

# Guide to the Josiah Rogers Papers

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**CREATOR:** Rogers, Josiah, 1679-1757

**TITLE:** Josiah Rogers papers

**DATES:** 1692-1764

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence and legal papers of Josiah Rogers who was a blacksmith, miller and farmer in Branford. The papers document his extensive land transactions, largely in Branford, but also involving property in Milford, Stratford, New London, Killingworth, New Haven and Waterbury. Signatories to the documents include Joseph Talcott, Gurdon Saltonstall, John Russell and Edward Barker.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1959.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

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

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of approximately two hundred items purchased from Maury A. Bromsen in 1959, and covering the period 1692-1764. The papers relate primarily to the estate of Josiah Rogers of Branford, Connecticut. Rogers, who was born in 1679, worked as a blacksmith, miller, and farmer, and acquired a large estate before his death sometime in 1757. Excerpts from a detailed description of the collection sent by the dealer follow:

"These papers were evidently at one time the property of Josiah Rogers...or, if not his papers, they came into the hands of his immediate heirs. They cover the period 1692-1764; the locality is mainly Branford, but there are documents concerned with Milford, Stratford, New London, Killingworth (Clinton), New Haven, and Waterbury. Most of them are cessions of property to Josiah Rogers; others reflect the day-to-day life of the community.... Four of the documents are printed forms, and the types are almost certainly those of Thomas Short of New London, Connecticut's first printer...."

"Among the important signatures present are those of Joseph Talcott, Connecticut's first Connecticut-born governor, and Gurdon Saltonstall, cleric, colonial governor, and a prime mover in the establishment of the Collegiate School which became Yale College...."

"John Russell, sixth child of Rev. Samuel Russell (in whose home Yale was founded), is represented by numerous signatures. So is his presumed brother Jonathan Russell. In 1826 John Russell was made clerk of the church society. The commonest signature here is that of Edward Baker, who as justice of the peace officially endorsed many papers...."

The papers are arranged in a single chronological sequence.

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## Collection Contents

### Correspondence and other papers

b. 1, f. 1	1692-1693
b. 1, f. 2	1702-1709
b. 1, f. 3 - 15	1711-1751
b. 1, f. 16	1754-1764
b. 1, f. 17	n.d.

## **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**

Agriculture  
Farmers

### **Geographic Names**

Branford (Conn.) -- History  
Connecticut  
United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca.  
1600-1775

### **Genres / Formats**

Deeds

### **Names**

Rogers, Josiah, 1679-1757