Collection Overview
Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA
Creator: Unknown
Title: Griswold Papers
Dates: 1806-1858
Extent: 1 box, 0.25 linear ft.
Abstract: Business and some personal documents related to the Griswold family and the town of Guilford, Connecticut. The collection contains documents primarily about the life of George Griswold and his son Roger during the period in which they operated a general store.
Location: OSV vault, as of February 2018
Language: English

Biographical Sketch

George Griswold (1781-1843), son of Ezra and Mehitable, was born in Guilford, Connecticut. In September 1807, he married Nancy Landon (1787-1869) and lived in the Thomas Griswold House purchased from his uncle and on land acquired by his grandfather when he moved to Guilford in 1695. He was a Warden in the Officers of the Borough of Guilford from 1832-33. George and Nancy had seven children: George C. (1809-1906), Roger (1812-1880), Hetta (1814-1815), Fitz Edward (1816-1818), Mehitable (1819-1894), Fanny (1823-1856), and Nancy (1826-1892). During his life, George ran a general store in the town of Guilford. His son, Roger, succeeded him in operating the store. Roger was a clerk in the Officers of the Borough of Guilford from 1839-43.
The collection also references William Elliot, a store owner in New Haven, Connecticut and Reverend Edward J. Darken. There are a number of receipts bought of William Elliot, New Haven and the account mentions items bought of Elliot and Daggett. Darken took charge of the Guilford Parish in 1838 and the collection contains his resignation letter from 1840.

**Scope and Content**

The Griswold papers consist of documents regarding store purchases including receipts, bills, ledgers, taxes, inventory books, and correspondence. Also included are church-related documents including a copy of the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church, an appropriations ledger for a ladies’ sewing society, and a letter of resignation from Pastor Edward J. Darken. Additionally, included are an unsigned political speech and a friendship card.

This collection is organized into one series.

**Restrictions**

This collection is open for research. Use is limited to available Library hours and staff. Copies and scans are done at the discretion of the library staff and condition of materials.

**Search Terms**

**Personal Names**
Darken, Edward J.
Elliott, William
Griswold, George (1781-1843)
Griswold, Roger (1812-1880)

**Family Names**
Griswold Family

**Geographic Names**
Guilford (CT)
New Haven (CT)
New York (NY)

**Administrative Information**

**Preferred Citation**

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**History of the Collection**

Originally processed in 1962, the collection was re-processed in 2018 to arrange in chronological order and to provide better organization.
**Processing information**
Collection reprocessed and finding aid created: Thomas Hulsey, February 2018

**Contents**
All materials are housed in one box

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1962.7.47 Note to Roger Griswold, discusses how easy it was to get into the store; No date

1962.7.48 Bill to Richard Fowler from Roger Griswold for textiles; No date

1962.7.49 
   a. Friendship card labeled Emma Johnson; No date
   b. Envelope addressed to Miss Eugenia Griswold (granddaughter of George Griswold).

1962.7.50 Meeting resolutions mentioning Democratic State Convention and Whig party; No date.