

Guide to the Jesse Gilbert Collection

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1739

CREATOR: Gilbert, Jesse, 1797-1851

TITLE: Jesse Gilbert collection

DATES: 1758-1867

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.25 linear feet (4 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The material is in English.

SUMMARY: The collection primarily consists of professional correspondence, deeds, land surveys, financial ledgers, a patent letter, receipts, promissory notes, proxy agreements, quit claims, and other materials that document the legal activities of Jesse Gilbert (1797) and other individuals who were possibly employed by the same New Haven law firm. The collection also contains a small amount of personal and family correspondence discussing family news and events.

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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

Gift of Jane Burton, 1999.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

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Related Materials

Gilbert Family Papers. Hamden Historical Society.

Biographical / Historical

Jesse Gilbert was born on December 30, 1797, to Jesse and Lydia B. Gilbert of Hamden, Connecticut. The oldest surviving son, Jesse had numerous siblings, including a brother, Griswold I. Gilbert, who was a member of the Connecticut State Senate in 1853. The Gilberts were a prominent family in New Haven; his great-great-grandfather was Matthew Gilbert, the first Deputy Governor of New Haven Colony, and his grandfather, Captain John Gilbert, was in command of New Haven's up-town militia during the Revolutionary War.

Gilbert married Laura Heaton on November 28, 1820. They had five children: Forbes Gilbert (b. 1821), Lydia, Street E., Howard D., and Jesse Burton. Gilbert was an attorney by profession, based out of New Haven, Connecticut, and had clients from throughout New England, Pennsylvania, and New York. Gilbert died on May 8, 1851.

Scope and Contents

The collection primarily consists of professional correspondence, deeds, land surveys, financial ledgers, a patent letter, receipts, promissory notes, proxy agreements, quit claims, and other materials that document the legal activities of Jesse Gilbert (1797) and other individuals who were possibly employed by the same New Haven law firm. A significant portion of the collection, primarily the professional correspondence between Jesse Gilbert and E. W. Sturdevant, is devoted to a controversy over coal mining lands in the Wyoming Valley near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Some of the professional correspondence relates to Gilbert's father, Jesse Gilbert (1762). The collection includes a few documents related to Timothy Dwight, Jeremiah Day, and Eli Whitney; a genealogy of the Thomas Smith family; and a voting record of the Hamden Council from the late eighteenth century. The collection also contains a small amount of personal and family correspondence discussing family news and events.

Arrangement

The material is arranged alphabetically by type of material.

Collection Contents

b. 1, f. 1	Act of Incorporation, Green Mountain Turnpike Company	Circa 1810-1830
	Agreements	
b. 1, f. 2	Billings, John and Albert	1826 October 19
b. 1, f. 2	Bulkely, Jonathan	1829 August 6
b. 1, f. 2	Newbold, John	Undated
	Correspondence	
	Personal and Family	
b. 1, f. 3	General	1815 August 6
b. 1, f. 4	Gilbert, Burton	1863, undated
b. 1, f. 5	Gilbert, Forbes O.	1842-1848, undated
b. 1, f. 6	Gilbert, Griswold	1833-1834
b. 1, f. 7	Gilbert, Isaac, Griswold, and Augustus	1836 June 6
b. 1, f. 8	Gilbert, Jesse (1797), incoming	1820-1821, undated
b. 1, f. 9	Gilbert, Laura	1847 February 29
b. 1, f. 10	Gilbert, Street E.	1845-1846, undated
b. 1, f. 11	Whitelaw, William	1820 October 27
b. 1, f. 12	Unknown	1823 October 13
	Professional	
b. 1, f. 13	General	1800-1834, undated
b. 1, f. 14	Barnum, David	1829
b. 1, f. 15	Foote, Dr. Joseph	1818-1820
b. 1, f. 16	Gilbert, Jesse (1762)	1813, 1817
	Gilbert, Jesse (1797)	
	Incoming	
	General	
b. 1, f. 17	A-D	1833-1850

Professional > Gilbert, Jesse (1797) > Incoming > General > A-D (continued)

b. 4, f. 1	Oversize, A	1833
b. 1, f. 18	L-S	1845-1850, undated
Sturdevant, E. W.		
b. 1, f. 19	1836-1837	1836-1837
b. 1, f. 20	1838-1839	1838-1839
b. 1, f. 21	1840-1849	1840-1849
b. 1, f. 22	Unknown	Undated
b. 1, f. 23	Outgoing Correspondence filed in this section are related to legal matters likely handled by Jesse Gilbert (1797), however it is possible some letters may be written by his father, Jesse Gilbert (1762).	1813-1832
b. 4, f. 2	Oversize	1821
b. 1, f. 24	Gilbert, Street E.	1867
b. 1, f. 25	Hillhouse, William	1803-1827
b. 1, f. 26	Jefferds, Samuel	1782-1820
b. 1, f. 27	Kensett, Thomas	1823-1824
b. 1, f. 28	Mills, Isaac	1816-1821
b. 1, f. 29	Owen, Alfred	1829-1830
Phelps, Oliver		
b. 2, f. 1	General	1802-1805
Smith, Cephas		
b. 2, f. 2	Incoming	1799-1805
b. 2, f. 3	Outgoing	1802, 1804
b. 2, f. 4	Tallman, David	1821-1830
Deeds		
b. 2, f. 5	1767-1799	1767-1799
b. 4, f. 3	Oversize	1791 November 9
b. 2, f. 6	1800-1832, undated	1800-1832, undated
b. 4, f. 4	Oversize	1807-1832, undated

b. 2, f. 7	Quit Claims	1810-1833, undated
b. 4, f. 5	Oversize	1832-1833
b. 2, f. 8	Genealogy, Smith Family	Undated
b. 2, f. 9	Ledgers	Undated
b. 2, f. 10	Maps and Surveys	1795, 1830, 1833, undated
b. 4, f. 6	Oversize	1830, undated
b. 2, f. 11	Patent Letter	1810 July 26
b. 2, f. 12	Promissory Notes	1819-1831
b. 2, f. 13	Proxy Agreements	1767-1833
	Receipts	
b. 2, f. 14	1758, 1800-1819	1758, 1800-1819
b. 2, f. 15	1820-1824	1820-1824
b. 3, f. 1	1825-1829	1825-1829
b. 3, f. 2	1830-1839, 1850	1830-1839, 1850
b. 3, f. 3	Undated	Undated
b. 3, f. 4	Tax	1788-1842, undated
b. 3, f. 5	Record of Votes, Hamden Council	Circa 1760-1780
b. 3, f. 6	Miscellaneous	1803, 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

Lawyers
Real property

Families

Gilbert family

Names

Gilbert, Jesse, 1762-1833
Gilbert, Jesse, 1797-1851
Phelps, Oliver, 1749-1809
Sturdevant, Ebenezer Warren, b. 1806