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Inventory to the Pritchard Family Papers (1749-1920, circa 2017)

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Descriptive Summary

Creators: Elizur Pritchard, David Pritchard Sr.; David Pritchard Jr.; Sarah Pritchard; Katherine Pritchard; et al.

Variant Creator name: At times Pritchard family members are referred to as Prichard.

Title: The Pritchard Family Papers

Dates: 1749-1920, circa 2017

Collection Number: M-9

Quantity: 3 cubic feet (3 manuscript boxes, 1 newspaper box, 1 map drawer folder, and 9 ledgers)

Abstract: This collection documents several generations of the Pritchard family, who were from Waterbury, CT. Correspondence and ledgers highlight several of the family's businesses. Sarah and Katharine's interest and work in local history can be found in correspondence and professional writings. This collection is entirely paper based, but photographs of the family members can be accessed through the Mattatuck's Photograph Collection.

Language: English

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

Family History:

Elizur Pritchard (1804-1860), Father to Sarah and Katherine. He was a manufacturer of buttons, and worked with the American Suspender Company based out of New Haven. After retirement, he purchased Charles Island and ran a resort house until the Civil War.

Betsy J. Pritchard (1806-) Mother to Sarah Pritchard.

Sarah J. Pritchard (1830-1909) Author of 12 historical children's books and countless essays on local Waterbury history. Sarah wrote and conducted original research over the span of 9 years for the seminal text on Waterbury history, *The Town and City of Waterbury CT* published in 1896.

Katherine A Pritchard (1837-) Historian. Katherine also wrote and researched local history for *The Town and City of Waterbury CT* published in 1896.

David Pritchard Sr. (1825-) Was a "house carpenter".

David Pritchard Jr. (1861-) Owned a cabinet making business.

Scope and Content Note:

The Pritchard Family Papers documents several generations of the Pritchard family, who were from Waterbury, CT. The collection is entirely paper based and includes document types: newspaper clippings, correspondence, financial documents, ledgers, scrapbooks, and legal documents.

The collection is focused on two themes: professional and personal. Roughly fifty percent of the collection documents various family businesses including carpentry, cabinet making, button making, and the Charles Island Resort. A small portion of the collection reflects personal activities and relationships largely through correspondence. The remaining portions of the collection document Sarah and Katharine's research into local history and their professional writings – which is both professional and personal.

Lastly, the collection is naturally divided into sections based on which Pritchard family member created or received the document. General and unknown items are listed in the beginning.

References and Related Collections:

References Consulted:

<http://www.bronsonlibrary.org/filestorage/33/prichard.bmp>

<https://www.ancestry.com/> was consulted for birth and death dates.

<https://connecticuthistory.org/a-good-spot-and-a-healthy-place-a-short-history-of-charles-island/>

Dooling, Michael C. *An Historical Account of Charles Island, Milford, Connecticut*. United States: Carrollton Press, 2006.

The Max R. Traurig Library also holds copies of Sarah Pritchard's writings, and the Photo Collection has 13 photographs of various family members. There are also 2 small oil paintings of Frances Jeanette Pritchard and George Pritchard.

The Museum object collection at [the Mattatuck holds several paintings](#) depicting Pritchard Family members. Additionally, Katherine Pritchard donated [several historical objects](#) owned by her family. Lastly, the button collection at the museum has several [button cases](#) belonging to Elizur Pritchard, which would have been used to show off his wares.

Administrative History:

Preferred Citation: The Pritchard Family Papers. M-9. Max R. Traurig Library and Archive, Mattatuck Museum.

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.

Box	Folder	
1	A	Pritchard family genealogical information, undated
	B	Pritchard & Baldwin, bills to John Nichols, 1807
	C	Pritchard & Floyd order on Mr. Redmond, 1836
	D	Pritchard & Leavenworth, bill of Henry Trowbridge, 1826
	E	(?) Estate distribution to Alma, Sybil, Lamson & Maria Prichard
	F	“Mrs. Pritchard” Bill from Mrs. E. B. Patten, milliner, 1852
	G	“Mother & Sister” Letter from J. A. P. in California, 1853
	H	“Sister B” Letter from Mrs. W. W. Pritchard , 1892
	I	Abraham Pritchard promissory note, 1808
	J	Amos Pritchard (plus estate of Amos Pritchard?), Deeds and survey, Promissory notes, 1797-1815
	K	Amos Pritchard, estate of-Order to executors to sell, 1816
	L	Asher Pritchard promissory notes (2), 1810-11
	M	Benjamin Pritchard, Bills, 1852
	N	David Pritchard, Sr. – Deeds, 1762-1620
	O	David Pritchard, Sr. – Receipts, 1764-1807, 1814-1815
	P	David Pritchard, Sr. – Transfer title to gun from Elizabeth, Elizabeth Jr., & Hannah Pritchard, 1749
	Q	David Pritchard, Sr – Copy of distribution of father James Prichard’s estate (see next folder), 1758

Box	Folder	
1	R	David Pritchard, Sr. – Katherine Pritchard’s letter of explanation (goes with Folder Q, above), 1911
	S	David Pritchard, Sr. – Bond Benjamin Nichols, 1759
	T	David Pritchard, Sr. – Dr. Daniel Clifford’s order for cash, 1767
	U	David Pritchard, Sr – Order for a chest, 1786
	V	David Pritchard, Sr –Adjustment for tax assessment, 1808
	W	David Pritchard, Sr – Letter from daughter Ruth Spencer, 1812
	X	David Pritchard, Sr – Estate of -bill of J. S. Johnson, Bill of Rhoda Pritchard, 1839
	Y	David Pritchard, Sr. and David Pritchard, Jr. – Receipt for taxes, 1823
	Z	David Pritchard, Jr. – Personal bills & receipts, 1813-1837
	AA	David Pritchard, Jr. – Personal bills & receipts-Notice to appear in case of David Todd -Todd’s Philadelphia address, 1829
	BB	David Pritchard, Jr. – Deeds, 1798-1831
	CC	David Pritchard, Jr – Certificate of authenticity for horse, “Young Speculator,” 1826
	DD	David Pritchard Jr. – Letter of Introduction to Dr. Moses Willard from John Keys, 1819
	EE	David Pritchard Jr. – Letters of introduction from Rec. John Keysin, Tallmadge, Ohio, 1824-1826
	FF	David Pritchard Jr. – Personal letters from son Julius Smith Pritchard, 1824-36
	GG	David Pritchard Jr. – Probate papers, 1839
	HH	David Pritchard Jr. – Account vs. estate, 1839
	II	David Pritchard, Jr. – Account books, 1815-1820
	JJ	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet Making

Receipt to Mark Leavenworth, 1824
Bill to Reuben & Chas. Hine, 1832
Bill to Joel Hinman, 1832

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1	KK	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Memo and account book, 1829-31
	LL	David Prichard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Receipt and guarantee of Lambert Hitchcock for order of 224 chairs, 1814
	MM	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Orders, 1810-1834
	NN	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Promissory notes and agreements, 1806-1838
	OO	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Bill of property sent to South by agent Julius S. Pritchard, includes agreement with agent James H. Cooke, 1819 “Property sent by (Julius) Smith (Pritchard),” 1821
	PP	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Contract of clock agent Samuel Horton, 1821
	QQ	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Expense account, 1832
	RR	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Agents Clark and Welton account of sales, 1835
	SS	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Correspondence, 1822-1837
	TT	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Bills and receipts, 1814-1836
	UU	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Patent assignment from David Bancroft (elevated Bedsteads), 1832
	VV	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Power of attorney letter from Mark Leavenworth & Co., 1834
	WW	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Pritchard & Burwell dissolution agreement, 1818
	XX	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Receipt/Recipe for Varnish” ivory blackening, 1834
	YY	David Pritchard, Jr. – Cabinet making, Clippings re: selection of Pritchard cabinet shop site, 1902

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1	ZZ	David Pritchard, Jr – Cabinet making, Article in Waterbury American, 10/15/1910
	AAA	David Pritchard III – Insurance Policy, 1841
	BBB	David Pritchard III – Cancelled promissory notes, 1841-1842
	CCC	David Pritchard III – Letter from brother Julius S. Prichard, 1843
	DDD	David Pritchard III – Postage bills-1834-44, Delivery receipt, 1851
	EEE	David Pritchard III – Letter to one of his brothers, circa 1850
	FFF	Rev. David G. Pritchard of Savannah, Ga. Address, 1977
	GGG	Elias Pritchard, Promissory notes, 1806-26
	HHH	Elias Pritchard, Bills Lyman Warner, boot maker, 1828 Dan C. Upson, undated Constable's receipt for oxen, 1821
	III	Elizabeth A. Pritchard, Letters family members: David, Katherine, etc. 1849
	JJJ	Elizabeth A. Pritchard, Small ledgers (Expense, lessons), circa 1850-1852

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2	A	Elizur E. Pritchard – Business financial agreement, 1841
	B	Elizur E. Pritchard – Insurance policies on business, 1842-55
	C	Elizur W. Pritchard – Employee contract & leases with J. W. Bronson, 1839
	D	Elizur E. Pritchard – Employee contract of Albert Harrison, 1841
	E	Elizur E. Pritchard – Bond w/ William Jones & Co., 1835
	F	Elizur E. Pritchard – Bill of sale for machine tools, etc. from Joshua and Charles Guilford, 1847
	G	Elizur E. Pritchard – Gilt buttons of every description (wrapper Button boxes)

Box Folder

- 2 H Elizur E. Pritchard – Business Correspondence, 1843
- I Elizur E. Pritchard – Agreement re: purchase of Charles Ireland, 1852
Waterbury Bank Stock, 1850
- J Elizur E. Pritchard – Deeds, 1830-1853
- OVERSIZED Map of land at Bank and Grand Streets, circa 1852
- 2 K Elizur E. Prichard – Personal Bills and Receipts, A – L, 1835-1852
- L Elizur E. Pritchard – Personal Bills & Receipts, M – Z, 1835-1852
- M Elizur E. Pritchard – Promissory Note, 1847
- N Elizur E. Pritchard – Insurance policies on home, 1835-1848
- O Elizur E. Pritchard – Certificate of medical exemption from Military, 1830
- P Elizur E. Pritchard – Letter from brother, David Pritchard III, 1832
Letter from bother Julius S Pritchard, 1836-49
- Q Elizur E. Pritchard– Letter from daughter Elizabeth, 1840
Letter, William Bishop, 1851
Letter, P. Holbrook, 1855
- R Elizur E. Pritchard – Telegram re: Death of Daniel Webster, 1852
NY & NH Railroad tickets, 1854
- S Gains Pritchard – Promissory Notes (2) 1817 and 1819
- T George Pritchard – Promissory note, 1768
- U Gilbert Pritchard – Deeds, 1828-1853
- V Gilbert Pritchard – Letter from Marshall and Emeline Pritchard, 1836
Receipt of Esther Beardsley, 1867
- W Gilbert Pritchard – Record sale of farm to Bridget Lawlor, 1883
- X Hannah Pritchard– Promissory note, 1806
- Y James Pritchard – Deed of John Richason, 1747
- Z James Pritchard – Order to Josiah Pritchard, 1762

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2	AA	James Pritchard – Excerpts from last will & testament, circa
	BB	James Pritchard – Promissory note, 1806 Account with Asa Hine, undated
	CC	James Pritchard – Deed of James M. Cook, 1807
	DD	Jared Pritchard – Promissory Note, 1799
	EE	John Pritchard – Promissory Note, 1815
	FF	Joseph Pritchard – Promissory Note, 1816
	GG	“Julia Ann Pritchard, wife of Gilbert Pritchard” Deed of Ard Welton, 1850
	HH	Julian Pritchard – Deed of Richard & Polly Welton, 1848
	II	Julius S. Pritchard – Receipts for goods shipped and other, 1823-41
	JJ	Leonard Pritchard – Letter from I. L. Baldwin, 1839
	KK	Philo Pritchard – Promissory Notes, 1801-1808
	LL	Reuben Pritchard – Survey, 1793
	MM	Rueben Pritchard – Promissory Notes (2), 1796 and 1799
	NN	Roger Pritchard (I & II?) – Deeds, 1748-1816 Surveys, 1825, 1827 and 1829
	OO	Samuel Pritchard – Letters from brother, Julius S. Pritchard 1849-1850
	PP	Samuel Pritchard – Receipt for magazine subscription, 1835
	QQ	Sarah and Katherine Pritchard – Letter from H. R. B., circa 1830
	RR	Sarah, Katherine and Florence Pritchard Checks to Elisha Leavenworth, 1892-93, 1895-96 Promissory Note to Elisha Leavenworth, 1893
	SS	Sarah, Katherine and Florence Pritchard – Social Invitation from J.M.L., W. H. Scovill, circa 1854
	TT	Sarah Pritchard – Fragment of a letter to P. M. Trowbridge mentioning

		her early research in family history, 1856
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2	UU	Sarah Pritchard – Tuition bill from Charles Fabrigue, 1845 Bill from New Haven Hotel, 1859
	VV	Sarah Pritchard – 2 letters from M. Laurine, hinting at family rift, 1860
	WW	Sarah Pritchard – Misc. correspondence, 1881 and 1900
	XX	Sarah Pritchard – Poster for open house at Island House (Charles Island), 1853
	YY	Sarah Pritchard – Clippings (Obituaries, etc.)
	ZZ	Sarah Pritchard – Hand copies of 3 poems (probably not written by her)
	AAA	Sarah Pritchard – Letter from Robert Crane re: local history, 1892
	BBB	Sarah Pritchard – Letter re: probate records of John Thompson, Jr., 1897
	CCC	Sarah Pritchard – Historical notes (most re: 18 th century Waterbury)
	DDD	Sarah Pritchard – Alphabetical list of known Waterbury clergymen to circa 1894
	EEE	Sarah Pritchard – Historical articles: published by her in Waterbury newspapers, circa 1890
	FFF	Sarah Pritchard – Letters re: destruction of Grand St. cemetery from Alatheia Kingsbury and Henry Bronson, 1890 -1891
	GGG	Sarah Pritchard – Letters to newspaper protesting the destruction of Grove St. Cemetery (clippings), 1891
	HHH	Sarah Pritchard – Newspaper article re: processing of claims in Grove St. Cemetery matter, circa 1891
	III	Sarah Pritchard – Signed petition against the destruction of Grove St. Cemetery, 1890
	JJJ	Sarah Pritchard – Letter vs. the hunting activities of Nosahogan Piscatorial Club, published in newspaper, circa 1890
	KKK	Sarah Pritchard – Inventory of published stories, circa 1907-1908
	LLL	Sarah Pritchard – Stories published in children's magazine with

- corrections in text, etc., circa 1865-1891
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| 2 | MMM | Sarah Pritchard – Stories published in children’s magazine with corrections in text, etc., circa 1865-1891 |
| | NNN | Sarah Pritchard – Story-“The tale of the Comet” Typescript |
| | OOO | Sarah Pritchard –Fragment of rather unusual story |
| | PPP | Sarah Pritchard – Gallery sheets of book “Last Men of the Revolution” (Biographical volume). Missing first 8 pages, circa 1865 |
| | QQQ | Sarah Pritchard – Rejection letter from “R.W.G.” at Scribner’s, 1874 |
| | RRR | Sarah Pritchard – Letter from editors of Atlantic Monthly, 1875 |
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| 3 | A | Sarah/Katherine Pritchard – Address of Miss Anna B. King, St. Louis, Mo. |
| | B | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard – Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, including obituaries and poems |
| | C | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard – Quaint inscriptions from cemetery in Old Plymouth, MA |
| | D | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard – First Church Offering Pledge, 1885 |
| | E | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard – Biography of Rev. Joseph Anderson, for “Men of Mark in Connecticut,” 1906 |
| | F | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard – Genealogical note re: Candee family and its connection to Pritchard family |
| | G | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard – Copy of letter from H. O. Collins to W. T. Davis re: genealogical research |
| | H | Sarah or Katherine Pritchard –Letter from F. J. Kingsbury, mostly on historical subjects, 1889-1907 and undated |
| | I | Katherine Pritchard – Letters from F. J. Kingsbury on historical subjects, 1895-1910 |
| | J | Katherine Pritchard – Misc. letters re: genealogy and local history, 1905-1920 |

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3	K	Katherine Prichard – Letters from James Shepard re: patents and inventor Jared Byington, 1892
	L	Katherine Pritchard – Notes re: silver communion cups, 1796-1833
	M	Katherine Pritchard – Historical notes, inventory of old newspapers
	N	Katherine Pritchard – Inventory of books, grouped by owner. Probably taken from probate records.
	O	Katherine Pritchard – Affidavit from Amos G. Hull, stating that George Washington stayed in the Porter House, 1899
	P	Katherine Pritchard – Clippings re: her genealogical & historical research for the City of Waterbury, circa 1896
	Q	Katherine Pritchard – Annual Report of Connecticut Historical Society 1897 and 1918
	R	Katherine Pritchard – Membership application to the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1894
	S	Katherine Pritchard – Letter to the “Charles” with clippings re: dedication of new music hall, 1906
	T	Katherine Pritchard – Portfolio and explanation of David G. Porter trust Estate, left for educational purposes, 1919
	U	Katherine Pritchard – Social invitations
	V	Katherine Pritchard – Cover and pages from her Bible w/genealogy information, locks of hair. Records continued to be kept after her death, probably by one of her sisters
	W	Katherine Pritchard – Letter from Aunt Delia Prichard to Kate (presumably Katherine regarding genealogical information, Jefferson (Iowa?), December 6, 1888
	X	Sarah Pritchard – Letter from Sarah Prichard to Dr. (Joseph) Anderson mentioning some of her publications, dated September 20 with no year indicated.
	Y	Sarah Pritchard – Three letters to Sarah Prichard from William Dean Howells (editor of Atlantic Monthly, author in his own right, and literary critic) relating to a work she submitted. The letters include his critiques of

her story. Letters dated: January 26, 1875; February 20, 1875; and February 29, 1875.

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| 3 | Z | Sarah Pritchard – Letter to Sarah Prichard apparently from Margaret Warner (wife of Eliada Warner) of Liverpool, Ohio dated November 1890. Contents describe her marriage and journey to Ohio when she was 17 years old (1820) shortly after getting married, 12 pp.

Four manuscript leaves (folded to create 4 pp. each). Contain family memories and genealogical information; dated February 28, 1890; April 12, 1890; December 22, 1890; and one undated apparently written by Margaret H. Warner of Liverpool, Ohio. Names include Simeon Nichols, John Bronson, Tamar Bronson, Rhoda Williams, George Welton, Lyman Welton, Lewis Stebbins, et al. |
| | AA | Sarah Pritchard – Manuscript (partial?) for “A Story Eight Hundred Years Old: A Chap-Book of Long Ago,” 26 pp. |
| | BB | Sarah Pritchard – Two partial manuscripts for an unknown story – one paginated from pp. 44 – 52, the other from pp. 33 – 63 (24 pages, some missing) |
| | CC | Sarah Pritchard – Partial manuscript for a unknown story, 22 pp. |
| | DD | Copy of <i>Hearth and Home</i> , May 9, 1874 |
| | EE | Sarah Pritchard – “Only A Banana-Skin.” <i>Illustrated Christian Weekly</i> , April 15, 1876; p. 187. |
| | FF | Sarah Pritchard – “Two Lads of Block Island.” <i>St Nicholas</i> , September 1891; pages excised from magazine. |
| | GG | Sarah Pritchard – <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , Volume VII, 1861. |
| | HH | Sarah Pritchard – List of Sarah Prichard’s Writings prepared by Michael C. Dooling, circa 2017 |
| 11 | | Sarah J. Pritchard – Newspaper box. Contains stories published by Sarah Pritchard in misc. newspapers, circa 1870-1900 |

Pritchard Ledgers and Scrapbooks

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| 3 | David Pritchard, Senior – Account Book, 1801-1810 |
| 4 | David Pritchard, Jr. – Account Book, 1800-1810 |

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- 5 David Pritchard, Jr. – Account Book, 1824-39
- 6 Elizur E. Pritchard – Charles Island House Ledger July-September 1856
Elizur E. Pritchard – Charles Island Hotel Register and Cash Box, April-October 1856
- 7 Scrapbook – Memo book (contains names of David, Julius S. Minerva & William Pritchard) Originally a ship’s Log (Voyage of “Juno” to Bombay, 1802-03). Apparently bought used. Memos written upside down in blank spaces, clippings pasted over pages.
- 8 Florence, Katherine, and Sarah Pritchard – Household Expense book 1888 – 1892 Also contains genealogical & historical notes, and a record of the cats they owned.
- 9 Sarah J. Pritchard – Scrapbook of published stories, circa 1865-1900
- 10 Sarah J. Pritchard – Scrapbook of published stories, circa 1865-1900
- 12 Elizur Pritchard – Ansantawae Hotel register (1857-1863) and expense record (1865) Located on Charles Island, Milford, this hotel was the forerunner of the Charles Island House hotel and was owned by Elizur E. Prichard and later Sarah J. Prichard of Waterbury.