

Inventory to the Elton Family Papers, 1779-1935

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Descriptive Summary

Creators: John Elton (circa 1855 - 1800); Samuel Elton (1780 –1858); Elizabeth (Merriman) Elton (1776-1877); John P. Elton (1809-1864); Olive Elton (1816-1892); James S. Elton (1838-1923); and John P. Elton II (1866-).

Title: Elton Family Papers

Dates: 1779-1935

Collection Number: M-6

Quantity: .66 cubic foot (approximately 1,000 items)

Abstract: The Elton family was a significant Waterbury family. This collection documents the professional and personal relations of several members largely through correspondence and administrative papers. Of special interest are several family and local histories.

Language: English

Repository: The Max R. Traurig Library and Archive, Mattatuck Museum. Advance notice required.

Biographical Notes:

The Elton Family was a significant Waterburian and Watertown family. A brief history of those included in these papers is as follows:

- John Elton (circa 1855-1800)-Watertown doctor.

- Samuel Elton, (1780 –1858) son of John, prominent Watertown doctor for 50 years.
- Elizabeth “Betsey” (Merriman) Elton (1776-1877)-wife of Samuel, benefactor of St. John’s Episcopal Church.
- John P. Elton (1809-1864)- son of Samuel and Betsy, Partner in Brown & Elton, Waterbury Brass Company, and Waterbury Bank. Elected to General Assembly 1840, 1849, 1850, 1863. (Presidential elector 1864). Moved to Waterbury in 1832.
- Olive Elton (1816-1892) -wife of John P., benefactor of St. John’s Church.
- James S. Elton (1838-1923)- son of John P, and Olive. President, Elton Banking Co. (Loan & Trust), Waterbury Brass Co., Waterbury Automatic Signal Telegraph Co. State Senate 1882-83.
- John P. Elton II (1866-) -son of John S. President, Elton Banking Co. (Loan & Trust), Waterbury Brass Co. (Pres?) Trinity College Graduate Mayor 1902, candidate in 1927

Sources Consulted:

[Ancestry for John Prince Elton](#) ; Anderson, Joseph, Sarah J. Prichard, and Anna Lydia Ward. *The town and city of Waterbury, Connecticut: from the aboriginal period to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five*. Salem, Mass: Higginson Book Co.

Scope and Content Note:

The Elton Family Papers spans 1775 through 1935 and documents the family life of the Elton Family both professionally and personally.

This collection includes Elton Banking Co. papers, F. B. Field letters, and other correspondence. There is a small amount of genealogical material and material from miscellaneous family members, including school papers and letters from British relations. There is also mayoral campaign material, anti-strike leaflet, newspaper clippings.

References and Related Collections:

The Mattatuck Museum has several [paintings and sculptures](#) of members of the Elton Family.

Administrative History:

Processing Note: In 2020 the archivist modified and updated the finding aid.

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Container List: This section provides descriptions of the materials found within each series. Each series description is followed by a container list, which gives the titles of the folders and their locations in the numbered boxes that comprise this collection.

Series: Elton Family Papers (1779-1935)

Arrangement: Chronologically by family member. Smaller amounts of material are listed at the end of the series.

Note: Betsy Elton was married to Dr. Samuel Elton, and is often referred to as Mrs. Samuel Elton.

Box	Folder		
1	A	Dr. John Elton	Deeds, 1779-1798 (fully indexed in deed collection)
	B	Dr. John Elton	Manuscript: Dr. John Elton's Own Observations and Treatment of Sundrie Disorders Booth (sic) in Physick and Surgery as they Occur to Him in His Practice; Faithfully Narated (sic) by Himself/Samuel Elton Watertown. Entries from circa 1787 to circa 1853. Oliver Goldsmith's "the Traveller," 1793
	C	Dr. John Elton	Estate letter of administration, 1800
	D	Dr. Samuel Elton	Bonaparte Epitaph, undated
	E	Dr. Samuel Elton	Almanac, 1841 <i>The Seasons</i> James Thomson-gift of father 1790
	F	Dr. Samuel Elton	Deeds, 1781-1835
	G	Dr. Samuel Elton	Deeds, undated (fully indexed in deed collection)
	H	Dr. Samuel Elton	Appraisal of real estate, map of holdings, circa 1817
	I	Dr. Samuel Elton	Agreement with W. H. Merriman, B.deForest, 1823 (Purchase of Merriman farm)
	J	Dr. Samuel Elton	Bill & receipts for misc. purchases, 1801-42
	K	Dr. Samuel Elton	Receipts for payments on Eagle & Phoenix stock, 1812-16
	L	Dr. Samuel Elton	Documents conveying crops & livestock to Elton as collateral, 1804-16
	M	Dr. Samuel Elton	Letters of attorney (for Collection debts) 1808, 1811, and 1814
	N	Dr. Samuel Elton	Protection insurance policy from Holmes, Hotchkiss, Brown & Elton, 1834
	O	Dr. Samuel Elton	Daybook (medical, personal, financial), 1823-25
	P	Dr. Samuel Elton	Book of Pharmaceutical recipes, 1820

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1	Q	Dr. Samuel Elton	Medical Correspondence-Dr. Enees Munson, 1809; James C Ayres circa 1830; and Dr. Gideon L. Platt, 1846
	R	Dr. Samuel Elton	Non-Medical correspondence, 1811-53
	S	Dr. Samuel Elton	Last will & testament, 1826
	T	Dr. Samuel Elton	Obituary from Waterbury American, 1858
	U	Dr. Samuel Elton	“Sermon occasioned by the death of Dr. Samuel Elton”, Rev. F. Holcolm, 1858
	V	Dr. Samuel Elton	Historical sketch of Watertown, incl. biography of Elton, 1871
	W	Dr. Samuel Elton	Letter of administration to son, John P. Elton estate, 1858
	X	Betsy Elton	Letters, 1852-3, 1861-3
	Y	Betsy Elton	Receipts for bonds, 1867 Receipts Dr. G.L. Platt, 1868
	Z	Betsy Elton	Clipping & letters of thanks Re: gift to church, 1872
	AA	Betsy Elton	Contract for care of Eunice Ives, 1859
	BB	John P. Elton	Order on Philo Bronson to T. Corcoran, 1837
	CC	John P. Elton	Ten shares of Litchfield Mfg. Co., 1854
	DD	John P. Elton	Account w/Brown & Elton, 1856 (stock purchases, etc)
	EE	John P. Elton	400 shares in Coe Brass Mfg. Company, 1863
	FF	John P. Elton	Statements, stockholders’ reports of American Pin Company, 1855,1859,1862, and 1863
	GG	John P. Elton	Statements, stockholders’ reports of American Ring Company, Benedict & Burnham, Goodyear Shoe, Holmes, Booth & Haydens, 1863-64

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1	HH	John P. Elton	Statements, stockholders' reports of 1860-64 Russell & Erwin, Thomas Mfg. Company, 1864
	II	John P. Elton	Statement, stockholders' reports, etc. of: Waterbury Brass Company, 1857-58, 1862-64 Waterbury Buckle Company, 1864
	JJ	John P. Elton	Checks to Blake & Johnson, 1852-53
	KK	John P. Elton	Endorsement Waterbury Knitting Company, 1859
	LL	John P. Elton	Two receipts, 1827
	MM	John. P. Elton	Bill of Naugatuck railroad, 1864
	NN	John P. Elton	Promissory note to Samuel Elton, 1851
	OO	John. P. Elton	Letter to from Samuel Elton regarding promissory note, 1852
	PP	John P. Elton	List of property given by father Samuel, 1829
	QQ	John P. Elton	Deeds & survey plan (indexed under deed Collection), 1831-32
	RR	John P. Elton	Receipt to cemetery plot, 1859
	SS	John P. Elton	Letter to his uncle (C. B. Merriman?), 1857
	TT	John P. Elton	Letters from W. Buckinghame regarding military appointments, 1862-63
	UU	John P. Elton	Letters from Romeo Elton, 1862-63
	VV	John P. Elton	Letters from Isreal Holmes, with poem on new hat, 1863
	WW	John P. Elton	Letter from G.M. Bartholomew, 1863
	XX	John P. Elton	Circular from Tremont House Hotel (sent to all State Reps.), circa 1863
	YY	John P. Elton	Baptismal certificates of Children: Lucy E., James S., Charles P., John M, 1837 – 1845

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2	A	John P. Elton	Obituaries, 1864
	B	John P. Elton	Vestrymen of St. John's Parish- Resolutions of death of J. P. Elton, 1864
	C	John P. Elton	Citizens of Waterbury-Resolution on death of J. P. Elton, 1864
	D	John P. Elton	Waterbury Bank-Resolutions of the death of J. P. Elton, 1864
	E	John P. Elton	Waterbury Brass Co.-Resolutions on death of J. P. Elton, 1865
	F	Olive Elton	Letters: from J. P. Elton of condolences from A. S. Chase, 1864
	G	Olive Elton	Letters announcing death of friend, 1849
	H	Olive Elton	Deeds, 1850 and 1865
	I	Olive Elton	Partially used checkbook, 1865-77
	J	Olive Elton	Estate, Elton Banking Co. Stock, 1867
	K	Olive Elton	Estate, Letters of administration to James S. Elton 1892
	L	James S. Elton	Business Letters, 1867 and 1877
	M	James S. Elton	Protest for unpaid note, 1873
	N	James S. Elton	Letters to F. B. Field 1877
	O	James S. Elton	Statement of Elton Loan & Trust, 1885
	P	James S. Elton	2 personal letters: to wife from mother, 1891
	Q	James S. Elton	Letter from J. G. Woodward re: Charles Merriman, 1893
	R	John P. Elton, II	Letters to parents from St. Paul's, 1881-84
	S	John P. Elton, II	Transcripts of letters to parents, 1884-85

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2	T	John P. Elton, II	Letters from mother from Trinity College, 1884-85
	U	John P. Elton, II	Letters to parents from European trip, 1891
	V	John P. Elton, II	Valentine from anonymous lady, circa 1890
	W	John P. Elton, II	Mayoral campaign leaflet, 1903
	X	John P. Elton, II	Anti-strike leaflet (from Waterbury Republican editorial vs. Waterbury Clock Co. strike), 1903
	Y	John P. Elton, II	Clippings re: mayoral candidacy, 1927
	Z	John P. Elton, II	Letters from English cousins, H. L. & Marie Hopkinson, 1931-35
	AA	Charlotte Elton	School papers, empty bankbook, 1920 Diary, 1921 relating to a trip to Washington, DC
	BB	Dr. James Elton	Receipt, 1831
	CC	John M. Elton	Sketch pad from Waterbury H. S., circa 1860
	DD	John M. Elton	Deposit receipt from Elton Loan & Trust, 1860
	EE	R. H. Elton's	Comic almanac, 1835
	FF	Romeo Elton	Promissory note, 1846 and 1852
	GG	Romeo Elton	Letter to Sir Charles Elton, 1846
	HH	Romeo Elton	Letters from Arthur H. Elton in England, 1859-60
	II	(William Elton?)	Letter from Romeo Elton, 1850
	JJ	Elton family genealogies (one done by Romeo Elton), undated?	
	KK	Elton family genealogical correspondence, notes (Romeo Elton?), undated	
	LL	Harriet Elton-genealogical correspondence, 1889	
	MM	William Elton-Letter, with genealogical information	
	NN	"For Mr. Elton"- review of J.B.S. Holdane's <u>Materialism</u>	