

Guide to the Gilman Family Papers

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Collection Overview

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DATES: 1659-1935

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SUMMARY: Correspondence, diaries, writings, financial records, photographs, clippings, and other papers relating to the Gilman and Coit families of New England. The bulk of the collection relates to Edward Whiting Gilman (1823-1900), his family and his work as a clergyman and foreign secretary of the American Bible Society.

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Biographical / Historical

Edward Whiting Gilman (1823-1900): in 1849 ordained a Congregational minister and served at the Congregational Church at Lockport, New York, from 1849-1856; later served in Cambridge, Mass., from 1856-1858, Bangor, Maine, from 1858-1863, and Stonington, Conn, from 1864-1871; secretary of the American Bible Society, 1871-1900.

Scope and Contents

The Gilman Family Papers consists of correspondence, diaries, writings, accountbooks, photographs, and newspaper clippings relating to the Gilman and Coit families, from the early eighteenth century to the first half of the twentieth century. In addition to the materials relating to the Gilman, Coit, and Bristol families, there are materials pertaining to some of the most prominent New England families, including the Trumbulls and Sillimans, with whom the Gilmans were related by marriage. There is also material pertaining to the history of Norwich, Connecticut. Most important is the correspondence and writings of Edward Whiting Gilman, brother of Daniel Coit Gilman (see Daniel Coit Gilman Collection, Yale University), who was a prominent clergyman in the Congregational Church and, from 1871 to 1900, the foreign secretary of the American Bible Society.

Edward Gilman of Norfolk, England, was the first of the Gilman family to emigrate to America, settling in Hingham, Massachusetts in 1638. Members of the family branched out through New England, settling in Exeter, New Hampshire and Norwich, Connecticut. William Charles Gilman moved to the latter town in 1816 and married Elizabeth Coit (1820), a descendant of one of the founders of Norwich. He became a partner in several business ventures, notably the Norwich Water Company, but due to the panic of 1837 suffered a series of financial reverses, causing him to move his family to New York City, where he died in 1844.

Edward Whiting Gilman, the oldest son of William Charles Gilman, was born in Norwich in 1823. He entered Yale College in 1839, and was graduated in 1843. In the autumn of that year he went to West Point, New York where he spent a year as an instructor in Professor Kinsley's school for boys. In November, 1844, he moved to New York City where he was engaged for several years as a teacher in private schools while attending lectures at Union Theological Seminary. In 1847 he accepted a tutorship at Yale College, a position he held for two years, while he attended lectures at the Seminary. In 1849 Gilman was ordained minister of the Congregational Church in Lockport, New York, serving from 1849 to 1856. This was followed by charges in Cambridge, Massachusetts (1856-1858), Bangor, Maine (1858-1863), and Stonington, Connecticut (1864-1871). In 1871 he accepted the position as foreign secretary of the American Bible Society where he remained until his death in 1900. In this capacity he made extensive trips to Europe and Mexico carrying on a lively correspondence with members of his family, especially his daughter, Caroline T. Gilman, pertaining to his experiences and observations.

The Gilman Family Papers are divided into four series: I. Correspondence; II. Coit Family; III. Diaries, Writings, Financial and Personal Papers of Gilman Family Members; and IV. Subject File.

CORRESPONDENCE, the greatest part of which is that of Edward Whiting Gilman, is arranged chronologically. It is preceded, however, by a selected list of important correspondents and includes a number of names prominent in nineteenth century education, politics, and religion. Among those listed are: Lyman Abbot, Leonard Bacon, Leonard Woolsey Bacon, James Bryce, Lewis Cass, Charles Anderson Dana, James Dwight Dana, Jeremiah Day, Timothy Dwight, John Charles Fremont, Arnold Guyot, Theodore T. Munger, James Ford Rhodes, Josiah Royce, William Henry Seward, Theodore Dwight Woolsey, and Benjamin Silliman, both father and son.

Series two, COIT FAMILY, consists of the papers of the Coit family and spans the years from 1659 to 1886. John Coit, the first member of the family to leave England for the colonies, arrived in Saybrook, Connecticut in 1630. In the course of the seventeenth century, members of the family settled in New London, Connecticut and finally in Norwich, Connecticut, where William Charles Gilman settled and married Elizabeth Coit on May 2, 1820. A majority of the series consists of correspondence, primarily that of Martha Coit to her mother, Mehetabel Chandler Coit, and to her sister, Elizabeth Gardiner. There is also considerable correspondence between Joshua Coit and his sister, Maria Coit Perit, and his father Daniel Lathrop Coit. A small group of diaries, biographical and genealogical materials, and memorabilia is filed at the end of the series.

Series III, DIARIES, WRITINGS, FINANCIAL AND PERSONAL PAPERS OF GILMAN FAMILY MEMBERS, consists primarily of personal and family materials, including diaries and account books, photos, scrapbooks, and memorabilia. There are, however, some writings, especially those of Edward Whiting Gilman, which relate to his studies at Yale College (1840-1843), his travels in Mexico (1878-1879), his travels in Europe (1880-1843), and a book he wrote while teaching in West Point, New York entitled, *A Guide to West Point* (1844). In addition, there are a number of articles written by Gilman while serving as foreign secretary of the American Bible Society from 1871 to 1900. The series also includes several diaries written by Gilman's daughter, Caroline, a journal containing family records (1874), and another on the family estate, "Coit Elms." Two journals kept by William Charles Gilman record his excursions in Pennsylvania in 1834 and the White Mountains in 1850. There is also a sketch of the Gilman family by Julia S. (Bristol) Gilman and a diary she kept while travelling in Europe in 1888 and again in 1926.

Series IV, SUBJECTS FILE, contains correspondence, photos, newsclippings, and an assortment of printed and manuscript materials pertaining to the following subjects:

- Abbot Collegiate Association
- Connecticut Indian Association
- Bible Society
- Boy's Meetings and Sabbath School
- Congregational Church
- Missionary Society
- Norwich, Connecticut
- Silliman Family
- Trumbull Family

Arrangement

Arranged in four series: I. Correspondence. II. Coit Family. III. Diaries, Writings, Financial and Personal Papers of Gilman Family Members. IV. Subject File.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1729–(1845–1909) 1935, undated

6' (16 boxes)

The bulk of the Gilman family correspondence is arranged chronologically with the unidentified correspondence placed at the end of the series. There is, however, one box of selected letters which has been arranged alphabetically by the name of the writer of the letter.

The number of items are contained in parentheses before the unit date.

Selected Alphabetical List

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 1 | Abbot, Ezra (1) | 1859 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Abbot, Lyman (1) | 1889 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Bacon, Leonard (3) | 1854-1862 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Bacon, Leonard Woolsey (2) | [1833?], 1856 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Bethune, George Washington (1) | 1852 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Bliss, Seth (1) | 1844 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Bryce, James (2) | 1912 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Cass, Lewis (1) | 1850 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Cattell, William C. (1) | 1852 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Cheever, George B. (7) | 1856-1857 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Dana, Charles Anderson (3) | 1858 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Dana, James Dwight (6) | 1865, 1881, 1884, 1885 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Day, Jeremiah (1) | 1843 |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Dexter, H.M. (2) | 1856 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Dwight, Timothy (1) | 1909 |
| b. 1, f. 16 | Fremont, John Charles (1) | 1850 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Guyot, Arnold Henry (1) | 1854 |
| b. 1, f. 18 | Hawley, J.R. (1) | undated |
| b. 1, f. 19 | Howe, F.S. (copy) (1) | 1853 |
| b. 1, f. 20 | Huntington, William Reed (1) | 1909 |
| b. 1, f. 21 | King, W.L. (1) | 1853 |
| b. 1, f. 22 | Munger, Theodore T. (2) | 1857, 1897 |
| b. 1, f. 23 | Perrin, H.H. (3) | 1890-1891 |

Selected Alphabetical List (continued)

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|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| b. 1, f. 24 | Quincy, John W. (1) | 1853 |
| b. 1, f. 25 | Rhodes, James Ford (1) | 1909 |
| b. 1, f. 26 | Royce, Josiah (3) | 1911 |
| b. 1, f. 27 | Rutherford, Ernest (1) | (1905)? |
| b. 1, f. 28 | Seward, William Henry (1) | 1850 |
| b. 1, f. 29 | Silliman, Benjamin, Sr. (4) | 1844, 1847, 1850 |
| b. 1, f. 30 | Silliman, Benjamin, Sr. (20) | 1853, 1855-1859 |
| b. 1, f. 31 | Silliman, Benjamin, Sr. (14) | 1860, 1862-1864, 1869 |
| b. 1, f. 32 | Silliman, Benjamin, Jr. (4) | 1851, 1878, 1885 |
| b. 1, f. 33 | Sprague, William Buell (1) | 1874 |
| b. 1, f. 34 | Storrs, Richard Salter, Jr. | 1850 |
| b. 1, f. 35 | Trumbull, Jonathan (6) | 1880, 1891, 1905 |
| b. 1, f. 36 | Welman, A.R. (2) | 1853 |
| b. 1, f. 37 | Winthrop, Robert Charles (1) | 1850 |
| b. 1, f. 38 | Woolsey, Theodore Dwight (1) | 1856 |

Gilman Family-Chronologically Arranged

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------|------|
| b. 2, f. 39 | 1729 English | 1729 |
| b. 2, f. 40 | 1788 English | 1788 |
| b. 2, f. 41 | 1813 English | 1813 |
| b. 2, f. 42 | 1814 English | 1814 |
| b. 2, f. 43 | 1815 English | 1815 |
| b. 2, f. 44 | 1816 English | 1816 |
| b. 2, f. 45 | 1818 English | 1818 |
| b. 2, f. 46 | 1819 English | 1819 |
| b. 2, f. 47 | 1820 English | 1820 |

Gilman Family-Chronologically Arranged (continued)

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|-------------|-----------------|------|
| b. 2, f. 48 | 1821 English | 1821 |
| b. 2, f. 49 | 1822 English | 1822 |
| b. 2, f. 50 | 1823 English | 1823 |
| b. 2, f. 51 | 1824 English | 1824 |
| b. 2, f. 52 | 1825 English | 1825 |
| b. 2, f. 53 | 1826 English | 1826 |
| b. 2, f. 54 | 1827 English | 1827 |
| b. 2, f. 55 | 1828 English | 1828 |
| b. 2, f. 56 | 1829 English | 1829 |
| b. 2, f. 57 | 1830 English | 1830 |
| b. 2, f. 58 | 1831 English | 1831 |
| b. 2, f. 59 | 1832 English | 1832 |
| b. 2, f. 60 | 1833 English | 1833 |
| b. 2, f. 61 | 1834 English | 1834 |
| b. 2, f. 62 | 1835 English | 1835 |
| b. 2, f. 63 | 1836 English | 1836 |
| b. 2, f. 64 | 1837 English | 1837 |
| b. 2, f. 65 | 1838 English | 1838 |
| b. 2, f. 66 | 1839 English | 1839 |
| b. 2, f. 67 | 1840 English | 1840 |

Gilman Family-Chronologically Arranged (continued)

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|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| b. 2, f. 68 | 1841 English | 1841 |
| b. 2, f. 69 | 1842 English | 1842 |
| b. 2, f. 70 | 1843 January - June | 1843 January - June |
| b. 2, f. 71 | 1843 July - December | 1843 July - December |
| b. 2, f. 72 | 1844 January - August | 1844 January - August |
| <u>Gilman Family</u> | | |
| b. 2, f. 73 | 1844 September - December | 1844 September - December |
| b. 3, f. 74 | 1845 January - July | 1845 January - July |
| b. 3, f. 75 | 1845 August -December | 1845 August - December |
| b. 3, f. 76 | 1846 January - December | 1846 January - December |
| b. 3, f. 77 | 1847 March - November | 1847 March - November |
| b. 3, f. 78-79 | 1848-1949 January – December | 1848-1949 January – December |
| b. 3, f. 80 | 1850 January - July | 1850 January - July |
| b. 3, f. 81 | 1850 August - December | 1850 August - December |
| b. 3, f. 82-85 | 1851-1854 January - December | 1851-1854 January - December |
| b. 3, f. 86 | 1855 January - November | 1855 January - November |
| b. 3, f. 87-88 | 1856-1857 January - December | 1856-1857 January - December |
| b. 4, f. 89 | 1858 January - September | 1858 January - September |
| b. 4, f. 90 | 1858 October - December | 1858 October - December |

Gilman Family (continued)

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|------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| b. 4, f. 91 | 1859 January - July | 1859 January - July |
| b. 4, f. 92 | 1859 August - December | 1859 August - December |
| b. 4, f. 93 | 1860 January - July | 1860 January - July |
| b. 4, f. 94 | 1860 August - December | 1860 August - December |
| b. 4, f. 95 | 1861 January - July | 1861 January - July |
| b. 4, f. 96 | 1861 August - December | 1861 August - December |
| b. 4, f. 97 | 1862 January - May | 1862 January - May |
| b. 4, f. 98 | 1862 June - August | 1862 June - August |
| b. 4, f. 99 | 1862 September - December | 1862 September - December |
| b. 5, f. 100 | 1863 January - May | 1863 January - May |
| b. 5, f. 101 | 1863 June - July | 1863 June - July |
| b. 5, f. 102 | 1863 August - December | 1863 August - December |
| b. 5, f. 103-105 | 1864-1866 January - December | 1864-1866 January - December |
| b. 5, f. 106 | 1867 January - September | 1867 January - September |
| b. 5, f. 107 | 1867 October - December | 1867 October - December |
| b. 6, f. 108 | 1868 January - May | 1868 January - May |
| b. 6, f. 109 | 1868 June - December | 1868 June - December |
| b. 6, f. 110 | 1869 January - July | 1869 January - July |
| b. 6, f. 111 | 1869 August - December | 1869 August - December |
| b. 6, f. 112 | 1870 January - July | 1870 January - July |

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| b. 6, f. 113 | 1870 August - December | 1870 August - December |
| b. 6, f. 114 | 1871 March - June | 1871 March - June |
| b. 6, f. 115 | 1871 July - December | 1871 July - December |
| b. 6, f. 116 | 1872 January - July | 1872 January - July |
| b. 6, f. 117 | 1872 August - December | 1872 August - December |
| b. 6, f. 118 | 1873 January - July | 1873 January - July |
| b. 6, f. 119 | 1873 August - December | 1873 August - December |
| b. 7, f. 120-121 | 1874-1875 January - December | 1874-1875 January - December |
| b. 7, f. 122 | 1876 January - August | 1876 January - August |
| b. 7, f. 123 | 1876 September - December | 1876 September - December |
| b. 7, f. 124 | 1877 January - August | 1877 January - August |
| b. 7, f. 125 | 1877 September - December | 1877 September - December |
| b. 7, f. 126 | 1878 January - July | 1878 January - July |
| b. 7, f. 127 | 1878 August - December | 1878 August - December |
| b. 7, f. 128 | 1879 January - July | 1879 January - July |
| b. 7, f. 129 | 1879 August - September | 1879 August - September |
| b. 7, f. 130 | 1879 October | 1879 October |
| b. 7, f. 131 | 1879 November - December | 1879 November - December |
| b. 8, f. 132 | 1880 January - July | 1880 January - July |
| b. 8, f. 133 | 1880 August - December | 1880 August - December |

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| b. 8, f. 134 | 1881 January - November | 1881 January - November |
| b. 8, f. 135 | 1882 January - April | 1882 January - April |
| b. 8, f. 136 | 1882 May | 1882 May |
| b. 8, f. 137 | 1882 June - July | 1882 June - July |
| b. 8, f. 138 | 1882 August - December | 1882 August - December |
| b. 8, f. 139 | 1883 January - May | 1883 January - May |
| b. 8, f. 140 | 1883 June - August | 1883 June - August |
| b. 8, f. 141 | 1883 September - December | 1883 September - December |
| b. 8, f. 142-143 | 1884-1885 January - December | 1884-1885 January - December |
| b. 9, f. 144 | 1886 January - May | 1886 January - May |
| b. 9, f. 145 | 1886 June - December | 1886 June - December |
| b. 9, f. 146 | 1887 January - May | 1887 January - May |
| b. 9, f. 147 | 1887 June - December | 1887 June - December |
| b. 9, f. 148 | 1888 January - May | 1888 January - May |
| b. 9, f. 149 | 1888 June | 1888 June |
| b. 9, f. 150 | 1888 July | 1888 July |
| b. 9, f. 151 | 1888 August - September | 1888 August - September |
| b. 9, f. 152 | 1889 January - June | 1889 January - June |
| b. 9, f. 153 | 1889 July - December | 1889 July - December |
| b. 9, f. 154 | 1890 January - July | 1890 January - July |
| b. 9, f. 155 | 1890 August - December | 1890 August - December |

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| b. 10, f. 156 | 1891 January - June | 1891 January - June |
| b. 10, f. 157 | 1891 July - August | 1891 July - August |
| b. 10, f. 158 | 1891 September - December | 1891 September - December |
| b. 10, f. 159 | 1892 January - June | 1892 January - June |
| b. 10, f. 160 | 1892 July - December | 1892 July - December |
| b. 10, f. 161 | 1893 January - August | 1893 January - August |
| b. 10, f. 162 | 1893 September - December | 1893 September - December |
| b. 10, f. 163 | 1894 January - April | 1894 January - April |
| b. 10, f. 164 | 1894 May - December | 1894 May - December |
| b. 10, f. 165 | 1895 January - August | 1895 January - August |
| b. 10, f. 166 | 1895 September - December | 1895 September - December |
| b. 11, f. 167 | 1896 January - March | 1896 January - March |
| b. 11, f. 168 | 1896 April - May | 1896 April - May |
| b. 11, f. 169 | 1896 June - December | 1896 June - December |
| b. 11, f. 170 | 1897 January - April | 1897 January - April |
| b. 11, f. 171 | 1897 May - August | 1897 May - August |
| b. 11, f. 172 | 1897 September - December | 1897 September - December |
| b. 11, f. 173 | 1898 January - May | 1898 January - May |
| b. 11, f. 174 | 1898 June - August | 1898 June - August |
| b. 11, f. 175 | 1898 September - December | 1898 September - December |

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| b. 11, f. 176 | 1899 January - July | 1899 January - July |
| b. 11, f. 177 | 1899 August - December | 1899 August - December |
| b. 11, f. 178 | 1900 January - May | 1900 January - May |
| b. 11, f. 179 | 1900 June - August | 1900 June - August |
| b. 12, f. 180 | 1900 September - December 6 | 1900 September - December 6 |
| b. 12, f. 181 | 1900 December 7-31 | 1900 December 7-31 |
| b. 12, f. 182 | 1901 January - February | 1901 January - February |
| b. 12, f. 183 | 1901 March - December | 1901 March - December |
| b. 12, f. 184-185 | 1902-1903 January - December | 1902-1903 January - December |
| b. 12, f. 186 | 1904 January - October | 1904 January - October |
| b. 12, f. 187 | 1904 November - December | 1904 November - December |
| b. 12, f. 188 | 1905 January - September | 1905 January - September |
| b. 12, f. 189 | 1905 October - December | 1905 October - December |
| b. 13, f. 190 | 1906 January - March | 1906 January - March |
| b. 13, f. 191 | 1906 April - May | 1906 April - May |
| b. 13, f. 192 | 1906 June - December | 1906 June - December |
| b. 13, f. 193 | 1907 January - March | 1907 January - March |
| b. 13, f. 194 | 1907 April - December | 1907 April - December |
| b. 13, f. 195 | 1908 January - December | 1908 January - December |
| b. 13, f. 196 | 1909 January | 1909 January |

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| b. 13, f. 197 | 1909 February - April | 1909 February - April |
| b. 13, f. 198 | 1909 May - August | 1909 May - August |
| b. 13, f. 199 | 1909 September - December | 1909 September - December |
| b. 14, f. 200 | 1910 January - May | 1910 January - May |
| b. 14, f. 201 | 1910 July - December | 1910 July - December |
| b. 14, f. 202-204 | 1911-1913 January - December | 1911-1913 January - December |
| b. 14, f. 205 | 1914 January - June | 1914 January - June |
| b. 14, f. 206 | 1914 July - December | 1914 July - December |
| b. 14, f. 207 | 1915 March - December | 1915 March - December |
| b. 14, f. 208 | 1916 January - August | 1916 January - August |
| b. 14, f. 209 | 1916 September - December | 1916 September - December |
| b. 14, f. 210 | 1917 January - March | 1917 January - March |
| b. 14, f. 211 | 1917 April - May | 1917 April - May |
| b. 15, f. 212 | 1918 January - June | 1918 January - June |
| b. 15, f. 213 | 1918 July - October | 1918 July - October |
| b. 15, f. 214 | 1919 April - December | 1919 April - December |
| b. 15, f. 215 | 1920 January - September | 1920 January - September |
| b. 15, f. 216 | 1921 January - December | 1921 January - December |
| b. 15, f. 217 | 1922 January - August | 1922 January - August |
| b. 15, f. 218 | 1922 September 1-8 | 1922 September 1-8 |

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|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| b. 15, f. 219 | 1922 September 9-30 | 1922 September 9-30 |
| b. 15, f. 220 | 1922 October - December | 1922 October - December |
| b. 15, f. 221-222 | 1923-1924 January - December | 1923-1924 January - December |
| b. 15, f. 223 | 1925 January - November | 1925 January - November |
| b. 15, f. 224 | 1926 January - May | 1926 January - May |
| b. 15, f. 225-228 | 1927, 1929-1930, 1935 | 1927, 1929-1930, 1935 |
| b. 16, f. 229-232 | undated | undated |

Series II: Coit Family, 1659–(1764–1774, 1824–1837) 1895*1' (3 boxes)*

The COIT FAMILY series consists primarily of correspondence which is arranged chronologically followed by a small group of diaries, genealogical materials, and family memorabilia.

Correspondence

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| b. 17, f. 1 | List for letters from 1673-1778 | |
| b. 17, f. 2-6 | 1659, 1696, 1698-1699, 1988 | 1659, 1696, 1698-1699, 1988 |
| b. 17, f. 7-11 | 1703, 1705, 1723, 1724-1725, 1724 | 1703, 1705, 1723, 1724-1725, 1724 |
| b. 17, f. 12-16 | 1726, 1727, 1728, 1731, 1743 | 1726, 1727, 1728, 1731, 1743 |
| b. 17, f. 17-21 | 1745, 1751, 1754, 1758, 1760 | 1745, 1751, 1754, 1758, 1760 |
| b. 17, f. 22-27 | 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1774, 1778 | 1764, 1765, 1766, 1767, 1774, 1778 |
| b. 17, f. 28-32 | 1783, 1784, 1789, 1790, 1795 | 1783, 1784, 1789, 1790, 1795 |
| b. 17, f. 33-37 | 1798, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1804 | 1798, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1804 |
| b. 17, f. 38-42 | 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1810 | 1805, 1806, 1807, 1808, 1810 |
| b. 17, f. 43-47 | 1812, 1814, 1815, 1817, 1818 | 1812, 1814, 1815, 1817, 1818 |
| b. 17, f. 48-52 | 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823 | 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823 |
| b. 17, f. 53-58 | 1824, 1825, 1826, 1828, 1829, 1830 | 1824, 1825, 1826, 1828, 1829, 1830 |
| b. 18, f. 59-63 | 1831, 1832, 1833, 1835, 1836 | 1831, 1832, 1833, 1835, 1836 |
| b. 18, f. 64-68 | 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841 | 1837, 1838, 1839, 1840, 1841 |
| b. 18, f. 69-73 | 1844, 1845, 1850, 1853, 1858 | 1844, 1845, 1850, 1853, 1858 |
| b. 18, f. 74-78 | 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1864 | 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1864 |
| b. 18, f. 79-83 | 1865, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1877 | 1865, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1877 |
| b. 18, f. 84-86 | 1877, 1882, 1886 | 1877, 1882, 1886 |

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| b. 19, f. 87 | Biographical Sketches of Daniel Lathrop Coit and Daniel Wadsworth Coit | 1860, 1877 |
| b. 19, f. 88 | "A Brief Exposition on the 45th Psalm" written for Faith (Trumbull) Wadsworth English | 1793 |
| b. 19, f. 89 | Coit family genealogy | |
| b. 19, f. 90 | Diaries of Maria Coit Perit | 1836-1837 |
| b. 19, f. 91 | Journal of John Backus | 1762 |
| b. 19, f. 92 | "Martha, daughter of Mehetabel Chandler Coit" English | 1895 |
| b. 19, f. 93 | "A Meditation or Poem..." on the "First forty years of his life" [Joseph Coit?] English A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access to the digital copy. | undated |
| b. 19, f. 94 | Miscellaneous clippings and photos | |

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"Gilman Family, Individual Members" is arranged alphabetically by the name of the individual family member. Materials are filed under a given family member's name in the following order: diaries and calendar books, journals and memoirs; personal finances and account books; genealogical material; writings, both manuscript and printed, including articles, essays, books speeches, and sermons; miscellaneous notes; newspaper clippings and printed matter; and memorabilia, including scrapbooks and photos. It should be noted, however, that not all family members will have materials in each of these categories.

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| b. 20, f. 1 | Account and stocks | 1871-1914 |
| b. 20, f. 2 | Annotated calendars | 1892, undated |
| b. 20, f. 3 | Articles, sermons, and circulars | 1860, 1863, 1896–1897, 1910, undated |
| b. 20, f. 4 | Biographical sketch of Baroness Burdett Coutts | undated |
| b. 20, f. 5 | Diaries and journals | 1818, 1822, 1826, 1862 |
| b. 20, f. 6-7 | Genealogical materials | undated |
| b. 20, f. 8-9 | Gilman family genealogy | 1888, 1896 |
| | Gilman family genealogy. See: box 34 See: box 35 | |
| b. 20, f. 11 | Household accounts, unidentified | 1867-1900 |
| b. 21, f. 12 | Memorabilia and personal documents | 1859, 1878, 1880–1881, 1889 1891, 1907–1908, 1913 |
| b. 21, f. 13 | Newspaper clippings | |
| b. 21, f. 14 | Notes and clippings on beekeeping | 1853 |
| b. 21, f. 15 | <i>Old Families of Norwich Connecticut, 1600-1800</i> , by Mary E. Perkins English | |

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| b. 21, f. 17-19 | Photos | |
| b. 21, f. 20 | Photos of family handicrafts | |
| b. 21, f. 21 | Poems and literary fragments, unidentified | undated |
| b. 21, f. 22 | Reminiscences of Rev. George B. Cheever | undated |
| b. 22, f. 23-24 | Scrapbook, programs and reviews of concerts and operas | 1882-1900 |
| b. 22, f. 25 | Miscellaneous tributes and memorials | 1876, 1896, 1898 |
| b. 22, f. 26 | Visitor books, Gilman family (Flushing, New York | 1883-1895 |

Gilman Family, Individual Members

Arthur C. Gilman

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| b. 23, f. 27 | Graduation oration | 1872 |
| b. 23, f. 28 | Reminiscence about, by unidentified, author | undated |

Benjamin Clark Gilman

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| b. 23, f. 29 | Compass Rose | undated |
| b. 23, f. 30 | Photos of clocks made by Gilman | |

Caroline T. Gilman

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|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| b. 23, f. 31 | Correspondence re: Jonathan Trumbull Professorship of American Government | 1922-1923 |
| b. 23, f. 32 | Diary re: trip to Mexico | 1879 |
| b. 23, f. 33 | Diaries and calendar books | 1868-1878 |
| b. 23, f. 34 | Diaries, calendars, and address books | 1879-1883 |
| b. 23, f. 35 | Diaries and calendar books | 1884-1888 |
| b. 24, f. 36-37 | Diaries and calendar books | 1889-1899, 1918 |
| b. 24, f. 38 | Travel journals and passenger lists | 1888-1889 |
| b. 24, f. 39 | Family estate, (the Coit Elms), journals and plans | 1904-1915 |

Caroline T. Gilman

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| b. 25, f. 40 | Account books | 1864-1865, 1878-1890, 1920-1921 |
| b. 25, f. 40a | Stock statements | 1911-1914 |
| b. 25, f. 41 | Family records and genealogy | 1874 |

Gilman Family, Individual Members (continued)

Edward W. Gilman

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| b. 25, f. 42-44 | Diaries and calendar books | 1845-1856, 1863-1871, 1884-1896 |
| b. 26, f. 45 | Diaries re: church | 1849-1871 |
| b. 26, f. 46-48 | Account books | 1839-1859, 1843-1882 |
| b. 27, f. 49-52 | Account books | 1860-1870, 1868-1885 |
| b. 28, f. 53-54 | Account books | 1885-1892, 1891-1900 |
| b. 28, f. 54a | Stock statements | 1878, 1894, 1898, 1900 |
| b. 28, f. 55 | Address, "Faith Wadsworth Hubbard" | 1887 |
| b. 28, f. 56 | Printed articles: "From Easter to Ascension Day"; "Before Easter"; "The Relations Between Benevolent Societies and the Congregational Church"; "Living, Though Once Dead"; "Life and Immortality"; "A Doubting Disciple" | 1890-1894, undated |
| b. 28, f. 57 | Miscellaneous printed articles | 1849-1900, undated |
| b. 28, f. 58 | Articles written for or about Bible Society | |
| b. 29, f. 59-60 | Scrapbook containing printed articles and addresses by Gilman | 1856-1879 |
| b. 29, f. 61 | <i>Guide to West Point</i> English | 1844 |
| b. 29, f. 62-66 | Sermons | 1849-1855, 1857-1869, 1886, 1900, undated |
| b. 29, f. 67 | Sermons, list of titles and Scripture | 1858-1868 |
| b. 29, f. 68 | Notes on Scriptures | undated |
| b. 29, f. 69 | Notebook re: religion | [1851?] |
| b. 30, f. 70 | Church membership lists and historical sketch of Congregational Church, Bangor, Me. | 1857-1862 |
| b. 30, f. 71-72 | Student course notes and essays | 1842, undated 1845-1847, undated |
| b. 30, f. 73 | Miscellaneous notes | 1840, 1870-1883, 1891, undated |
| b. 30, f. 74 | Photos | 1866, undated |

Gilman Family, Individual Members > Edward W. Gilman (continued)

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| b. 30, f. 75 | Book lists | 1839-1840, undated |
| Elizabeth Coit Gilman | | |
| b. 30, f. 76 | Essay, "A Question" | 1847 |
| Hattie Gilman | | |
| b. 30, f. 77 | Tribute on the death of Miss Read | 1847 |
| Julia S. Gilman | | |
| b. 30, f. 78 | Diary of a European trip | 1888 |
| b. 30, f. 79 | Memoirs (manuscript), "A Mid-Victorian Little Girl" | 1926 |
| b. 30, f. 80 | Memoirs and reminiscences | 1932 |
| b. 30, f. 81 | Household accounts | 1868-1869, 1872-1875, 1888-1892 |
| Louise Gilman | | |
| b. 30, f. 82 | Diaries and travel journal | 1882-1884, 1889 |
| b. 31, f. 83-84 | Account books | 1882, 1888-1892, undated 188- 1890, undated |
| b. 31, f. 85 | Photos | 1857, 1867, 1871, 1883 |
| Maria Perit Gilman | | |
| b. 31, f. 86 | "Passages in the Life of a Saint" English | 1906 |
| b. 31, f. 87 | Memorial tribute | 1907 |
| b. 31, f. 88 | Photos | 1857, 1901, undated |
| Serena Gilman | | |
| b. 31, f. 89 | Inventory of estate | 1881 |
| William Charles Gilman | | |
| b. 31, f. 90 | Diaries | 1834, 1850 |
| b. 31, f. 91 | Biographical fragments | undated |
| b. 31, f. 92 | Family newspaper, "The Cricket on the Hearth" | 1850 |
| b. 31, f. 93 | Photos | |
| b. 31, f. 94 | Scrapbook | 1852 |

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| Abbot Collegiate Association | | |
| b. 32, f. 95 | Notes and printed matter | 1848, 1856, 1858, 1904-1905 |
| Connecticut Indian Association | | |
| b. 32, f. 2 | Correspondence re: Indians | 1876-1899 |
| b. 32, f. 3 | Photos of Indians | 1883, 1891, 1898-1899 |
| b. 32, f. 4 | Printed matter | 1898-1927 |
| Bible Society | | |
| b. 32, f. 5 | Printed matter, including articles by Edward W. Gilman | 1888-1899, 1896, 1900 |
| Boy's Meeting and Sabbath School | | |
| b. 32, f. 6 | Constitution, minutes and membership lists | 1851-1852 |
| Congregational Church | | |
| b. 32, f. 7 | Charters, rules, and statements of belief | 1853-1872 |
| b. 32, f. 7 | Printed matter | 1858-(1862- 1900)1918 |
| Missionary Society | | |
| b. 32, f. 9 | General laws and act of incorporation; speech of Sancho the Proverbialist | 1848 |
| Norwich, Connecticut | | |
| b. 33, f. 10 | Printed matter re: history of Norwich | 1906, 1908, 1914, 1921, 1929 |
| b. 33, f. 11 | Vacation school, reports, accounts, and printed matter | 1852, 1884, 1901-1904 |
| Silliman Family | | |
| b. 33, f. 12 | Biographical fragment on Gold S. Silliman | 1913 |
| b. 33, f. 13 | Genealogical materials | 1888, undated |
| b. 33, f. 14 | Last will and testament,(copies) of Benjamin D. Silliman | 1900 |
| b. 33, f. 15 | Photos. | |
| b. 33, f. 16 | Printed matter | |

Trumbull Family

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| b. 33, f. 17 | Genealogical materials |
| b. 33, f. 18 | Photos |
| b. 33, f. 19 | News clippings re: Jonathan Trumbull |
| b. 33, f. 20 | Correspondence and printed matter re: Jonathan Trumbull Professorship of American Government 1922-1923 |

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