '81, and Theodore D. Bacon, '83 S., died in 1926, 1932, and 1930 respectively.

Dr. Bacon willed his prescription stubs to the University Library "as an authentic record of the actual practice of a New Haven physician."

*YALE UNIVERSITY Obituary Record, 1938-1939, pp. 59-60.*

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## Scope and Contents

The Bacon-Schneeloch Family Papers consist mainly of correspondence and miscellaneous papers of Leonard Woolsey Bacon, Jr. (1865-1939); his wife, Emma Waleska (Schneeloch) Bacon (1862-1925); and their parents, brothers and sisters, and other close relations. Series I, CORRESPONDENCE, spans from 1875 to 1935, but the letters are concentrated in the period of Leonard's and Emma's courtship, 1887 to 1892, and the Bacon family's opposition to their marriage is a primary theme. The principal correspondents are Leonard Woolsey Bacon (1830-1907), writing to his son and his future daughter-in-law, and Leonard Woolsey Bacon (1865-1939), writing to his future wife. Besides the Bacon family correspondence, there are letters to the Schneeloch family from friends and relations in New York, New Jersey, and Germany.

Series II, OTHER PAPERS, contains autograph albums, diaries, academic papers, documents, photographs, drawings, and printed memorabilia. The Schneeloch sisters [Emma Waleska (Schneeloch) Bacon and Emilie Auguste (Schneeloch) Busse] are represented by autograph albums beginning in the early 1880s and diaries from their tour with Gilmore's Band in 1891. For Leonard Woolsey Bacon, Jr., there are school papers, an autograph album, and monthly summaries of the financial status of his medical practice. The papers of his daughter, Emma Waleska (Bacon) Evans, are mainly from her student days at Vassar. Hardly any of the photographs are identified, but most are probably of Schneeloch relations in New York and New Jersey.

The Music Library has a separate collection of Schneeloch Papers, consisting mainly of programs and clippings from the sisters' appearances as singers. The register of that collection is available in this department.

There is a Bacon family tree in the register of the Bacon Family Papers, Manuscript Group No. 46.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1875-1935

b. 1, f. 1	Bacon, Benjamin Wisner (1860-1932), to LWB Leonard Woolsey Bacon (1865-1939)	1890, 1892, 1906-1907
b. 1, f. 2	Bacon, Eliza Buckingham (Selden), to EWSB Emma Waleska (Schneeloch) Bacon (1862-1925)	1891
	Bacon, Emma Waleska (Schneeloch) (1862-1925), to	
b. 1, f. 3	Eliza Buckingham (Selden) Bacon	[1891]
b. 1, f. 4	Helen (Hazard) Bacon	[1890]
b. 1, f. 5	Leonard Woolsey Bacon (1830-1907)	1890
b. 1, f. 6	Emma Waleska (Bacon) Evans (1897-)	1925
b. 1, f. 7	Waleska Bacon Evans (1923-)	1925
b. 1, f. 8	Richard Hackett	1925
b. 1, f. 9	Bacon, Frances J. (Mills), to LWB	1888
	Bacon, Helen (Hazard) (1861-1925), to	
b. 1, f. 10	EWSB	[1890]
b. 1, f. 11	LWB	1885
	Bacon, Leonard Woolsey (1830-1907), to	
b. 1, f. 12-14	EWSB	1887 September-1892 April
b. 1, f. 15-25	LWB	1878-1892
	Bacon, Leonard Woolsey (1865-1939), to	
b. 1, f. 26	Benjamin Wisner Bacon (1860-1932)	1892
b. 1, f. 27-42	EWSB	1886-1890
b. 2, f. 43-54	EWSB (cont'd)	1891-1906
b. 2, f. 53	Leonard Woolsey Bacon (1830-1907)	undated
b. 2, f. 54	Selden Bacon (1861-)	1891
b. 2, f. 55	_____ Brant English	1890
b. 2, f. 56	Emilie Auguste (Schneeloch) Busse ([1867?]-)	1887
b. 2, f. 57	Martha Jane (Schneeloch) Munson (1871-)	1891

## Bacon, Leonard Woolsey (1865-1939), to (continued)

b. 2, f. 58	Emma Waleska (Bacon) Evans (1897-)	1903
b. 2, f. 59	Leonard Woolsey Bacon (1894-)	1903
b. 2, f. 60	Julius Hawley Seelye (1824-1895)	1884
b. 2, f. 61	Unidentified incoming letters	1883-1890
b. 2, f. 62	Bacon, Leonard Woolsey (1865-1939), and Emma Waleska (Schneeloch) Bacon (1862-1925), to "bird-readers"	1893
b. 2, f. 63	Bacon, Letitia Wilson (Jordan), to LWB	1890
b. 2, f. 64-65	Bacon, Nathaniel Terry (1858-1926), to LWB	1878, 1885-1890, 1906-1907
b. 2, f. 66	Bacon, Selden (1861-) to LWB	1884, 1890, 1892
b. 2, f. 67	Bacon, Susan (Bacon) (1835-), to LWB	1877-1883
b. 2, f. 68	Bacon, Susan Almira (1869-1946), to LWB	1883-1889, undated
b. 2, f. 69	Bacon, Theodore (1834-1900), to LWB	1890
b. 2, f. 70	Bacon, Theodore Davenport (1863-), to LWB	1883-1890
b. 2, f. 71	Bacon, Thomas Rutherford (1850-1913), to LWB	1892
b. 2, f. 72	Bacon sisters to LWB	undated
b. 2, f. 73	Bancroft, F.P., to LWB	1884
b. 2, f. 74	Bingham, Major Robert, to LWB	1883
b. 2, f. 75	Carrington, Sarah, to LWB	undated
	Corwin, Margaret Wardell (Bacon) (1866-), to	
b. 2, f. 76	EWSB	1891
b. 2, f. 77	LWB	1878-1889, undated
b. 2, f. 78	Dwight, Timothy (1828-1916), to LWB	1887
b. 2, f. 79	Evans family	1921, 1931-1935
b. 2, f. 80	Foster, Ernest A., to LWB	1883-1886
b. 2, f. 81	Greene, Elizabeth Rogers (Bacon) (1881-), to LWB	1889-1890, undated
b. 2, f. 82	Little, Arthur M., to LWB	1884-1885
b. 2, f. 83	Neumann family to Schneeloch family	1911, 1914
b. 2, f. 84	Oertel, Hanns (1868-), to LWB	1922
b. 2, f. 85	Ripley, Mabel Ginevra (Bacon) (1874-), to LWB	1883, 1890

b. 2, f. 86	Schneeloch, Emilie Elisabeth (Neumann) (1841- 1905), to EWSB and Emilie Auguste (Schneeloch) Busse ([1867?]-)	1887, 1891-1892
	Schneeloch, Hugo (1837-) to	
b. 2, f. 87	EWSB and Emilie Auguste (Schneeloch) Busse ([1867?]-)	1876, 1887, 1891
b. 2, f. 88	[EWSB and LWB?] English	1906
b. 2, f. 89	Schneeloch friends and relations in Germany to Bacon-Schneeloch family	1892-1926, undated
b. 2, f. 90	Sumner, E. Stewart, to EWSB	1889
b. 2, f. 91	Tilton, W.H., to LWB	1931
	Wallner, Eugene, to	
b. 2, f. 92	EWSB	undated
b. 2, f. 93-96	LWB	1883-1890, undated
b. 2, f. 97	Wallner, Julia, to LWB	1876, 1886-1891
b. 2, f. 98	Wardell, Margaret, to LWB	1875, 1890



**Series II: OTHER PAPERS, 1855-1935**

Bacon, Emma Waleska (Schneeloch) (1862-1925)		
b. 3, f. 1	Autograph albums, with illustrations	1881-1888, 1891-1892, 1906
b. 3, f. 2	"List of Wedding Announcements" and marriage certificate English	1892
b. 3, f. 3	Notebook of social calls	1896, 1910
b. 3, f. 4	Note on the nature of music	undated
Bacon, Leonard Woolsey (1865-1939)		
b. 3, f. 5	Academic certificates	1876-1889
b. 3, f. 6	Autograph album	1880, 1883
b. 3, f. 7	<i>Catalogue of the Bingham School</i> and leaflet English	1883, undated
b. 3, f. 8	Miscellaneous papers from his stay in Germany	1887-1888
b. 3, f. 9	Financial records of medical practice	1907-1919
b. 3, f. 10	"English Examination: The Cotter's Saturday Night" English	undated
Busse, Emilie Auguste (Schneeloch) ([1867?]-)		
b. 3, f. 11	Autograph album, with illustrations	1880-1894
b. 3, f. 12	Diaries of western trip with Gilmore's Band	1891 October- December
Evans, Emma Waleska (Bacon) (1897-)		
b. 3, f. 13	Themes and other student papers	Circa 1917-1921
b. 3, f. 14	"Yale 1920" name tag English	1920
b. 3, f. 15	Notebook in social psychology	1920
b. 4, f. 16	"Her Book - 1923 - Jottings and Bits of Nothing" English	1923
b. 4, f. 17	Scrapbook containing printed cutouts for children	undated
b. 4, f. 18	Evans, Waleska Bacon (1923-): diary	1935
b. 4, f. 19	Schneeloch, Hugo: birth certificate (copy)	1882
b. 4, f. 20	Schneeloch, Otto: draft letter and notes re his design for a revolver chamber for firearms	1872
b. 4, f. 21	Schneeloch family: genealogical notes	undated

b. 4, f. 22	Certificate of ownership of three gravesites in the Evergreens Cemetery, Brooklyn	1866
b. 4, f. 23	Notebook, loose notes, and menu from European travel	1906
b. 4, f. 24	Unidentified writings in German	undated
b. 4, f. 25	Miscellaneous papers	undated
b. 4, f. 26	Business and calling cards	undated
b. 4, f. 27	Ornamental box containing autographs and calling cards from Germany and printed mementoes in German and English	1855, undated
b. 4, f. 28	Newspaper clippings	undated
b. 4, f. 29	Printed memorabilia	undated
b. 4, f. 30	Photographs (unidentified, but more Schneeloch than Bacon)	undated
b. 4, f. 31	Drawings	undated
b. 4, f. 32	Doll's clothing	undated

## **Accession 1981-M-004: Additional Material, 1892-1937**

b. 3-5, 2, 1      Prescription books containing diagnosis, prescriptions, name, age, and occupation of the patient.

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## 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.

### Subjects

Clergy  
Courtship  
Emigration and immigration  
Families  
Medicine -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions  
Music  
Physicians  
Singers

### Geographic Names

Europe  
Germany  
New Haven (Conn.)  
West (U.S.)

### Genres / Formats

Autographs (manuscripts)  
Diaries

### Names

Bacon, Emma Waleska Schneeloch, 1862-1925  
Bacon, Leonard Woolsey, 1830-1907  
Bacon, Leonard Woolsey, 1865-1939  
Bacon, Susan Almira, 1869-1946  
Bacon, Susan Bacon, 1835-1887  
Busse, Emilie Auguste Schneeloch  
Dwight, Timothy, 1828-1916  
Evans, Emma Waleska Bacon, 1897-  
Evans, Waleska Bacon, 1923-  
Schneeloch, Emilie Elisabeth Neumann  
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