

# Guide to the Daniel Collins Family Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 894

**CREATOR:** Collins, Daniel, 1776-[184-]

**TITLE:** Daniel Collins family papers

**DATES:** 1775-1893

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 0.25 linear feet

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, receipts, music, log book pages (1811), and printed matter. The correspondence is largely among members of the family and also includes two letters to Daniel Collins' father, also named Daniel Collins. The music includes fifteen manuscript pages with words.

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b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The papers were separated from the David Chittenden Collins Papers (MS 886) in 1979.

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## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Daniel Collins was born in 1776. He was a ships' block maker. He was married to Fanny Walker on May 8, 1803. He may have died in 1849.

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## Scope and Contents

This collection consists of a few letters, bills, and other miscellaneous papers concerning Daniel Collins (1739-1810?) and his son Daniel (1776-1849?), a ships' block maker. Pertaining to the elder Collins are two letters, one from his nephew Joseph Tufts, Jr., describing the death of Tufts' mother several weeks after giving birth (1801), the other from Collins to his son reporting on the health of the family (1802). There is one letter from the younger Collins to his second wife, Sophia Walker, written shortly after their marriage in 1812 from Washington, D.C., where Collins was seeking work in the navy yard, and two letters addressed to Collins by a friend, Thomas B. D'Wolf of Nova Scotia, reporting on old friends (1836).

Other papers pertaining to the younger Collins are his certificate of citizenship, receipts, a page from his commonplace book, and an insurance policy. Other items in the collection include anonymous printed and manuscript poems and texts and settings for a number of hymns, several pages from a log book of 1811, and an assortment of receipts, printed matter, and a facsimile of the memorial to the Colonial Assembly of Connecticut from the Connecticut Militia of 1775.

These papers were separated from the David Chittenden Collins Papers (Manuscript Group Number 886) in 1979. The provenance of the Daniel Collins Family Papers is unknown.

## Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Daniel Collins (1739-1810?): correspondence	1801, 1802
	Daniel Collins (1776-1849?)	
b. 1, f. 2	Correspondence	1812, 1836
b. 1, f. 3	Certificate of citizenship	1808
b. 1, f. 3	Receipts	1809, 1811
b. 1, f. 3	Page from Daniel Collins' book	1817
b. 1, f. 4	Poems	1793, 1852, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Music	undated
b. 1, f. 6	Log book pages	1811
b. 1, f. 7	Receipts, notes, printed material	1828-1893, undated
b. 2, f. 10	Poems by Daniel Collins	1793
b. 2, f. 10	Facsimile of memorial to Colonial Assembly of Connecticut	1775
b. 2, f. 10	Insurance policy	1826
b. 2, f. 10	Printed matter	undated

## **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  
Music  
Shipbuilding  
Shipping

### **Names**

Collins, Daniel, 1739-1822  
Collins, Daniel, 1776-[184-]  
Tufts, Joseph, 1783-1835

### **Families**

Collins family