

Griswold Papers, 1806-1858
1962.7



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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

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (accession number with extensions for box and folder numbers). Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Date Accessed.

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

<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1962.7.1	Account book for George Griswold and Co., Guilford, CT, Includes: receipts, payments, and ledgers; 1806-1807
2	1962.7.2	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for Textiles, etc.; 1810
	1962.7.3	Bill to George Griswold from John Jacob Drake, New York for English powder; 1810
	1962.7.4	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for pocket books and umbrellas; 1810
	1962.7.5	Bill to William Elliot from Simeon Marble, New Haven for pins; 1810
	1962.7.6	Bill to William Elliot from S. Wilmot for gold pins; 1810
	1962.7.7	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for textiles. Includes notes about payments; 1810
	1962.7.8	Bill to William Elliot from J. H. Jacocks for textiles; 1810
	1962.7.9	Bill to George Griswold from Sam Elliot; 1810
	1962.7.10	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for tinsel; 1810
	1962.7.11	Bill to William Elliot from William Walter, New Haven for cordial and rum; 1810
	1962.7.12	Bill for George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for parasol, fans, etc.; 1810
	1962.7.13	Bill to George Griswold from John Jacob Drake for shot; 1810
	1962.7.14	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for textiles; 1810
	1962.7.15	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot, New Haven for cotton shirting, balls, and umbrellas; 1810
	1962.7.16	Bill to George Griswold from William Elliot for textiles; 1810
	1962.7.17	Bill to George Griswold from John Jacob Drake, New York for shot and powder; 1810
	1962.7.18A-C	Handwritten speech written after 1817 Connecticut constitution, Pro-republican and anti-federalist election-time speech; Ca. 1818 [18C is a separated page but seems to be related to 18A-B]
	1962.7.19	Land deed, Robert Ely to George Griswold and Nathaniel R. London, Guilford, CT; 1822

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- 1962.7.20 Land deed, Samuel H. Stone to George Griswold and Nathaniel R. London, Guilford, CT; 1823
- 1962.7.21 Receipt to George Griswold from New Haven Bank; 1831
- 1962.7.22 Store inventory book for Roger Griswold, Guilford, Conn. Includes financial information regarding vendors; 1833
- 1962.7.23 Receipt to Roger Griswold from Henry Sheldon & Co., New York; 1834
- 1962.7.24 Letter to George Griswold from C. Taylor regarding returns; 1834
- 1962.7.25 Receipt to Roger Griswold from C. Taylor, New York; 1834
- 1962.7.26 Receipt to Roger Griswold from O. J. & J. Hewlett, New York; 1834
- 1962.7.27 Printed copy of the amended Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Connecticut; 1834
- 1962.7.28 Receipt to William Brown from Roger Griswold, Guilford, trade for repayment; 1835
- 1962.7.29 Receipt to George Griswold from Samuel Robinson; 1835
- 1962.7.30 Note to Roger Griswold from Horace M. Fowler, agreement to repay \$5 with interest; 1836
- 1962.7.31 Receipt to Roger Griswold from J. C. Phelps, Guilford, stove for the use of the Democratic Party; 1836
- 1962.7.32 Bill to George Griswold from Isaac Meigs for hay; 1836
- 1962.7.33 Letter to George Griswold from Sam Taylor, Hartford requesting twine; 1836
- 1962.7.34 Letter to George Griswold, New Haven requesting twine; 1836
- 1962.7.35 Receipt to Roger Griswold from Sharpe & Williams for payments; 1837
- 1962.7.36 Receipt to George Griswold from the Guilford Town Treasurer for duties on retailer license; 1837
- 1962.7.37 Note to George Griswold, agreement to repay \$117 with interest. Payments signed by George and Nancy Griswold on back; 1837
- 1962.7.38 Bill to Roger Griswold from H. Sheldon & Co., New York for textiles; 1837
- 1962.7.39 Letter to Mr. Griswold from Lew Shelley, New Haven to request clothing; 1838
- 1962.7.40 Memorandum book for Roger Griswold, Guilford, Conn; 1838
- 1962.7.41 Receipt to Roger Griswold from Henry Sheldon & Co., New York; 1838
- 1962.7.42 Receipt to George Griswold from John Hale, Guilford for his subscription to the Methodist Church; 1838
- 1962.7.43 Appropriations of the Avails of the Ladies' Sewing Society 1838-1857, Christ Church, Guilford, Conn. Signed by Harriet Burgis, Treasurer. Note about re-painting the church.
- 1962.7.44 Letter of resignation to the Christ Church, Guilford congregation from Pastor Edward J. Darken; 1840
- 1962.7.45 Bill to George Griswold from Isaac Meigs; 1840

- 1962.7.46 Receipt to F. R. Elliott on account of Roger Griswold from Sharpe & Williams, New York; 1858.
- 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. enveloped addressed to Miss Eugenia Griswold (granddaughter of George Griswold).
- 1962.7.50 Meeting resolutions mentioning Democratic State Convention and Whig party; No date.