

Guide to the Lemuel Swift Punderson Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1209

CREATOR: Punderson, Lemuel Swift, 1782?-

TITLE: Lemuel Swift Punderson papers

DATES: 1800-1899

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.01 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Contents of two scrapbooks kept by Punderson containing samples of his drawings and engravings, photographs, trade and calling cards, and a large collection of engravings by others as well as newspaper and magazine clippings, chiefly portraits of notable persons. A large part of Punderson's work includes engravings of members of the Yale College faculty, views of the college building, seals of various societies, and views of Connecticut.

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

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Paul W. Swift in 1978.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Biographical / Historical

Lemuel Swift Punderson was an engraver who worked in New York City from 1850-1855. He moved to New Haven in 1855 where he established an engraving business. In 1860 he became partners with Emil Crisand and they formed the firm Punderson & Crisand, Engravers, Lithographers and Printers. Punderson was also the author, along with John Warner Barber, of *History and Antiquities of New Haven* (1870) and *City Guide to New Haven* (1860).

Lemuel Punderson's death date is unknown but he is listed in the New Haven City Directory until 1903.

Sources:

New York Historical Society. *Dictionary of Artists in America, 1564-1860*.

New Haven, Connecticut City Directories.

Scope and Contents

The Lemuel Swift Punderson Papers contains the contents of two scrapbooks kept by Punderson, an engraver and printer, who established his business in New Haven in 1855. Included are a large number of his portrait and landscape drawings and finished engravings. Among his subjects were members of the Yale College faculty, views of Yale College buildings, seals of Yale College fraternities and notable Connecticut men. Also in the collection are numerous engravings by others as well as magazine clippings of portraits of famous Americans and Europeans.

For better preservation, the material was removed from the scrapbooks and the contents arranged in folders. Half of the material consists of work executed by Punderson together with family photographs and memorabilia. The remainder is composed of engravings by others arranged topically, and clippings from periodicals.

The scrapbooks were the gift of Paul W. Swift in July 1978.

Collection Contents

Drawings

b. 1, f. 1	Landscapes
b. 1, f. 2	Yale College
b. 1, f. 3	Portraits
b. 1, f. 4	Miscellaneous

Engravings

b. 1, f. 5	Advertising
b. 1, f. 6	Astronomical subjects
b. 1, f. 7	Connecticut notables
b. 1, f. 8	Designs and ornaments
b. 1, f. 9	Notable persons
b. 1, f. 10	Yale College -Faculty
b. 1, f. 11	Yale College -Invitations
b. 1, f. 12	Yale College -Societies -Emblems
b. 1, f. 13	Yale College -Views
b. 1, f. 14	Memorabilia
b. 1, f. 15	Photographs

Engravings by others

b. 1, f. 16	Connecticut -Views- Guilford- New Haven- Waterbury
b. 1, f. 17 - 18	Notable persons
b. 1, f. 19	Prints from magazines
b. 1, f. 20	Views
b. 1, f. 21	Yale College -Faculty
b. 1, f. 22	Miscellaneous

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

Connecticut

Occupations

Engravers

Printers

Names

Punderson, Lemuel Swift, 1782?-

Corporate Bodies

Yale University -- Buildings

Yale University -- Faculty