

# Guide to the Swift and Hine Collection

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1408

**CREATOR:** Swift and Hine Company

**TITLE:** Swift and Hine Company collection

**DATES:** 1834-1890

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 3 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The collection consists of correspondence, blotters, bills, daybooks, and legal papers of the Smith and Hine Company, a general store in Warren, Connecticut. The material mainly concerns the sale of groceries and dry goods.

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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

Purchased from Whitlock's, 1956. Transferred from the Account Books Collection (MS 29), 1985.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Scope and Contents

The Swift and Hine Company Collection is composed of account books, receipts and letters documenting the operation of a general store in Warren (Litchfield County), Connecticut, between 1834 and 1874, although a few items date to 1890. The store operated under various names; the earliest ledger is in the name of J. & E. Swift, and blotters from the 1840s and 1850s may represent a partnership of B. Gilbert and Swift. Bills from the 1840s and 1850s are addressed to Swift & Whittlesey; in the 1860s the firm was known as Swift & Hine; and a daybook of the early 1870s is that of Orlando Hine. Bills document purchases from wholesale grocers, druggists, stationers, and clothing, hardware and dry goods merchants, mainly in Hartford; blotters, daybooks, and ledgers record sales to local residents. The records were purchased from Whitlock's in 1956.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Bills	1845 - 1858
b. 1, f. 2 - 6	Blotters	1840 - 1848
b. 2, f. 7 - 12	Blotters	1848-1867
b. 3, f. 13 - 14	Daybooks	1860 - 1862
b. 4, f. 15 - 18	Daybooks	1862 - 1874
b. 5, f. 19	Legal papers	1849; 1870 - 1871
b. 5, f. 20	Journal	[ca 1840]
b. 5, f. 21	Ledger	1834 - 1836
b. 5, f. 22	Letters	1852 - 1890
b. 5, f. 23 - 24	Loose papers	1839 - 1882

## **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**

Business  
Businessmen  
General stores

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Commerce  
Warren (Conn.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Account books  
Bills (financial)  
Blotters  
Daybooks

### **Names**

Hine, Orlando

### **Corporate Body**

Swift and Hine Company