

Guide to the Walter A. Main Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1147

CREATOR: Main, Walter A.

TITLE: Walter A. Main papers

DATES: 1800-1891

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.25 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The papers consist of real estate and legal papers from Bridgeport, West Haven, Orange, Woodbridge, and Fairfield, Connecticut. Deeds and papers from the Burritt-Sherman family, the Smith family, and Walter A. Main are included.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Whitlock's in 1945.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

Walter A. Main Papers. Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical / Historical

Walter A. Main owned a real estate and loan business in West Haven, Connecticut during the latter half of the nineteenth century.

Scope and Contents

This collection consists of real estate and legal papers from Bridgeport, West Haven, Orange, Woodbridge, and Fairfield County, Connecticut. The earliest are deeds and other papers concerning land of Elijah Burritt (1743-1841) and his grandsons Oliver and William Sherman in Bridgeport and Fairfield County; these date between 1800 and 1860. The largest portion of the collection pertains to the Smith family of Orange, and includes deeds and other papers from the estates of Bradford Smith (d. ca. 1840), Esther Smith (d. ca. 1862), and Sidney Smith (d. ca. 1887). The final segment of the collection consists of correspondence and legal papers from the 1880s from Walter A. Main's real estate and loan business in West Haven; there is also a prospectus for the Olin H. Clark subdivision in Woodmont.

These papers were purchased from Whitlock's in 1945 as one group, which also included papers of the Alling family of West Haven, now transferred to the Alling Family Papers, Ms. Gr. No. 1091. It is possible that Walter A. Main obtained the Smith and Burritt-Sherman papers through his real estate business.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Burritt-Sherman papers	1800-1869, undated
b. 1, f. 2 - 13	Smith family papers	1810-1891, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Walter A. Main papers	1882-1888
b. 1, f. 15	Prospectus for Woodmont subdivision	[1887?]

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.

Geographic Names

Bridgeport (Conn.)
Connecticut
Orange (Conn.)
West Haven (Conn.)

Genres / Formats

Deeds

Occupations

Real estate agents

Names

Burritt, Elijah, 1743-1841
Main, Walter A.
Smith, Bradford, d. ca. 1840