

**General Assembly Papers, 1821-1870**  
**General Assembly**  
State Archives Record Group No. 002

**History**

The General Assembly is Connecticut's legislative body. Its foundation dates back to a commission granted by the Massachusetts General Court giving eight leaders the right "to govern the people at Connecticut"[sic] for the year beginning in March 1636. The Fundamental Orders of 1639 provided a frame of government for the infant Connecticut Colony and granted the freemen the right to elect a governor, six magistrates, and four deputies from each of the three towns then in existence. As new towns were organized, the number of deputies and magistrates increased. The Charter of 1662 provided for the election of a governor, deputy governor, twelve assistants, and two representatives from each town.

In March 1662/63 and on several other dates, the General Court passed acts allowing a group of assistants to act for the colony in emergencies when the General Court was not in session. The assistants served as the governor's council and, by an act of October 1698, became the Upper House, while the deputies elected by the freemen of the towns constituted the Lower House. After this formal separation of the two bodies, all legislation required the concurrence of both houses, although the General Court had resolved as early as February 1644/45 that "no act shall passe or stand for a law, wch is not confirmed by the major part of the said Magistrats, and by the mayor [sic] prte of the deputys there present in Court."

For many years the General Court or General Assembly, as it became called, also served as the colony's and later the state's highest court. Separate lower courts were, however, established: the Particular Court, 1638; Court of Assistants and County Courts, 1665-66; separate probate courts, 1698; the Superior Court, 1711; and the Supreme Court of Errors, 1784. The Constitution of 1818 established the specific separation of judicial, executive, and legislative powers.<sup>1</sup>

The present Constitution, adopted in 1965, provides for a Senate of 30 to 50 members and a House of Representatives of from 125 to 225 members. The General Assembly currently consists of 36 senators and 151 representatives. Electors in each senatorial and assembly district choose members for two-year terms. The legislature holds regular length sessions in odd-numbered years and shorter sessions in even-numbered years. It conducts its business through a system of joint committees comprised of members of both houses, a practice that dates back well over 150 years.

**Scope and Content**

The General Assembly Papers begin in the year 1803 and continue into the 1990s. They consist of records that follow chronologically what are commonly called the "Connecticut Archives."<sup>2</sup> The papers described here cover the years 1821-1870, although they include two fugitive documents from 1803 and 1813, relating to the Milford and Stratford Bridge Company and the Washington Bridge Company (Box 1, folder 1). The 1870 closing date was chosen because it was about the time of the end of post-Civil War legislation to promote civil rights and to provide care for disabled veterans.

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<sup>1</sup> For additional information on early Connecticut courts, see the descriptive register to RG 003, Judicial Records.

<sup>2</sup> Sylvie J. Turner, "The Connecticut Archives," *Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin* 33 (July 1968): 81-89.

The Papers consist of petitions, memorials, remonstrances, affidavits, resolutions, public acts, annual reports, reports of legislative committees, gubernatorial messages, and other official papers that document the activities of the General Assembly, Connecticut municipalities, corporate bodies, and many individuals.

The General Assembly Papers are arranged chronologically by year and then by number under a variety of subjects. Folder titles reflect both contemporary practice and the need to provide guidance to researchers. The numbering system was established in the 1970s and presumably reflects the arrangement of the papers at that time. It is impossible to determine how extensively the original order of these papers was altered between the time of their creation and boxing and numbering in the 1970s. Some numbers are missing. It is often not known if the items have disappeared, were transferred to other files, or numbering errors have occurred. Missing numbers are listed on the folders where they should appear.

A wide variety of subjects are covered in the General Assembly Papers, from those of only local import to those of national interest. National and federal-state relations issues are generally found in files identified by the phrase, Federal Relations. These files typically contain printed resolves from various states, often accompanied by resolutions of the General Assembly, urging Congress to pass new legislation, proposing constitutional amendments, or expressing opinions on such subjects of national importance as internal improvements, the protective tariff, gradual emancipation, colonization, nullification, sale of western lands, the constitutionality of the national bank, the admission of Texas, free soil, and the integrity of the Union. In 1825, for example, resolutions from several states were forwarded to Connecticut on the subject of gradual emancipation and colonization (Box 6, folder 15). At its 1830 session, the General Assembly registered its opposition to a Missouri proposal to directly elect the president and vice-president (Box 13, folder 12). The General Assembly passed a resolution in 1834 supporting the Bank of the United States and opposing President Jackson's veto of its recharter (Box 20, folders 3, 5-6) In early 1861 after the secession of six states from the Deep South, to cite a final example, Connecticut received resolutions from eleven states seeking ways to preserve the union from further destruction (Box 96, folders 3-5). The Federal Relations files should be of particular value to researchers interested in the ways national issues impacted upon Connecticut and the ways the states tried to exert influence on Congress.

Internal improvement and transportation issues occupied a great deal of the General Assembly's time and the Transportation Revolution of the nineteenth century is well documented. Numerous turnpike, canal, ferry, bridge, railroad, and horse railroad companies were incorporated between 1821 and 1870. These companies have long since disappeared and the records of virtually all of them are no longer extant. The General Assembly Papers, therefore, provide prime documentation on developments in an important era of American history. Articles of incorporation, amendments to charters, requests for special privileges, and a variety of other papers about scores of large and small transportation companies are found throughout the General Assembly Papers. These materials have relevance not only for those interested in larger issues like the rise and decline of turnpikes in Connecticut and the growth of the railroad industry, but also for those studying smaller transportation companies in particular localities or regions. Examples of smaller companies include the New York and Sharon Canal Company, Hadlyme Turnpike Company, Pettipaug and Guilford Turnpike Company, Mill Cove Bridge Company (New London), New Haven and New London Railroad Company, South Manchester Rail Road Company, and the New Haven and West Haven Horse Railroad Company.

The era between 1821 and 1870 can also be considered the Age of Incorporation, as the General Assembly chartered hundreds of organizations serving a variety of commercial, fraternal, and benevolent purposes. The General Assembly Papers, particularly for the period after 1830, contain extensive files of petitions, memorials, articles of incorporation, drafts of general legislation, and other similar papers documenting the establishment and development of commercial banks, insurance companies, savings banks, mining companies, manufacturing companies, fire engine companies, ecclesiastical societies,

agricultural societies, benevolent societies, park associations, fraternal organizations, cemetery associations, educational institutions, and other similar organizations. The papers provide information on such corporate bodies as the Union Manufacturing Company of East Haddam incorporated in 1831, the Mansfield Silk

Doc. 1: Public Act, 1821

Manufacturing Company founded in 1832, Essex Fire Engine Company (1833), The Proprietors of the New Burial Ground in Greenwich (1833), Wadsworth Athenaeum (1842), St. Patrick's Society of Hartford (1842), First Baptist Society of Middletown (1844), The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company (1850), and Connecticut Temperance Life Insurance Company (1851). Additional examples include the Cheney Brothers Silk Manufacturing Company (1854), the Trustees of the Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows Fund (1855), Colts Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company (1855), Colchester Bank (1856), The Hebrew Literary and Social Union (1863), Fitch's Home for Soldiers (1865), Young Men's Christian Association of Meriden (1866), St. Mary's Catholic Total Abstinence Beneficial Society (1867), Woodland Park and Cemetery Association (1868), and the Fat Man's Association (1870).

The papers provide a great deal of information on municipalities. To cite just three examples from the 1853 session of the General Assembly, an act was passed "Extending the Limits of the City of Hartford" (Box 69, folder 8), the Borough of Colchester was incorporated (Box 68, folder 13), and a high school established in Norwich (Box 68, folder 13). The General Assembly Papers contain material on such subjects as the incorporation of new towns, cities, and boroughs, revisions to borough and city charters, education, economic development, and the growth of social institutions. Numerous petitions from individuals in towns ask for legislative action on state-wide issues. In 1830, for example, the General Assembly received petitions from inhabitants of eleven towns opposing lotteries. Three years later, in response to the controversy surrounding the Prudence Crandall School, a number of communities expressed their opposition to educating "people of color . . . from other States" (Box 18, folder 3). At the same session, citizens from New Haven petitioned to prevent the hunting of "feathered game" between February and July. The 1853 General Assembly was flooded with petitions from more than thirty towns urging passage of temperance legislation. The next year the General Assembly passed "An Act for the Suppression of Intemperance" (Box 70, folder 3), that in part addressed the concerns of the temperance petitions.

Lives of individuals are much less well documented and what exists is difficult to find. Petitions from persons seeking legislative favor are found in such files as those on State Prison Releases, Forfeited Rights Restored, Sale of Lands, Divorces, Lands, and Estates. Only a handful of such cases are, however, dealt with by the General Assembly in any given year. Many petitions, however, contain the names of scores of people. Signatures on a temperance petition, for example, provide important information about the beliefs of those who sign them. One such 1845 memorial from inhabitants of Millington Society in East Haddam includes the signatures of six Starks. The headings for Schools and School Districts sometimes list the names of all enrolled students. Many petitions, memorials, and remonstrances, then, contain the names of numerous signers, but even if one knows the relevant town or municipality, there is no certainty that a petition will exist for the time frame of interest or that the people searched for will be included. In addition, researchers may have to laboriously search through a number of boxes before finding a possibly relevant document. Occasionally, however, an issue arises of such broad interest that the inhabitants feel virtually obligated to express an opinion. One such controversy occurred in 1865 over the New London County court house, between adherents of Norwich as the single site for sessions of the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Errors and those who favored the existing dual New London and Norwich locations (Boxes 106-07). One petition from Norwich in favor of the change was signed by 1,910 males, while two remonstrances from New London contained more than 3,000 signatures.

The General Assembly Papers include important, although widely scattered, information on minority communities in Connecticut. Many researchers have examined the materials on African-Americans and Native-Americans and some of these documents have become tattered with use. All these materials, therefore, have been photocopied and photocopies have been inserted in place of the originals. Separate containers house second copies of these documents. The originals of these papers have been restricted and researchers may examine them only if they need to photograph or scan them and then only with the permission of the State Archivist.

The state's small Indian population is relatively well documented because Native-Americans had tribal status and legislative approval was required before any tribal lands could be sold. Researchers studying the Mohegan, Niantic, Golden Hill Paugussett, Turkey Hill Paugussett, Eastern Pequot, Mashantucket Pequot, and Schaghticoke tribes will find relevant materials in the General Assembly Papers. Connecticut's vibrant African-American community by contrast is much less well documented. The files contain a total of eight petitions from 1838, 1842, and 1857 asking for educational benefits, jury trials for suspected fugitive slaves, and for the right to vote. Much of the remaining material consists of petitions and accompanying documents from individuals asking for release from state prison. In 1841 Joel Freeman and eleven others from Bridgeport petitioned to establish a school district "exclusively for colored Children" (Box 33, folder 14) and subjects such as care for the indigent are sometimes addressed. Connecticut's Irish, German, and Jewish communities are documented, primarily through petitions seeking to incorporate fraternal and benevolent societies, such as the Hibernian Provident Society (1850) and the Hartford Turner & Singing Society (1864).

The business of the state legislature did not, however, consist just of responding to petitions, redressing grievances, granting charters of incorporation, and giving its views on national political issues. The bulk of the work of the General Assembly concerned civil and military appointments, specific resolutions authorizing the expenditure of state funds, drafting and passing public acts, crafting reports, and receiving annual reports from state agencies and a variety of corporate bodies, not to mention the routines of legislative organization. The General Assembly expressed its desire to promote economic development through the granting of charters to scores of transportation companies, commercial banks, savings banks, insurance companies, and manufacturing concerns. It also, however, established state boards and commissions to provide oversight over the insurance, banking, and railroad industries and passed acts to provide a measure of regulation of them. In 1865, for example, the state legislature passed "An Act relating to the Location of Railroad Stations in certain Cases" (Box 107, folder 18) and "An Act for the Protection of Life at Railroad Crossings" (Box 108, folder 1). The next year it passed a resolution asking the Railroad Commissioners to inquire if railroads were in the habit of halting freight trains on public highways "to the annoyance of the traveling public" (Box 109, folder 1). The records of the General Assembly can also be used to track changes in attitudes towards juvenile offenders, care of the mentally incompetent and insane, capital punishment, public education, destruction of the environment, lotteries, alcohol consumption, agriculture, the powers of municipalities, the role of the judiciary, and honoring patriots and Civil War veterans.

The preceding paragraphs should give researchers an idea of the rich variety of subjects that can be studied in the General Assembly Papers between 1821 and 1870. During this period, the powers and responsibilities of state government gradually expanded and private initiatives to promote community good or ameliorate the conditions of the less fortunate in society were the hallmarks of the age of benevolence.

### **Provenance**

The General Assembly Papers came to the archives by transfers from the office of the Secretary of State, the constitutional office responsible for the "safe-keeping and custody of the public records and documents."

### **Related Records**

As has been previously noted, the General Assembly Papers are the successor records to the "Connecticut Archives," 1629-1820, part of Record Group 1, Early General Records. Rejected Bills,

1808-1899 are closely associated with the General Assembly Papers. Many items found in Rejected Bills were later passed by the General Assembly. In 1813, for example, the inhabitants of the Second Society in Groton petitioned for township privileges, but the town of Ledyard was not incorporated until 1836. Kent petitioned to be set off as a separate probate district in 1824. The town achieved this goal in 1831. Researchers looking for information on a wide variety of subjects, therefore, need to consult Rejected Bills in addition to General Assembly Papers.

The General Assembly Papers include drafts of public acts (Public Acts, Original Bills) and final engrossed versions of the same acts for a number of years (Public Acts, Engrossed Bills). The engrossed versions of public acts contain the signatures of the governor, speaker of the house, and president of the senate, usually the lieutenant governor. Public acts and other official records of the General Assembly comprise the Records of the State of Connecticut. Volumes 13-42 cover the period between 1821 and 1870. Printed copies of many reports of state agencies and commissions can be found in Connecticut Documents. For other related materials, see Engrossed Bills, 1859-1986; House and Senate journals; and privately printed state registers.

#### Access Note

Researchers accustomed to the detailed indexing of the Connecticut Archives will find the General Assembly Papers cumbersome to use. In many instances, the only choice is to plow systematically through each box and folder for the relevant time frame. Needed items may sometimes be located in unlikely files. On rare occasions, related materials on the same person or subject can be in two or more locations. The collection does, however, include two boxes of lists of dockets and petitions covering most of the years between 1810 and 1903 (Boxes A and B). The petitions may be submitted by individuals, municipalities, or corporate bodies. They are listed in numerical, not alphabetical, order and are generally divided into sections for continued petitions and new petitions. Sometimes it is possible to discern subject from a petition title, like "Norwich & Preston Bridge Co. Petition" (May 1823), but in other cases this is not possible. See, for example, "Moses Warren's Mem[oria]" (May 1824). The indexes in these two boxes can, therefore, be of help, but not all memorials were favorably acted upon and, thus, researchers must also look in Rejected Bills. Moreover, not all legislation began with a petition to the General Assembly.

Act of incorp. of Hartford Female Seminary, 1827

**Container Listing**

1. **1803**  
Milford and Stratford Bridge Company (folder 1) Box 1
2. **1813**  
Washington Bridge Company (folder 1) Box 1
3. **1821**  
Acts, Resolutions, etc.: Public Acts, Engrossed, Appointments, Orders on the Treasurer, Reports, etc.<sup>3</sup> (folders 2-7) Box 1  
Reports and Miscellaneous Documents: Canvassers Reports, Resignations, Committee Appointments, Military Returns, etc. (folders 8-12)  
Petitions and Resolves Thereon: Turnpikes, Estates, Divorces, Lands, etc. (folders 13-15)  
Petitions and Resolutions Thereon: Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Turnpikes, Schools, Fisheries, Military Affairs, Incorporations, etc. (folders 17-20)  
Reports and Resolutions: Federal Relations, etc. (folder 21)
4. **1822**  
Appointments, Acts, and Resolves: Lands, Sale of Lands, Turnpikes, Schools, Incorporations, etc. (folders 1-5) Box 2  
Reports and Sundry Documents: Military Affairs, Federal Relations, Navigation, Turnpikes, Governor's Messages, etc. (folders 6-10)  
Petitions and Resolves: Military Affairs, Incorporation of Banks, Appointments, etc. (folders 11-14)  
Petitions and Resolutions Thereon: Turnpikes, Incorporations, Schools, Towns, Cities and Boroughs, Farmington Canal, etc. (folders 15-21)
5. **1823**  
Petitions and Resolves (Part 1): Sale of Lands, Turnpikes, Divorces, etc. (folders 1-4) Box 3  
Petitions and Resolves (Part 2): Incorporations, Manufacturing Companies, Turnpikes, Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Military Affairs, etc. (folders 5-8)  
Petitions and Resolves (Part 3): Navigation, Contested Election, Schools, Probate Districts, Lands, Divorces, etc. (folders 9-12)  
Acts, Resolves, etc.: Appointments, Public Acts Engrossed, etc. (folders 13-17)  
Reports, Resignations, and Miscellaneous: Federal Relations, Liquor Traffic, Canvassers, Governor's Messages, etc. (folders 18-19)  
  
Reports, Resignations, and Miscellaneous: Federal Relations, Liquor Traffic, Canvassers, Governor's Messages, etc. (folders 1-3) Box 4
6. **1824**  
Petitions and Resolves Thereon (Part 1): Probate Districts, Incorporations, Manufacturing Companies, Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Turnpikes, etc. (folders 4-8)

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<sup>3</sup> Etc. is used to indicate that materials on additional subjects are included, although such subjects are less significant than those listed.



Petitions and Resolves Thereon (Part 2): Prison Releases, Turnpikes, Navigation,  
Sale of Lands, Lands, etc. (folders 9-13)

Reports and Miscellaneous: Military Affairs, Canvassers, Governor's Messages,  
etc.

(folders 14-18)

Resolutions, Appointments, etc. (folders 19-20)

Resolutions, Appointments, etc. (folders 1-2)

Box 5

Public Acts: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 3-6)

## 7. 1825

Civil and Military Appointments, Military Resignations, Reports (folders 7-12)

Petitions and Resolves (Part 1): State Prison Releases, Manufacturing Companies,  
Turnpikes, Navigation, Bridges, Schools, etc. (folders 13-18)

Petitions and Resolves (Part 2): State Prison Releases, Probate Districts, Fishing  
Laws, Turnpikes, etc. (folders 1-4)

Box 6

Petitions and Resolves (Part 3): Estates, Expenses Reimbursed, Schools, Sale of  
Lands, etc. (folders 5-9)

Petitions and Resolves (Part 4): Incorporations, Insurance, Manufacturing  
Companies, Steamboat Companies, Benevolent and Religious Societies, etc.  
(folders 10-13)

Reports and Miscellaneous Papers: Newgate Prison, Federal Relations, Governor's  
Messages, Banks, Canvassers, etc. (folders 14-18)

Public Acts: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 1-6)

Box 7

## 8. 1826

Petitions and Resolves (Part 1): Sale of Lands, Estates, Incorporations, Turnpikes,  
Military Affairs, etc. (folders 7-10)

Petitions and Resolves (Part 2): Turnpikes, Incorporations, Manufacturing  
Companies, etc. (folders 11-14)

Petitions and Resolves Thereon: Schools, Expenses Reimbursed, Estates, Divorces,  
Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Incorporations, etc. (folders 15-18)

Reports, Miscellaneous: Governor's Messages, Banks, Canvassers, Military  
Returns, Federal Relations, etc. (folders 1-5)

Box 8

Military Resignations, Civil and Military Appointments (folders 6-10)

Public Acts and Resolves: Engrossed Bills, Original Bills, Resolutions, Reports  
(folders 11-14)

## 9. 1827

Petitions and Resolves: Divorces, Expenses Reimbursed, Schools, Estates, Sale of  
Lands, State Prison Releases, etc. (folders 15-21)

Petitions and Resolves Thereon: Incorporations, Turnpikes, Educational  
Institutions, Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Sale of Lands, Schools, etc. (folders  
1-5)

Box 9

Reports: Federal Relations, Canvassers, Banks, etc., and Governor's Messages  
(folders 6-9)

Civil and Military Appointments, Resignations (folders 10-14)

Public Acts and Resolves: Original Bills, Lost Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 15-  
18)

**10. 1828**

Reports and Miscellaneous Papers: State Prison, Governor's Messages, Banks,  
State House, Federal Relations, Canvassers, etc. (folders 1-6)

Box 10

Petitions and Resolves Thereon (Part 1): Schools, Estates, Sale of Lands, Divorces,  
General Hospital Society, State Prison Releases, Turnpikes, etc. (folders 7-10)

Petitions and Resolves Thereon (Part 2): Turnpikes, Incorporations, Manufacturing  
Companies (folders 11-14)

Original Bills, Miscellaneous Papers: Civil and Military Appointments,  
Resolutions  
(folders 15-19)

Acts, Resolves, and Petitions: Engrossed Bills, Appointments, Governor's  
Messages  
(folders 1-4)

Box 11

**11. 1829**

Petitions and Resolves Thereon (Part 1): Turnpikes, Incorporations, Divorces, Sale  
of Lands, Estates, Schools, etc. (folders 5-9)

Petitions and Resolves Thereon (Part 2): Incorporations, Schools, State Prison  
Releases, Fire Companies, Expenses Reimbursed, Sale of Lands, etc. (folders  
10-14)

Reports, Resignations, and Miscellaneous: Humane Institutions, Education, State  
House, Governor's Messages, Military Affairs, Banks, etc. (folders 15-18)

Reports, Resignations, and Miscellaneous: Humane Institutions, Education, State  
House, Governor's Messages, Military Affairs, Banks, etc. (folders 1-2)

Public Acts and Resolves: Civil and Military Appointments, Original Bills,  
Engrossed Bills, Canvassers Reports (folders 3-8)

Box 12

**12. 1830**

Petitions and Resolutions (Part 1): Turnpikes, Probate Districts, Lotteries,  
Divorces,  
etc. (folders 9-12)

Petitions and Resolutions (Part 2): Schools, Turnpikes, Estates, Sale of Lands, State  
Prison Releases, Expenses Reimbursed, etc. (folders 13-16)

Petitions and Resolves Thereon: Schools, Fire Companies, Incorporations, Towns,  
Cities, and Boroughs, etc. (folders 17-19)

Petitions and Resolves Thereon: Schools, Fire Companies, Incorporations, Towns,  
Cities, and Boroughs, etc. (folder 1)

Box 13

Reports: Federal Relations, State Prison, General Assembly Committees,  
Canvassers, Banks, Governor's Messages, State House, etc. (folders 2-7)

Public Acts and Resolves: Appointments, Engrossed Bills, Original Bills (folders  
8-11)

Public Acts, Resolves, Civil and Military Appointments (folders 12-15)  
An Act Concerning Crimes and Punishments (folders 16-19)

**13. 1831**

Reports and Miscellaneous Documents (Part 1): Federal Relations, Appointments,  
State Prison (folders 1-4)

Box 14

Reports and Miscellaneous Documents (Part 2): Federal Relations, Canvassers,  
Appointments, Military Affairs, Banks, (folders 5-8)

Petitions Granted: Farmington Canal, Probate Districts, Banks, Schools, etc.  
(folders  
9-11)

Public Acts and Resolves: Incorporations, Manufacturing Companies, Insurance  
Companies, Schools, Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Fire Companies, Turnpikes,  
etc. (folders 12-16)

Public Acts, Resolves, Petitions Granted: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders  
17-18)

1832 Sharon & Salisbury Rail Road Company petition

Public Acts, Resolves, Petitions Granted: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 1-3) Box 15

Petitions Granted by Resolution: Probate Districts, School Fund, Banks, Yale College, State Prison Releases, Pensions, Bridges, Divorces, etc.(folders 4-8)

**14. 1832**

Resolutions and Petitions Granted (Part 1): Incorporations, Railroads, Schools, Turnpikes, etc. (folders 9-11)

Resolutions and Petitions Granted (Part 2): Estates, Sale of Lands, Incorporations, State Prison Releases, Schools, etc. (folders 12-16)

Petitions Granted and Resolves Thereon: Incorporations, Fire Engine Companies, Manufacturing Companies, Insurance Companies, Turnpikes, etc. (folders 17-19)

Petitions Granted and Resolves Thereon: Incorporations, Fire Engine Companies, Manufacturing Companies, Insurance Companies, Turnpikes, etc. (folder 1) Box 16

Petitions for School Money, Civil and Military Appointments, etc.(folders 2-6)

Reports: Agents of the Eagle Bank, Joint Committees, Canvassers, Banks, State Prison, etc. (folders 7-11)

Public Acts and Resolutions: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 12-16)

Resolutions, Public Acts, Miscellaneous Documents: Prison Releases, Towns, Cities,

and Boroughs, Divorces, Federal Relations, Governor's Message, Estates, Lands, etc. (folders 17-21)

**15. 1833**

Reports: Joint Committees, Canvassers, Banks, Military Returns, Governor's Message, etc. (folders 1-6) Box 17

Reports No. 2: Judiciary Committee, Lotteries, etc. (folder 7)

Petitions and Resolutions: State Prison Releases, Divorces, Incorporations, Fire Companies, Benevolent Societies, Turnpikes, etc. (folders 8-11)

Petitions Granted by Resolution: Incorporations, Manufacturing Companies, etc. (folders 12-15)

Petitions for Public Acts and School Money: Estates, Sale of Lands, Turnpikes, State

Prison Releases, Banks, Education of African-American Females, etc. (folders 16-19)

Petitions for Public Acts and School Money: Estates, Sale of Lands, Turnpikes, State Prison Releases, Banks, Education of African-American Females, etc. (folders 1-3) Box 18

Reports: Railroads, Lotteries (folder 4)

Civil Appointments, Petitions Granted by Resolution, etc.: State Prison, Joint Committees, Canvassers, Estates (folders 5-9)

Public Acts and Resolutions (Part 1): Original Bills, Engrossed Bills, Federal Relations (folders 10-14)

Public Acts and Resolutions (Part 2): Engrossed Bills, Original Bills (folders 15-21)

Governors' Messages and Accompanying Documents: Federal Relations, Miscellaneous Matters (folders 1-5) Box 19

**16. 1834**

Reports, Petitions, and Proclamations: Turnpikes, Banks, Bills and Receipts, etc.  
(folders 6-9)

Petitions and Resolutions: Incorporations, Turnpikes, Insurance Companies,  
Manufacturing Companies, Water Companies, Benevolent Societies, etc.  
(folders 10-14)

Petitions Granted by Passage of Public Acts: New Haven State House, Estates, Sale  
of Lands, Schools, Fire Engine Companies, Expenses Reimbursed, State Prison  
Releases, Divorces, etc. (folders 15-18)

Petitions Granted by Passage of Public Acts: New Haven State House, Estates, Sale  
of Lands, Schools, Fire Engine Companies, Expenses Reimbursed, State Prison  
Releases, Divorces, etc. (folders 1-2)

Box 20

Petitions Granted by Passage of Public Acts and Resolves: Banks, Schools, Probate  
Districts, etc. (folders 3-6)

Reports: Military Returns, State Prison, Humane Institutions, Canvassers, Savings  
Banks, State House, etc. (folders 7-12)

Civil Appointments, Governor's Message, Miscellaneous Resolutions (folders 13-  
16)

Public Acts: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 17-18)

Public Acts: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 1-2)

Box 21

**17. 1835**

Reports (No. 1): Joint Committees, Military Returns, Canvassers, Banks, etc.  
(folders 3-6)

Reports (No. 2): State Prison, Navigation, Miscellaneous (folders 7-11)

Reports (No. 3): Sundry Appointments, Governor's Message, etc. (folders 12-15)

Petitions. Granted: Turnpikes, Schools, Contested Election, Estates, Sale of Lands,  
etc. (folders 16-19)

Petitions Granted by Resolutions and Miscellaneous Matters: Railroads, Turnpikes,  
Manufacturing Companies, Sale of Lands, Bridges (folders 1-4)

Box 22

Petitions Granted: Contested Elections, Certificates of Representatives, Turnpikes,  
Expenses Reimbursed, Schools, etc. (folders 5-11)

Petitions Granted: Prison Releases, Divorces, Estates, Lands, Turnpikes, Towns,  
Cities, and Boroughs, etc. (folders 12-16)

Public Acts: Original Bills, Engrossed Bills (folders 17-19)

**18. 1836**

Reports: Banks, Canvassers, Joint Committees, Governor's Messages, State Prison,  
Military, etc. (folders 1-4)

Box 23

Petitions: Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, Turnpikes, Incorporations, Insurance  
Companies, etc. (folders 5-6)

Petitions Granted (Part 1): Bridges, Schools, Estates, Expenses Reimbursed, etc.  
(folders 7-10)

Petitions Granted (Part 2): Resolves, Orders on the Treasurer, State Prison  
Releases,

Turnpikes, Bridges, Banks, Schools, Engrossed Bills, Governor's Messages,  
etc. (folders 11-15)

Petitions Granted by Resolution and Public Acts, Special Session: Estates,  
Turnpikes, Railroads, etc. (folder 16)

Petitions Granted by Resolution and Public Acts, Special Session: Estates,  
Turnpikes, Railroads, etc. (folder 1) Box 24  
Divorces Granted (folders 2-5)  
Incorporations, Civil Appointments, Towns, Cities, and Boroughs, etc. (folders 6-  
11)  
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