

# Guide to the Thomas Wood Family Papers

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1431

**CREATOR:** Wood, Thomas, d. 1723

**TITLE:** Thomas Wood family papers

**DATES:** 1663-1727

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet (1 box)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers consist of personal, business, and family letters written by members of the Wood family of Littleton, Middlesex, England. Correspondence between Thomas Wood and John Pack, in London, makes up the majority of the papers. There are also letters to Thomas Wood from his sons.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from E. Williams in 1922. The papers were originally part of the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection, MS 352.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Preferred Citation

Thomas Wood Family Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Wood family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#).

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## Scope and Contents

The Wood Family Papers consist of over one hundred personal, business, and family letters written by members of the Wood family of Littleton, Middlesex, England, 1663-1727. The principal figures in the papers are Thomas Wood, his sons Edward, Robert, and Thomas, his daughter Mary, and John Pack of London.

The elder Thomas Wood's correspondence with John Pack makes up almost two-thirds of the collection. The letters combine business instructions with personal news of the Wood Family. There are also letters to Thomas from his sons (particularly Robert), during and after their studies at Oxford.

The Yale Library purchased the papers from E. Williams in 1922. They were transferred from the Miscellaneous Manuscripts Collection (MS 352) in 1922.

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## Arrangement

The papers are arranged chronologically.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence

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|----------------|---|
| b. 1, f. 1 - 2 | 1663-1666, 1677-1690<br>A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy. |
| b. 1, f. 3     | <a href="#">1693-1698, 1702-1706, 1714-1720, 1727, n.d.</a>   |
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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.

### **Geographic Names**

England -- Commerce  
England -- Social life and customs -- 17th  
century  
Littleton (Middlesex)

### **Names**

Pack, John  
Wood, Robert, ca. 1674-1738  
Wood, Thomas, d. 1723

### **Families**

Wood family

### **Corporate Body**

University of Oxford -- Students