

# Guide to the Horace Day Papers

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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 950

**CREATOR:** Day, Horace, 1816-1902

**TITLE:** Horace Day papers

**DATES:** 1728-1915

**BULK DATES:** 1833-1874

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2 linear feet (5 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The papers contain letters, writings, and records of the Day family. Series I holds letters sent to Horace Day from his parents Gad and Roxanna Day, his brother George Edward Day (Yale 1833), his cousin Lucinda Day, and his friends, Yale classmates, and colleagues including Edward E. Atwater, Erasmus Darwin Hudson, Charles Backus McLean, and Noah Porter. Also present are letters of recommendation written on Day's behalf by Jeremiah Day, Eleazar T. Fitch, Anthony D. Stanley, and Nathaniel W. Taylor. Personal Papers includes material investigating Gad Day's military service and a proposal from E. S. Goodrich to publish the Pioneer newspaper at St. Paul, Minnesota. Also present is a manuscript broadside announcing a music concert at sea and a printed broadside advertising Thomas Kimpton's Parcel Express shipping service from London to "all parts of the kingdom" as well as the colonies and North America; they may be related to Day's trips to Europe in the late 1850s. Series II holds autograph manuscripts and typescripts of writings by Day and his daughter Sarah Day Woodward, including addresses delivered before the New Haven Colony Historical Society. Also in the series are a group of manuscript sermons by an unidentified author, dated 1728-1833, and newspaper clippings related to the history of New Haven, Connecticut, dated 1857-1915. Series III holds five financial ledgers for the Day & Fitch company dating 1845-1855, and one personal account book recording Day's expenses, 1868-1874. Series IV holds two volumes of Day's notes made during meetings of the New Haven Board of Education, 1882-1890.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Sarah Day Woodward, 1936.

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Conditions Governing Use

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### Preferred Citation

Horace Day Papers. General Collection, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University.

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### Processing Information

This collection includes materials previously identified by the following call numbers: MS Vault Shelves Day, MS Vault Day

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### Associated Materials

Gad Day Family Papers (MS 1225). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

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## Horace Day (1816-1902)

Horace Day was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on November 5, 1816, the son of Gad and Roxanna Rice Day; the family moved to New Haven, Connecticut, in 1822. Day studied at the Hopkins Grammar School and graduated from Yale College in 1836. After briefly teaching school he studied for three years in Yale Seminary, but was never ordained. Day was for several years a publisher and bookseller in New Haven as a partner with L. W. Fitch in the firm of Day & Fitch, afterward becoming editor of the *New Haven Journal and Courier*, and assistant editor of the *Cincinnati Daily Gazette*. He returned to New Haven in 1856, and in 1860 was appointed superintendent of the public schools of New Haven, an office he held for five years. In 1868 he became secretary of the New Haven Board of Education and served the city in that capacity to the end of his life. Day was one of the founders of the New Haven Colony Historical Society and was the institution's first secretary. Day's antiquarian interests led to his being often consulted regarding early landmarks and local history, and he assisted in the compilation of several genealogies. In 1887 Day became secretary of the Yale Class of 1836. He died in New Haven on July 22, 1902.

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## Sarah Cazneau Day Woodward (1855-1946)

Sarah Cazneau Day (1855-1946) was the daughter of Horace and Sarah Rice Day; she married Richard W. Woodward (1846-1931, Yale 1867) in 1881. An antiquarian like her father, Sarah Day Woodward was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the author of *Early New Haven* (New Haven, Conn.: Price, Lee & Adkins Co., 1912).

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## Arrangement

Organized into four series: I. Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1814-1867. II. Writings, 1728-1915. III. Financial Records, 1845-1874. IV. New Haven Board of Education Minutes, 1882-1890.

## Collection Contents

### Series I: Correspondence and Personal Papers, 1814-1867

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Series I is organized into two subseries: Correspondence, and Personal Papers.

#### Correspondence

b. 1, f. 1-3	General correspondence, A-Z	1834-1867
b. 1, f. 4	Atwater, Edward E.	1841
b. 1, f. 5	Baldwin, William Barlow	1836-1838
b. 1, f. 6	Beach	1836-1843
b. 1, f. 7	Cowles	1838-1843
b. 1, f. 8	Day, George Edward	1833-1842
b. 1, f. 9	Day, Roxanna Includes letters written or co-written by Gad Day and Lucinda Day	1836-1843
b. 1, f. 10	Hudson, Erasmus D.	1837-1838
b. 1, f. 11	McLean, Charles B.	1836-1844
b. 1, f. 12	Moore, James	1836-1837
b. 1, f. 13	Porter	1837-1843
b. 1, f. 14	Porter, Noah	1839-1844
b. 1, f. 15	Smith	1842-1843
b. 1, f. 16	Letters of recommendation	1836-1841

#### Personal Papers

b. 1, f. 17	Papers concerning Gad Day's military service	1814-1852
b. 1, f. 18	Proposal to publish a newspaper in St. Paul, Minnesota	1855
b. 1, f. 19	Broadsides	1857, undated

**Series II: Writings, 1728-1915***0.42 linear feet (1 box)*

The series holds autograph manuscripts and typescripts of writings by Day and his daughter Sarah Day Woodward, including addresses delivered before the New Haven Colony Historical Society. Also in the series are a group of manuscript sermons by an unidentified preacher, dated 1728-1833, and newspaper clippings related to the history of New Haven, Connecticut, dated 1857-1915.

Series II is organized into three subseries: Horace Day Writings, Sarah Day Woodward Writings, and Other Writings.

Horace Day Writings		
b. 2, f. 20	Linonian Society oration	1835
b. 2, f. 21	Genealogy notes	undated
b. 2, f. 22	On English Congregationalists	undated
b. 2, f. 23	On New Haven history	undated
b. 2, f. 24-25	Miscellaneous	undated
Sarah Day Woodward Writings		
b. 2, f. 26	Genealogy notes	undated
b. 2, f. 27	On New Haven history	undated
b. 2, f. 28	Miscellaneous	1915, undated
Other Writings		
b. 2, f. 29	Sermons, author unidentified	1728-1833
b. 2, f. 30	Classroom notes, author unidentified	undated
b. 2, f. 31	Newspaper clippings about New Haven and Springfield, Massachusetts	1857-1915

**Series III: Financial Records, 1845-1874***1.08 linear feet (3 boxes)*

Series III holds one personal account book recording Day's expenses and five financial ledgers for the Day & Fitch company of New Haven.

b. 3 (Oversize), f. 32	Horace Day personal accounts	1868-1874
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 33	Day & Fitch account book	1845-1847
b. 3 (Oversize), f. 34	Day & Fitch account book	1846
b. 4, f. 35	Day & Fitch account book	1845-1855
b. 4, f. 36	Day & Fitch account book	1846
b. 5, f. 37	Day & Fitch account book	1847-1848



**Series IV: New Haven Board of Education Minutes, 1882-1890**

*2 Folders*

Series IV holds two volumes of Day’s rough minutes made during meetings of the New Haven Board of Education.

b. 5, f. 38	Minutes	1882-1886
b. 5, f. 39	Minutes	1886-1890

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## 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

Booksellers and bookselling -- Connecticut --  
New Haven  
Education -- Connecticut -- New Haven  
Publishers and publishing -- Connecticut --  
New Haven

### Corporate Bodies

Day & Fitch  
New Haven (Conn.). Board of Education  
New Haven Colony Historical Society  
Thomas Kimpton & Co

### Geographic Names

New Haven (Conn.) -- History

### Genres / Formats

Broadsides -- London (England) -- 19th century  
Ledgers (account books) -- Connecticut -- New  
Haven -- 19th century  
Minute books -- Connecticut -- New Haven --  
19th century  
Sermons -- Connecticut -- 18th century  
Speeches (documents) -- Connecticut -- New  
Haven -- 19th century

### Names

Atwater, Edward E. (Edward Elias), 1816-1887  
Baldwin, William Barlow, 1817-1853  
Day, Gad, 1784-1873  
Day, George Edward, 1815-1905  
Day, Horace, 1816-1902  
Day, Jeremiah, 1773-1867  
Fitch, Eleazar T. (Eleazar Thompson), 1791-1871  
Fitch, L. W. (Lucius Wooster), 1820-1908  
Hudson, Erasmus Darwin, 1806-1880  
McLean, Charles Backus, 1815-1873  
Porter, Noah, 1811-1892  
Stanley, Anthony D. (Anthony Dumond),  
1810-1853  
Taylor, Nathaniel W. (Nathaniel William),  
1786-1858  
Woodward, Sarah Day, 1855-1946

### Families

Day family