

# Guide to the Trowbridge Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1154

**CREATOR:** Trowbridge family

**TITLE:** Trowbridge family papers

**DATES:** 1726-1911

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Three branches of the Trowbridge family of New Haven, Connecticut are represented in these papers: the Stephen Trowbridge family, Francis Trowbridge, and Thomas Rutherford Trowbridge. Included are deeds and financial papers of the Stephen Trowbridge family, a notebook of medicinal and household prescriptions kept by Francis Trowbridge, and a scrapbook of Thomas Rutherford Trowbridge.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of members of the Trowbridge family, 1940s.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Thomas Rutherford Trowbridge, Jr. (1839-1898) was a shipping merchant born in New Haven, Connecticut. He lived in the West Indies and was appointed U.S. Consul at Trinidad in 1863. He was active in New Haven's civic affairs and various business enterprises. He married Katherine Bacon in 1864 and they had two children. He died in Litchfield, Connecticut.

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## Scope and Contents

This small collection contains papers from members of three branches of the Trowbridge family of New Haven, Connecticut. Details of Trowbridge family genealogies may be found in *The Trowbridge Family*, by F.W. Chapman, published in 1872.

The papers in the first branch, that of Stephen Trowbridge (1748-1806), consist of twenty-two deeds and other legal and financial papers pertaining to land owned by Stephen Trowbridge and by his father, Stephen Trowbridge (1726-1796). It appears that these papers were collected by Dyer White of New Haven in his capacity as executor of the Trowbridge estate.

The second branch of the family is represented by F. Trowbridge, probably Francis Trowbridge (1809-1890), publisher of the *New England Agricultural Almanac*. His papers consist of a letter to C. Durand written in 1841, and a notebook of medicinal and household prescriptions, formulae, and so forth.

The third branch is represented by Thomas Rutherford Trowbridge, Jr. (1839-1898), whose scrapbook is included in this collection. The book contains invitations to public affairs in New Haven, New York, and elsewhere, memorabilia of various societies and of Trowbridge's public life, and several letters. Among these is one written by Rutherford B. Hayes (1879 May 30) and one by Grover Cleveland (1890 Oct 16).

The final item in the collection is the commission of Thomas Trowbridge as captain of the Light Infantry Company in the 17th Regiment of Militia in Connecticut, signed by Jonathan Trumbull (1807). Thomas Trowbridge's precise relation to the other Trowbridges in the collection is unclear.

These papers were given to Yale by various descendants of the Trowbridge family during the 1940s.

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## Collection Contents

Stephen Trowbridge family		
b. 1, f. 1 - 2	Family Deeds and other land-related papers	1726-98
b. 1, f. 3	Family Receipts and accounts	1773-1815, undated
F[rancis?] Trowbridge		
b. 1, f. 4	ALS to C. Durand	1841 October 12
b. 1, f. 5	Notebook containing medicinal and household prescriptions, formulae, etc.	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Thomas Rutherford Trowbridge, Jr.: Scrapbook of invitations, letters, and related memorabilia	1863-1911
b. 1, f. 7	Thomas Trowbridge: military commission	1807

## **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**

Families  
Medicine -- Formulae, receipts, prescriptions

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books  
Albums (Books)  
Deeds

### **Names**

Trowbridge, Francis, 1809-1890  
Trowbridge, Stephen  
Trowbridge, Thomas Rutherford, 1839-1898

### **Families**

Trowbridge family