

Guide to the Stillman King Wightman papers

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TITLE: Stillman King Wightman papers

DATES: 1817-1837

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear foot (1 box)

LANGUAGE(S): The materials are in English.

SUMMARY: The papers consist of correspondence, lecture notes, financial papers, and writings relating to Wightman's student years at Yale University and his early legal practice. Correspondents include his parents, his Yale classmates, his brother-in-law, and various young men and women (mainly from Middletown, Connecticut) who were his friends. The notes are from lectures and other activities in Yale College. The financial papers are for his college expenses.

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Administrative Information

Provenance

Gift of Henry H. Wightman, 1959.

Information about Access

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Cite As

Stillman King Wightman Papers (MS 1079). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

Biographical/Historical Sketch

Stillman King Wightman, a lawyer, was born in Scituate, Rhode Island, on January 8, 1803. He graduated from Yale in 1825 and studied at the Yale Law School. Wightman opened a practice in Middletown, Connecticut, and, from 1835-1842, held a number of state offices. In 1842 he moved to New York City where he continued an active legal practice for fifty years. Wightman died on May 27, 1899.

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Original accession

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		Incoming letters	
1	1	Bartlett, Jason R.	1827
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1	1	Butler, James (brother-in-law)	1822-1830
1	2	Catlin, Abijah (1805-1891)	1826
1	2	Chamberlain, Elijah	1827
1	2	Cooke, R.	1822
1	3	Ely, Selden (Y. 1825)	1822-1824
1	3	Ford, Seabury (Y. 1825)	1827
1	4	Gear, Hiram	1826-1829
1	4	Hayes, William R.	1826-29
1	4	Hill, Benjamin W.	1825
1	4	Knowlton, Miner	1817
1	5	Mather, Thomas	1827
1	5	Miner, Samuel	1822
1	5	Paddock, Jonathan Robert	1825-1826
1	6-7	Savage, Thomas Staughton (1804-1880; Y. 1825)	1823-1827
1	8	Smith, Richard (1802-78; Y. 1825)	1825-1830
1	9	Streeter, Mary	1823-1824
1	9	Tarbox, Hannah	1823
1	9	Topliff, Stephen	1826
1	9	Treat, Lorenzo	1827
1	10-11	Wightman, Frederick and Mary (Polley)	1822-1834
1	12-15	Wilcox, Asa F.	1822-1829
1	16	Williams, Stephen Clay (1804-87)	1829
1	17	Copy of letter to William Hodges of Duplin County, North Carolina, re a receipt given to Samuel Crowell, Jr., by Selden Tryon	1837
		Notes on lectures	[1821-1825]
1	18	Matthew Rice Dutton on natural philosophy	
1	18	Chauncey Allen Goodrich on rhetoric and oratory	

Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	18	James Luce Kingsley on languages and chronology	
1	18	Benjamin Silliman on chemistry	
1	18	Unidentified, on mathematics and an unidentified classical text	
1	19	Compositions, notes for debates, and other student writings	[1821-1857]
1	20	Bond and bills for college expenses	1821-1825

Access Terms

Belden, Joshua.
Cathin, Abijah.
Dutton, Matthew Rice, 1783-1825.
Ely, Selden.
Goodrich, Chauncey A. (Chauncey Allen), 1790-1860.
Hayes, William R.
Kingsley, James Luce, 1778-1852.
Mather, Thomas.
Savage, Thomas Staughton.
Silliman, Benjamin, 1816-1885.
Smith, Richard, 1802-1878.
Wightman, Frederick.
Wightman, Mary.
Wightman, Stillman King, 1803-1899.
Yale University. Faculty.
Yale University. Students.
Connecticut.
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Lawyers.
Lecture notes.