

# Guide to the Bushnell Family Papers

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**CREATOR:** Bushnell family

**TITLE:** Bushnell family papers

**DATES:** 1713-1908

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

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Chiefly legal papers of various members of the Bushnell family of Saybrook, Conn. relating to the purchase of land and other financial transactions. The compositions of Lydia O. Dibble, a cousin of Ida Bushnell, include an essay on the death of a friend (1848).

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

A small amount of the papers were transferred from the Yale Divinity School; the remainder was given by an unknown donor in 1969.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Bushnell Family Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists chiefly of legal papers of various members of the Bushnell Family of Saybrook, Connecticut. Most of the legal documents relate to the purchase of land and other financial transactions. Also included are the compositions of Lydia O. Dibble, a cousin of Ida Bushnell.

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## Arrangement

Arranged by family member.

## Collection Contents

Bushnell, Joshua (1690-1767)		
b. 1, f. 1	ADS, deed for land sold to Samuel Bushnell	1713/14 March 17
b. 1, f. 2	2 ADS, deeds for land sold to Samuel Bushnell	1720 December 13
b. 1, f. 3	Clarke, John. ADS, re: Nathaniel Bushnell's discharge from the army and wounding	1729 April 22
b. 1, f. 4	Bushnell, Nathaniel. ADS, record of the survey of his land in Saybrook	1752 April 27
b. 1, f. 5	Knap, Samuel. ADS, receipt for money obtained from Samuel and Stephen Bushnell	1713/14 March 12
b. 1, f. 6	Bushnell, Samuel. ADS, powers of attorney to Daniel Bushnell	1720 May 23
Bushnell, Stephen (1653/4-1727)		
b. 1, f. 7	ADS, bond for money to be paid to the Rev. Moses Noyes	1716 April 18
b. 1, f. 8	ADS, deed for land sold to Nathaniel Bushnell	1723/24 January 17
b. 1, f. 9	ADS, agreements between Stephen and Sarah Bushnell and Nathaniel Bushnell	1724/5 March 9
b. 1, f. 10	Clarke, John. ADS, appraisal of the estate of Thomas Bushnell	1714/15 January 13
b. 1, f. 11	Bushnell, William. ADS, re: [exchange of land?]	1714/1715
b. 1, f. 12	Buckingham, Daniel. ADS, deed for land granted to Joseph Lynde	1743 March 24
b. 1, f. 13	Lord, Benjamin. DS, deed for land sold to Joseph Lynde	1745 October 4
b. 1, f. 14	AD of unknown authrship identifying signatures in this colletion as beloning to men prominent in the Saybrook disturbance over the removal of Yale to New Haven	
b. 1, f. 15	Bushnell, Edward L. ALS to Henry E. Bushnell requesting payments to Ida M. Bushnell	1908 April 14
b. 1, f. 15	Bushnell, Ida. Birthday poem	undated
b. 1, f. 15	Bushnell, Aaron. Obituary on his death	undated
b. 1, f. 15	Dibble, Lydia O. (cousin of Ida Bushnell)	
b. 1, f. 16	Composition book and diary	1851
b. 1, f. 16	"Emma Alayn, or the friend of my early days" English	1848

b. 1, f. 17	Dibbell, Joseph [d. 1869]. Account book for goods and services (1757-1769) and inventory of his estate, 1769 Jul 7, Saybrook, Conn. The book is continued by his son, Josiah Dibble, with accounts from 1769 to 1795. Among the second Josiah Dibble's accounts is a bill for medical treatment (1787-1795) by Dr. John Ely. Also included is a list of the Necessaries allowed Josiah Dibble's widow," n.d.	1757-1795, undated
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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.

### **Subjects**

Death  
Families

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut  
Saybrook (Conn.)  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca.  
1600-1775  
United States -- History -- Revolution,  
1775-1783

### **Families**

Bushnell family