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CALL NUMBER: GEN MSS 509

CREATOR: Day, Stephen Sylvester, 1850-1934 , collector

TITLE: Stephen Sylvester Day collection of Daniel Mulford

DATES: 1790-1812

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.34 linear feet (3 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Contains letters between Mulford and various people, including Samuel Whelpley and Philemon Dickerson; diaries by Mulford documenting his early education, his years at Yale College, and travels shortly after graduation; a list of speaking appointments for Yale University's commencement, 1806; Mulford's certificate of admission to the Georgia bar; and articles of a legal partnership between Thomas E. Lloyd and Mulford. A scrapbook contains personal papers and biographical material.

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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 Stephen Sylvester Day, 1912.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

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DANIEL MULFORD (1781-1811)

Daniel Mulford, son of Jonathan Mulford, Jr. and Deborah Ludlow, was born in New Providence, New Jersey, in 1781. He received his early education at Morristown Academy under Samuel Whelpley, worked briefly as a shopkeeper in New York City, and entered Yale College in 1804. In 1806 Mulford graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and returned to New Jersey to teach at Morristown. He began studying law but declining health caused him to relocate to a warmer climate. In Savannah he resumed his legal education and was admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1809 despite continued ill-health. Daniel Mulford died of tuberculosis in New Providence, New Jersey, in 1811.

Scope and Contents

The Stephen Sylvester Day Collection of Daniel Mulford consists of letters, diaries, manuscripts, and personal papers which relate to the life of Daniel Mulford. The collection spans the dates 1801-1812 and is arranged in two series.

[Series I, Correspondence](#), is arranged in three subseries: Letters from Daniel Mulford, Letters to Daniel Mulford, and Third Party Correspondence. Each subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent. Letters from Daniel Mulford discuss such topics as Mulford's thoughts about Yale, religion, philosophy and his ongoing battle with tuberculosis. Letters to Daniel Mulford chiefly concern news from friends and business associates, including Philemon Dickerson and Thomas Edward Lloyd. Third Party Correspondence consists of a letter regarding Mulford's death (folder 16) as well as two letters from Isreal Russell to Daniel's brother Levi which describe Fourth of July celebrations in New York in 1807 and 1808 (folder 17).

[Series II, Personal Papers](#), is arranged in two subseries: Diaries of Daniel Mulford and Other Papers. Diaries of Daniel Mulford is arranged chronologically. The earliest diary documents his education at Morristown under Samuel Whelpley, his employment in New York City, and his years at Yale (folder 25). The two other diaries document Mulford's travels to New Haven and Georgia in 1808.

Other Papers is also chronologically arranged, and includes the poem "Contentment", possibly by Mulford; a list of speakers for Yale College's 1806 commencement; several documents related to Mulford's legal career; and an undated scrapbook of Mulford's personal papers compiled by Stephen Sylvester Day.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1802–12

17 Folders

Series I, *Correspondence*, is arranged in three subseries: Letters from Daniel Mulford, Letters to Daniel Mulford, and Third Party Correspondence. Material within each subseries is arranged alphabetically by correspondent.

LETTERS FROM DANIEL MULFORD

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| b. 1, f. 1-2 | 6 ALS to his sister, Mrs. Betsey Crane | 1806–10 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | ALS to his brother-in-law, John Crane, Salem, North Carolina | 1808 Nov 4 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | Autograph draft of a letter, signed, to Thomas Fitch, New Haven, [Conn.] | 1805 Jun 4 |
| b. 1, f. 5-6 | 6 ALS to his brother, Levi Mulford | 1805–10 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | AL, copied and signed, to Samuel Whelpley | 1802 Aug |

LETTERS TO DANIEL MULFORD

| | | |
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| b. 1, f. 8 | Dickerson, Philemon, 1788-1862. ALS; Princeton, N.J. | 1804 Dec 15 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Estey, D. Thomas. ALS; Woodbury, N.J. | 1806 Jul 14 |
| b. 1, f. 10 | Fitch, Thomas. 3 ALS | [1803]–10 |
| b. 1, f. 11 | Gibson, William Miller, 1787-. ALS; New Haven | 1806 Dec 5 |
| b. 1, f. 12 | Keyes, John. ALS; Morristown, N.J. | 1803 Dec 6 |
| b. 1, f. 13 | Lloyd, Thomas Edward. ALS; Savannah, Ga. | |
| b. 1, f. 14 | Mills, H. ALS; Eliz. Town, [N.J.] | 1809 Apr 4 |
| b. 1, f. 15 | Russell, H. P. ALS; Morristown, [N.J.] | 1806 May 3 |

THIRD PARTY CORRESPONDENCE

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|-------------|---|------------|
| b. 1, f. 16 | Lavin---, Mary. ALS to [Mrs. Elizabeth Crane], sister to Daniel Mulford; Savannah | 1812 Apr 3 |
| b. 1, f. 17 | Russell, Isreal. 2 ALS to Levi Mulford, brother of Daniel Mulford; New York | 1807, 1808 |

Series II: Personal Papers, 1801–11*8 Folders*

Series II, *Personal Papers*, is arranged in two subseries: Diaries and Other Papers. Material in both is arranged chronologically. A scrapbook has been placed at the end of the second subseries.

DIARIES

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|-------------|--|---------|
| | Manuscript diary Stored in: Oversize, box 3, folder 25 Typescript synopsis of bound in front of book. "Maid of the Village," typescript of Mulford's poem, addressed to his sweetheart, and dated Morristown, N.J., 1810 Sep 21-22, bound at end of volume. | 1801-07 |
| b. 2, f. 18 | "Trip to N[ew] Haven [from Morristown]" Dated 1808 Aug 11-Sep 7. | 1808 |
| b. 2, f. 19 | Notes on journey [from Morristown, N.J.] to Georgia Dated 1808 Oct 9-Nov 11. | 1808 |

OTHER PAPERS

| | | |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| b. 2, f. 20 | "Contentment" Manuscript poem, unsigned, possibly by Mulford. | 1801 Sep 23 |
| b. 2, f. 21 | List of Yale commencement appointments Manuscript list of orators, etc., for the Yale commencement. Mulford's name included in the group of "English orators." | 1806 Sep |
| b. 2, f. 22 | Certificate of admission to the Georgia Bar, Hancock County, Ga. | 1809 Aug 24 |
| b. 2, f. 23 | Articles of copartnership between Thomas E. Lloyd and Daniel Mulford. Savannah, Ga. Signed on 1810 Jan 20 and again on 1811 Jan 1. First signature witnessed by John F. Haupt. | 1810, 1811 |
| b. 2, f. 24 | "Miscellaneous Papers [of] Daniel Mulford." Scrapbook Contains: undated newspaper clipping about Daniel Mulford with a picture of his grave in New Providence, N.J.; "Trip to Boston," manuscript fragment of diary dated 1806 Sep 27-28; ALS from Jeremiah Hole to David Mulford dated 1790 June 28; undated manuscript map of property allotments near St. Mary's, Ga.; inventories of Mulford's property; "Surgeon's Certificate [of Exemption]" for Daniel Mulford dated 1810 April 27; bill from Kollack & Parker dated 1810 Dec 31; and "Settlement with Matthias Meeker," manuscript copy of DM's account with his guardian, dated 1802 Oct 15. | n.d. |

Oversize

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0.92 linear feet (1 box)

Box 3 contains Oversize material from Series II.

b. 3, f. 25

[Manuscript diary](#)

1801-1807

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.

Names

Day, Stephen Sylvester, 1850-1934 , collector
Dickerson, Philemon, 1788-1862
Lloyd, Thomas Edward
Mulford, Daniel, 1781-1811
Whelpley, Samuel, 1766-1817