

Guide to the Stillman King Wightman papers

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Collection Overview

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SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, lecture notes, financial papers, and writings relating to Wightman's student years at Yale University and his early legal practice. Correspondents include his parents, his Yale classmates, his brother-in-law, and various young men and women (mainly from Middletown, Connecticut) who were his friends. The notes are from lectures and other activities in Yale College. The financial papers are for his college expenses.

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f. folder

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Henry H. Wightman, 1959.

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Biographical / Historical

Stillman King Wightman, a lawyer, was born in Scituate, Rhode Island, on January 8, 1803. He graduated from Yale in 1825 and studied at the Yale Law School. Wightman opened a practice in Middletown, Connecticut, and, from 1835-1842, held a number of state offices. In 1842 he moved to New York City where he continued an active legal practice for fifty years. Wightman died on May 27, 1899.

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b. 1, f. 2	Catlin, Abijah (1805-1891)	1826
b. 1, f. 2	Chamberlain, Elijah	1827
b. 1, f. 2	Cooke, R.	1822
b. 1, f. 3	Ely, Selden (Y. 1825)	1822-1824
b. 1, f. 3	Ford, Seabury (Y. 1825)	1827
b. 1, f. 4	Gear, Hiram	1826-1829
b. 1, f. 4	Hayes, William R.	1826-29
b. 1, f. 4	Hill, Benjamin W.	1825
b. 1, f. 4	Knowlton, Miner	1817
b. 1, f. 5	Mather, Thomas	1827
b. 1, f. 5	Miner, Samuel	1822
b. 1, f. 5	Paddock, Jonathan Robert	1825-1826
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b. 1, f. 9	Topliff, Stephen	1826
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b. 1, f. 10-11	Wightman, Frederick and Mary (Polley)	1822-1834
b. 1, f. 12-15	Wilcox, Asa F.	1822-1829
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b. 1, f. 17	Copy of letter to William Hodges of Duplin County, North Carolina, re a receipt given to Samuel Crowell, Jr., by Selden Tryon	1837
	Notes on lectures	[1821-1825]

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b. 1, f. 18	Matthew Rice Dutton on natural philosophy	
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b. 1, f. 18	James Luce Kingsley on languages and chronology	
b. 1, f. 18	Benjamin Silliman on chemistry	
b. 1, f. 18	Unidentified, on mathematics and an unidentified classical text	
b. 1, f. 19	Compositions, notes for debates, and other student writings	[1821-1857]
b. 1, f. 20	Bond and bills for college expenses	1821-1825

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

Law
Lawyers

Geographic Names

Connecticut

Genres / Formats

Lecture notes

Names

Belden, Joshua, 1766-1849
Cathin, Abijah
Dutton, Matthew Rice, 1783-1825
Ely, Selden
Goodrich, Chauncey A. (Chauncey Allen),
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Silliman, Benjamin, 1816-1885
Smith, Richard, 1802-1878
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Wightman, Mary
Wightman, Stillman King, 1803-1899

Corporate Bodies

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