

# Guide to the Backus Family Papers

MS 47



compiled by Diane E. Kaplan and William E. Brown, Jr.

September 1986

Yale University Library  
P.O. Box 208240  
New Haven, CT 06520-8240  
(203) 432-1735  
(203) 432-7441

[beinecke.library@yale.edu](mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu)

<http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/>

---

## Table of Contents

Collection Overview .....	3
Requesting Instructions .....	3
Administrative Information .....	4
Immediate Source of Acquisition .....	4
Conditions Governing Access .....	4
Conditions Governing Use .....	4
Preferred Citation .....	4
Biographical / Historical .....	4
Scope and Contents .....	4
Arrangement .....	6
Collection Contents .....	7
Series I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1769-1889 .....	7
Series II: WILLIAM W. BACKUS FILES, 1820-1892 .....	14
Series III: MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1728-1893 .....	18
Selected Search Terms .....	19

---

## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
Yale University Library  
P.O. Box 208240  
New Haven, CT 06520-8240  
(203) 432-1735  
(203) 432-7441  
beinecke.library@yale.edu  
<http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/>

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 47

**CREATOR:** Backus family

**TITLE:** Backus family papers

**DATES:** 1728-1893

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.5 linear feet (11 boxes, 1 folio)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers are composed of correspondence, legal and financial papers, and memorabilia of several descendants and relatives of Samuel (1693-1740) and Elizabeth Tracey Backus of Norwich, Connecticut. Papers of Samuel Backus's grandson James, his partner Rufus Backus, and James's brother-in-law Dudley Woodbridge concern mercantile establishments, commerce, and shipping in Norwich following the Revolutionary War. There is also correspondence between several family members of this generation, as well as a diary of James's brother Elijah, which he kept while studying in New Haven (1778). Papers of James's son William Woodbridge Backus document his investments and financial dealings, genealogical interests, and philanthropic endeavors for the last fifteen years of his life.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.0047>

---

## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Manuscripts and Archives reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.0047>.

To order reproductions from this collection, please go to [http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/ifr\\_copy\\_order.html](http://www.library.yale.edu/mssa/ifr_copy_order.html). The information you will need to submit an order includes: the collection call number, collection title, series or accession number, box number, and folder number or name.

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

b.      box  
f.      folder

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from H. A. Armstrong, 1942-1946; Hurwitz, 1945; Miele, 1958; and R. Hooker, 1962.

---

### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

---

### Conditions Governing Use

Copyright status for collection materials is unknown, though much of the material in this collection is likely in the public domain. Transmission or reproduction of materials protected by U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17, U.S.C.) beyond that allowed by fair use requires the written permission of the copyright owners. Works not in the public domain cannot be commercially exploited without permission of the copyright owners. Responsibility for any use rests exclusively with the user.

---

### Preferred Citation

Backus Family Papers (MS 47). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

---

## Biographical / Historical

James Backus was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1764. He was one of the first settlers of Ohio and a founder of the town of Marietta. He returned to Yantic, Connecticut, in 1791 to manage the family iron works and other businesses. He married Dorothy Church Chandler in 1793 and they had eight children. Backus died in 1816.

For a biography of James Backus, and a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Backus family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart and Biography](#).

---

## Scope and Contents

The Backus Family Papers are composed of correspondence, legal and financial papers, and memorabilia of several direct descendants and more distant relatives of Samuel (1693-1740) and Elizabeth Tracey Backus of Norwich, Connecticut. Papers of Samuel Backus's grandson James Backus, his partner Rufus Backus, and James's brother-in-law Dudley Woodbridge concern mercantile establishments, commerce, and shipping in Norwich following the Revolutionary War. There is also a diary of James's brother Elijah, which he kept while studying in New Haven (1778), as well as correspondence between several family members of this generation. Papers of James's son William Woodbridge Backus (1803-1892) document his investments and financial dealings, genealogical interests, and philanthropic endeavors for the last fifteen years of his life.

The papers, which the Yale Library purchased between 1942 and 1962 from several dealers, are arranged in three series: I. General Correspondence, 1769-1889; II. William W. Backus Files, 1820-1892; III. Miscellaneous Papers, 1728-1893.

All series contain correspondence and legal and financial papers of Backus family members. Series I and III contain proportionally more material relating to James and Rufus Backus, Dudley Woodbridge and the earlier generations of Backus family members, while papers in Series II relate predominantly, though not exclusively, to William Woodbridge Backus (1803-1892).

Series I, GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, begins with three boxes of correspondence and other papers which are arranged in alphabetical order. Most of the folder headings refer to the author of the letter but in several instances the letters are grouped by recipient. Most of the earliest letters and documents concern Dudley Woodbridge's mercantile interests, and correspondents include suppliers, customers, and shippers. After 1791 the business correspondence, bills, accounts, and notes are those of James and Rufus Backus's businesses including the store in Norwich and shipping from the West Indies.

The *Alphabetical* section also includes correspondence of additional family members. Many letters are addressed to Frances Backus, James's daughter, who lived with her brother William Woodbridge Backus in Yantic, Connecticut. Frances's brother Henry T. Backus, who was a lawyer in Detroit and a judge in the Arizona Territory, is a frequent correspondent. Other family correspondents include Marian Griswold Chandler Lane Ely and James's daughter Sarah. Folder 8 contains letters of Charles Backus, a cousin and minister in Somers, Connecticut, to fellow clergyman John H. Church in Pelham, New Hampshire.

At the end of Series I there is one box of correspondence and financial and legal papers arranged in chronological order. The *Chronological* section contains proportionally more accounts and other financial papers than the *Alphabetical*, but it spans the same time period, and subject matter. Several business correspondents including Nathaniel and John Tracy, Giles Mumford, Joseph Woodbridge, Isaac Cock, and Adgate and Company, are represented in both sections. Folder 186 contains records of Dudley Woodbridge's shipping concerns and several documents relate to the schooner *Farmer* under Captain Joseph Chapman. Several letters at the end of the section concern William Woodbridge Backus.

The first three boxes in Series II, arranged as the *General* section, are composed of William Woodbridge Backus's incoming correspondence for approximately the last 15 to 20 years of his life. The files, which are arranged in alphabetical order by the correspondents' names, concern Backus's financial investments and the publication of *A Genealogical Memoir of the Backus Family*. Many of the correspondents are investment advisers, lawyers, and public officials who write concerning Backus's interests in insurance, bank, coal, and railroad stocks, and mortgage loans for property in Kansas and Nebraska. There is some correspondence concerning estates of deceased family members, and there are several files concerning the accidental death, estate, and contested settlement of the estate of nephew James H. Backus (1851-1889) in California. Several correspondents write to acknowledge receipt of Backus's book, and correspondence with W. A. Briscoe and John T. Wait concerns Backus's philanthropic contributions.

The *Family* section in Series II includes a box of correspondence from several more distant kinsman, concerning family history or the estate of James H. Backus. Folders 283-305 contain drafts and copies of William Woodbridge Backus's outgoing letters. Many of these letters are replies to the incoming letters arranged in the *General* section. The *Family* section also includes William Woodbridge Backus's bank books and other financial records and a copy of his will showing his extensive charitable benefactions in Norwich.

Series III, MISCELLANEOUS-PAPERS contains additional financial papers of Dudley Woodbridge, James Backus, William Woodbridge Backus, and James H. Backus, as well as printed material and family memorabilia. In addition the series includes a diary kept by James Backus's brother Elijah in 1778. During this year Elijah Backus was studying in New Haven having graduated from Yale College in 1777. His diary includes entries in Latin concerning his daily activities as well as quotations and notes. A photostatic copy of the 1777 volume of Elijah Backus's diary is available in the Manuscripts and Archives Department (\*Ydf +777ba)

Additional Backus Family material is located in the William Griswold Lane Memorial Collection (MS 189). There are also papers of the Backus Family in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library and at the Yale Divinity School Library. The Woodbridge and Backus Collection in the Baker Library at the Harvard Business School also relates to the Backus family store in Norwich and contains papers of William Woodbridge Backus.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged in three series: I. General Correspondence, 1769-1889. II. William W. Backus Files, 1820-1892. III. Miscellaneous Papers, 1728-1893.

---

## Collection Contents

### Series I: CORRESPONDENCE, 1769-1889

1.75 linear feet (4 boxes)

This series is arranged in two sections: *Alphabetical* and *Chronological*.

#### Alphabetical

b. 1, f. 1	Abbe, Shubael	1789 February 14
b. 1, f. 2	Abel, Rufus B.	1809 April 24
b. 1, f. 3	Adams, David	1799
b. 1, f. 4	Adams, Jonathan	1795, 1796
b. 1, f. 5	Adgate, A. and Company	1792 November
b. 1, f. 6	Anthony, Joseph and Company	1799 May 13
b. 1, f. 7	Ashbey, _____	1822 January 15
b. 1, f. 8	Backus, Charles	1799-1803
b. 1, f. 9	Backus, Dorothy Chandler	[1820] August 10
b. 1, f. 10	Backus, Elijah (1726-1798)	1769, 1788, 1800, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Backus, Elijah (1759-1811)	1792 April 16, undated
b. 1, f. 12-14	Backus, Frances	1814-1889
b. 1, f. 15	Backus, Henry	undated
b. 1, f. 16-18	Backus, Henry T.	1855-1877, undated
b. 1, f. 19-24	Backus, James	1791-1831
b. 1, f. 25	Backus, Juliana Trumbull	1843 November 1
b. 1, f. 26	Backus, Lucy	undated
b. 1, f. 27	Backus, Mary M.	1818-1821, undated
b. 1, f. 28	Backus, Matthew	1800 January 14
b. 1, f. 29	Backus, Rufus	1783-1796
b. 1, f. 30	Backus, Rufus and James	1792 August 4
b. 1, f. 31-32	Backus, Sarah	1823-1831, undated

## Alphabetical (continued)

b. 1, f. 33	Backus, Sylvanus	1792 March 8
b. 2, f. 34	Baker, John	1787 October 5
b. 2, f. 35	Bastian, Warrington	1832 September 13
b. 2, f. 36	Bentley, Robert	1772 May 16
b. 2, f. 37	Blanchard, John D.	1793-1795
b. 2, f. 38	Bolles, John	1793 May 16
b. 2, f. 39	Bonne, George and Sons	1793
b. 2, f. 40	Bowen, Jabez	1793 May 29
b. 2, f. 41	Breed, Shubael	1802 November 12
b. 2, f. 42	Breed, Simeon	1809
b. 2, f. 43	Broome, John	1793-1799
b. 2, f. 44	Bruce, Stephen	1784 November 8
b. 2, f. 45	Bull, John	1808-1817
b. 2, f. 46	Bull, William	1812-1829
b. 2, f. 47	Carey, James	1793
b. 2, f. 48	Carneau, Sam	1786 June 9
b. 2, f. 49	Carpenter, Daniel	1779-1799
b. 2, f. 50	Chappell, Edward	1787 September 25
b. 2, f. 51	Chappell, Mary A.	1873-1884
b. 2, f. 52	Chesebrough, David	1771 September 23
b. 2, f. 53	Christopher, Peter	1812 April 14
b. 2, f. 54	Cock, Isaac	1796-1812
b. 2, f. 55	Coit, Benjamin	1799
b. 2, f. 56	Coit, Elisha and William	1799 April 5
b. 2, f. 57	Coit, William	1783 January 5
b. 2, f. 58	Coles, William H.	1836-1837
b. 2, f. 59	Converse, John	1799 July 17
b. 2, f. 60	Coolidge, Joseph and Son	1799 July 26



## Alphabetical (continued)

b. 2, f. 61	Corp, Samuel <a href="#">See also: box 1, Folder 22</a>	1793-1804
b. 2, f. 62	Cushing, Benjamin	1792-1794
b. 2, f. 63	Dennis, George	1806 August 26
b. 2, f. 64	Deshons, Daniel	1793 July 6
b. 2, f. 65	Dimach, Shubael	1796 May 16
b. 2, f. 66	Dunham, A.	1799 November 18
b. 2, f. 67	Elderkin, Bela	1770 August 24
b. 2, f. 68	Ely, B.	1793 October 2
b. 2, f. 69	Ely, Hannah (Chandler)	1812-1821
b. 2, f. 70	Document concerning Justin Ely	1813 May 25
b. 2, f. 71	Ely, Marian (Griswold) Chandler Lane	1814-1824
b. 2, f. 72	Ely, Theodore	1817-1829
b. 2, f. 73	Fitch, John	1789
b. 2, f. 74	Frink, Angelina	1839, 1859, undated
b. 2, f. 75	Frink, Harvey	1809-1810
b. 2, f. 76	Frink, Juliana	1867-1877
b. 2, f. 77	Frink, Ursula (Chandler)	1817-1819
b. 2, f. 78	Frink, Henry C.	1829 September 7
b. 2, f. 79	Gilbert, John, Jr.	1781 December 4
b. 2, f. 80	Green, Joshua	1778 November 28
b. 2, f. 81	Griswold, Matthew V.	1822-1829
b. 2, f. 82	Hallam, Edward and Company	1793, 1799
b. 2, f. 83	Hibbard, Silas	1797 September 8
b. 2, f. 84	Higginson, L.	1812 January 16
b. 2, f. 85	Hoppin, Benjamin	1804 June 23
b. 2, f. 86	House, Elijah	1788, 1793
b. 2, f. 87	House, Simon	1793 October 24

## Alphabetical (continued)

b. 2, f. 88	Howland and Coit	1787 March 24
b. 2, f. 89	Hubbard, David G.	1799
b. 2, f. 90	Hunt, E. and Son	1799 February 4
b. 2, f. 91	Huntington, Andrew	1799
b. 2, f. 92	Huntington, Benjamin, Jr.	1799 April 11
b. 2, f. 93	Huntington, Elisha	1799 November 15
b. 2, f. 94	Huntington, Henry	1793, 1795
b. 2, f. 95	Jocelyn, Samuel R.	1791 August 1
b. 2, f. 96	Jones, Joel, Jr.	1789 January 19
b. 2, f. 97	Jones, Joel, Jr. and Company	1789
b. 2, f. 98	Kies, George W.	1809 May 13
b. 2, f. 99	King, Thomas	1799
b. 2, f. 100	Lamson and Fraser	1784 February 17
b. 2, f. 101	Lane, Ebenezer (1749-1808)	1799
b. 2, f. 102	Lane, Ebenezer (1793-1866)	1848 November 4
b. 2, f. 103	Lanman, Charles J.	1816 July 24
b. 2, f. 104	Lanman, James	1797-1829, undated
b. 2, f. 105	Lanman, Marian G.	undated
b. 2, f. 106	Lathrop and Eels	1799
b. 2, f. 107	Lee, Sarah Backus	1827-1834
b. 2, f. 108	Lee, Thomas	1771-1784
b. 3, f. 109	Little, John	1801 June 12
b. 3, f. 110	Little, Jonathan	1804 December 19
b. 3, f. 111	Little, William	1793-1798
b. 3, f. 112	Lord, Jabez	1788
b. 3, f. 113	Martin, Anderson	1789 March 31
b. 3, f. 114	McCurdy, Lynde	1793
b. 3, f. 115	McEvers, James	[1786?]

## Alphabetical (continued)

b. 3, f. 116	McGowty, John	1811 March 4
b. 3, f. 117	Miller, Eleazer	1788 July 4
b. 3, f. 118	Mumford, Giles	1782-1793
b. 3, f. 119	Mumford, Thomas	1799
b. 3, f. 120	Neilson, William	1793
b. 3, f. 121	Neilson, William and Company	1793, 1799
b. 3, f. 122	Otis, Joseph	1799-1804
b. 3, f. 123	Page, William	1800 October 29
b. 3, f. 124	Paine, Luther	1795 October 13
b. 3, f. 125	Parkman, Samuel	1784 November 1
b. 3, f. 126	Parsons, Mansfield	1784 April 4
b. 3, f. 127	Pecks, Beala	1814 January 26
b. 3, f. 128	Perkins, Andrew	1793 August 13
b. 3, f. 129	Perkins, Andrew and Joseph	1793 August 16
b. 3, f. 130	Perkins, Joseph	1793 September 26
b. 3, f. 131	Phelps, Ichabod	1784 December 10
b. 3, f. 132	Phoenix, Daniel	1775, 1776
b. 3, f. 133	Proctor, John	1778 September 14
b. 3, f. 134	Richards, John	1777 February 11
b. 3, f. 135	Ripley, Hez.	1779 June 24
b. 3, f. 136	Ripley, John	1783 September 22
b. 3, f. 137	Rockwell, Charles	1799 December 4
b. 3, f. 138	Rodman, Daniel	1784-1793
b. 3, f. 139	Rogers and Aspinwall	1793
b. 3, f. 140	Rogers and Woolsey	1793
b. 3, f. 141	Rogers, S. Mumford	1806 April 12
b. 3, f. 142	Rogers, Zabdiel	1792, 1793

## Alphabetical (continued)

b. 3, f. 143	Rouse, J.H.	1831 November 7
b. 3, f. 144	Rowlett, Corp and Company	1789, 1793
b. 3, f. 145	Russell, Joseph and William	1784, 1785
b. 3, f. 146	Saltonstall, Gelston	1793
b. 3, f. 147	Saltonstall, Gilbert	1793, 1796
b. 3, f. 148	Scholfield, John	1811-1814
b. 3, f. 149	Scott, John	1774 June 8
b. 3, f. 150	Sidney, William	1774 August 19
b. 3, f. 151	Smith, Richard	1783, 1784
b. 3, f. 152	Snow, Sam	1789 February 13
b. 3, f. 153	Snow, W.Z.	1799 August 24
b. 3, f. 154	Spalding, Asa	1788, 1799
b. 3, f. 155	Sprague, Elijah	1784 April 13
b. 3, f. 156	Stockbridge, David	1800
b. 3, f. 157	Storer, Ebenezer	1779-1788
b. 3, f. 158	Taintor, John	1793 September 17
b. 3, f. 159	Thomas, Joseph	1794 November 1
b. 3, f. 160	Tracy, Nathaniel and John	1782 January 22
b. 3, f. 161	Tucker, Richard D.	1804-1819
b. 3, f. 162	Tucker, Sally (Chandler)	undated
b. 3, f. 163	Waldo, Nathan	1773 May 17
b. 3, f. 164	Waterman, Asa	1775 August 8
b. 3, f. 165	Watson and Greenleaf	1789 February 20
b. 3, f. 166	Watson, Jacob	1783 June 19
b. 3, f. 167	Watson, James	1787 December 29
b. 3, f. 168	Wattles, Daniel	undated
b. 3, f. 169	Whalley and Woodham	1793 June 1
b. 3, f. 170	Wheat, Samuel	1787-1799

## Alphabetical (continued)

b. 3, f. 171	White and Wardell	1793 November 29
b. 3, f. 172	White, Charles C.	1785 December 25
b. 3, f. 173	Williams, Joseph	1799
b. 3, f. 174	Wills, James	1809 May 17
b. 3, f. 175	Wood, Will	1793 April 4
b. 3, f. 176	Woodbridge and Snow	1793 February 1
b. 3, f. 177	Woodbridge, Dudley	1771-1801, undated
b. 3, f. 178	Woodbridge, Joseph	1777-1785
b. 3, f. 179	Woodbridge, Lucy Backus	undated
b. 3, f. 180	Woodbridge, Samuel	1804 September 7
b. 3, f. 181	Woodbridge, William	1782-1831
b. 3, f. 182	Woods, Abiel	1792 September 20
b. 3, f. 183	Miscellaneous	1782-1839, n.d
<u>Chronological</u>		
b. 4, f. 184-194	1771 - 1878, undated	1771 - 1878, undated

**Series II: WILLIAM W. BACKUS FILES, 1820-1892***2 linear feet (5 boxes)*This series is arranged in two sections: *General* and *Family*.General

b. 5, f. 195	A - B	1880-1892
b. 5, f. 196	Abbott, Hattie E.	1891-1892
b. 5, f. 197	American Ancestry	1890, undated
b. 5, f. 198	American Coal Company	1870-1886
b. 5, f. 199	Babbitt, F.B.	1891-1892
b. 5, f. 200-202	Backus, Abner Lord	1885-1892
b. 5, f. 203	Bailey, E.S.	1876-1891
b. 5, f. 204-207	Barnes and Selby	1889-1892
b. 5, f. 208	Bell, H.B.	1890-1892
b. 5, f. 209	Biebigiser, Charles	1891-1892
b. 5, f. 210	Boles, T.T.	1890-1892
b. 5, f. 211	Branson, W.H.	1891
b. 5, f. 212	Briscoe, W.A.	1891-1892
b. 5, f. 213	C - D	1882-1892
b. 5, f. 214	Campbell, Charles M.	1891
b. 5, f. 215	Campbell, S.S.	1890-1891
b. 5, f. 216	Coit, George D.	1877-1888
b. 5, f. 217	Dowling, Morgan E.	1890-1892
b. 5, f. 218	F - G	1881-1892
b. 5, f. 219	Fitch, Stephen	1845-1846
b. 5, f. 220	Fowler, Alex D.	1890
b. 5, f. 221	Freese, John P.	1891
b. 5, f. 222	Grant, Henry L.	1881-1882
b. 5, f. 223	H	1883-1892
b. 5, f. 224	Hillier, E.C.	1879-1883
b. 5, f. 225	Hyde, Lewis A.	1887-1892, undated

## General (continued)

b. 5, f. 226	J - L	1870-1892
b. 5, f. 227	Jennings, William, Jr.	1880-1884
b. 6, f. 228	Jones, J.W.	1892
b. 6, f. 229	Keep, Robert P.	1890, undated
b. 6, f. 230	Kern, Charles P.	1890-1892
b. 6, f. 231	Ladd, S.J.P.	1868-1892
b. 6, f. 232	Lanman, Charles James	1849
b. 6, f. 233	Latting, W.S.	1888-1889
b. 6, f. 234	Lippitt, Costello	1887-1890
b. 6, f. 235	Little, D.T.	1891
b. 6, f. 236	Littlefield, George E.	1890-1891
b. 6, f. 237	Locke, C.H.	1877
b. 6, f. 238-243	Lucas, Clinton W.	1885-1892, undated
b. 6, f. 244	Lucas, Frederick C.	1888-1890
b. 6, f. 245	M - O	1881-1892, undated
b. 6, f. 246	Madison, Edward H.	1892
b. 6, f. 247	McElvaine, Emily	1890-1891
b. 6, f. 248	Moffitt, D.W.	1891-1892
b. 6, f. 249	Osborn, C.F.	1892
b. 7, f. 250	P - Q	1882-1892
b. 7, f. 251	Pasco, H.	1891-1892
b. 7, f. 252	Patten, Mark F.	1890-1891
b. 7, f. 253	Patterson, A.A.	1890
b. 7, f. 254	R - T	1870-1892, n.d,
b. 7, f. 255	Rossiter, Mrs. George	1877-1891
b. 7, f. 256	Salisbury, Evelyn McCurdy	1890
b. 7, f. 257-258	Schwerin, Max, Jr.	1874-1889
b. 7, f. 259-260	Showalter Mortgage Company	1877-1892
b. 7, f. 261	Smith, T.C.H.	1889-1892

## General (continued)

b. 7, f. 262	Smythe, A.H.	1890 November 1
b. 7, f. 263	Spalding, J.A.	1891
b. 7, f. 264	W - Z	1841-1891
b. 7, f. 265	Wait, John T.	1889-1892, undated
b. 7, f. 266	Warner, Earl	1883-1884
b. 7, f. 267-268	Woodbridge, John T.	1889-1892, undated
b. 7, f. 269	Form letters	1870-1891
b. 7, f. 270-271	Acknowledgements for <i>Illustrated Biography</i>	1891-1892
<u>Family</u>		
b. 8, f. 272	Backus, Alex	1888-1892
b. 8, f. 273	Backus, Brody E.	1891 September 24
b. 8, f. 274	Backus, Elizabeth M.	1889
b. 8, f. 275	Backus, Henry Clinton	1887-1891
b. 8, f. 276	Backus, Henry T.	1829-1873
b. 8, f. 277	Backus, James H.	1882-1889, undated
b. 8, f. 278	Backus, Lucretia A.	1888, undated
b. 8, f. 279	Backus, Samuel R.	1888-1892
b. 8, f. 280	Woodbridge, Dudley B.	1890-1891
b. 8, f. 281	Woodbridge, Maria Morgan	1890 July 22
b. 8, f. 282	Woodbridge, William L.	1890-1892, undated
b. 8, f. 283-302	Drafts	1881-1892
b. 9, f. 303-305	Drafts	undated
b. 9, f. 306	Letters not to or from members of the Backus family	1890-1892, undated
b. 9, f. 307	Unidentified correspondence	1888, 1892, undated
b. 9, f. 308-309	Notes, General	undated
b. 9, f. 310	Account	1820



Family (continued)

b. 9, f. 311	Will	undated
b. 9, f. 312	Bankbooks	1853-1890

**Series III: MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1728-1893***.75 linear feet (2 boxes)*

This series is arranged by creator or record type.

b. 10, f. 313	Backus, James	1798-1810
b. 10, f. 314	Backus, Elijah (1759-1811): diary	1778
b. 10, f. 315	Deeds <a href="#">See also: Deeds, maps, and financial papers</a>	1728-1864
b. 10, f. 316-323	Financial papers <a href="#">See also: Deeds, maps, and financial papers</a>	1749-1889
b. 11, f. 324-326	Financial papers	1890-1893, undated
b. 11, f. 327-328	Printed material	undated
b. 11, f. 329-332	Miscellanea	undated
b. 12	Deeds, maps, and financial papers	1728-1859

## **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  
Families  
General stores -- Connecticut  
Merchants  
Retail trade -- Connecticut  
Shipping -- Connecticut -- New London

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Commerce  
Norwich (Conn.)

### **Genres / Formats**

Deeds  
Diaries

### **Occupations**

Investment advisers  
Philanthropists

### **Names**

Backus, Dorothy Church Chandler, 1770-1847  
Backus, Elijah, 1759-1811  
Backus, Frances, 1806-1890  
Backus, James, 1764-1816  
Backus, Rufus, b. 1721  
Backus, William Woodbridge, 1803-1892  
Ely, Marian Griswold Chandler Lane, 1750-1829  
Woodbridge, Dudley, 1747-1823

### **Families**

Backus family  
Woodbridge family