

Guide to the Sheldon Moore Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 992

CREATOR: Moore, Sheldon, 1798-1866

TITLE: Sheldon Moore papers

DATES: 1815-1846

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence and notebooks relating to Sheldon Moore's family in Southington, Connecticut, and his studies at Yale University.

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f. folder

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Biographical / Historical

Sheldon Moore was born in Southington, Connecticut, on October 17, 1798. He was the son of Roswell and Lovina (Phillips) Moore, and was born in Southington, Conn., Oct. 17, 1798. He graduated from Yale in 1818. After his graduation he taught for some time in Virginia and in Connecticut. He afterwards studied law, and was admitted to the bar, but did not make it his profession. He was engaged in business from which he retired about twenty-five years ago, on account of a failure of health. Sheldon Moore died in Kensington, Conn., March 20, 1866, aged 67 years.

(Taken from *Yale Obituary Record*, 1860-70, p. 202).

Scope and Contents

These papers consist of letters and notebooks belonging to Sheldon Moore of Southington, Connecticut. Among the letters are one from Moore to his wife and one to friends and family in Southington, one to Moore from his father, one from a brother, and two from his wife. There is also one letter from Moore's wife to their son John, and one to her from an unidentified person. All of these letters deal with the family's health and daily activities. There are, in addition, three letters to Moore from friends and business acquaintances.

Of Moore's five notebooks, two are diary and expense books covering the years 1815-1816 and 1819-1822, one is a commonplace book, one contains short essays, notes on marriages and deaths in Southington, and lists of books, and the last volume contains notes on Euclidian geometry and dates from Moore's study at Yale College. The final item in the collection is a chart comparing the size, population, government, and other aspects of the states of the Union, probably made while Moore was a student.

Collection Contents

Family letters		
b. 1, f. 1	O. Moore: ALS to his brother, Sheldon Moore	1820 July 13
b. 1, f. 1	Roswell Moore: ALS to his son, Sheldon Moore	1819 December 8
Sheldon Moore		
b. 1, f. 1	ALS to family and friends in Southington	1819 February 9
b. 1, f. 1	ALS to his wife, Susan L. Dickinson (Moore)	1831 August 13
Susan L. (Dickinson) Moore		
b. 1, f. 1	2 ALS to Sheldon Moore	1845 January 9, 1846 March 25
b. 1, f. 1	ALS to son John Moore	1846 March 26
Other letters		
b. 1, f. 2	3 ALS to Sheldon Moore from friends and others	1819-1820
b. 1, f. 2	ALS to Susan L. (Dickinson) Moore from unidentified	undated
Notebooks		
b. 1, f. 3	"Euclid's Elements of Geometry" English	1815
b. 1, f. 3	Diary and expense book	1815-1816
b. 1, f. 3	Volume of essays, notes on marriages and deaths, etc.	1815-1826
b. 1, f. 3	Commonplace book	1816-1822
b. 1, f. 3	Diary and expense book	1819-1822
b. 1, f. 4	Chart comparing states	[pre-1816]

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

Families

Geographic Names

Connecticut

Southington (Conn.) -- Description and travel

Names

Moore, Sheldon, 1798-1866

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