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Preface

Since 1855, the Connecticut State Library has acquired government archival records documenting the evolution of state government and the formation and implementation of its policies, the rights and claims of citizens, and the history of its institutions, economy, ethnic and social groups, politics, families and individuals. In 1909, the General Assembly recognized the State Library's unique role by making it the official repository, or State Archives, for historical public records. Today the Office of the Public Records Administrator and State Archives carries out that important function.

Records of the Judicial Branch of State government form one of the premier collections of the State Archives. For decades, acquisition of historical court records has been a priority. Since the Library received the first transfer of files and books, court records have been in high demand. Today these records are in even higher demand with growing interest in genealogy and Native American ancestry.

Due to this ongoing interest in court records, the State Archives has given court records a high processing priority. This second edition of the *Guide to the Records of the Judicial Department* builds upon work created by members of the State Archives (specifically former Assistant State Archivist, Lizette Pelletier) and projects funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). This updated guide owes much of its new information to detailed inventories created by student workers Elizabeth Brettschneider, Edward Gutiérrez, Adam Palmer and Lawrence Urrichio,

This summary guide gives an overview of all records of the Judicial Department in the custody of the State Archives, with the exception of records from the Probate Court (separate finding aids are available for Probate Court records). Detailed container lists are so extensive they were not published as part of this overview. These lists are available from the State Archives and will be posted on the State Library's web page at www.ctstatelibrary.org.

The State Archives welcomes comments about this guide from researchers and will carefully consider suggestions for changes that will increase the ease of access. Send comments to: State Archives, Connecticut State Library, 231 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. Comments may also be submitted via our web page.

Mark H. Jones, State Archivist

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History¹

First Connecticut Judicial Proceedings

The first Connecticut judicial proceeding were probably held on April 26, 1636 at “A Corte holden in Newtown” (Hartford) under the commission granted to eight leaders by the General Court of Massachusetts Bay.

In 1638, the General Court established the Particular Court (often called the “Quartet Court” because it was required to meet every three months). While the General Court, later called the General Assembly, controlled the administration of justice, the Particular Court was the principal body until the union of the New Haven and Connecticut colonies and the granting of the Charter from King Charles II in 1662.

In 1665, with the new Charter, the Particular Court was abolished and two new levels of courts were established: the Court of Assistants in 1665, and the county courts one year later. Separate probate courts were established in 1698 to handle such matters as wills and estates.

The Court of Assistants was abolished in 1711. Its powers of original and appellate jurisdiction were assumed by the newly created Superior Court, the forerunner of the sole trial court of general jurisdiction, which exists in Connecticut today.

Creation of an Independent Judiciary

During the period between the Revolutionary War and the adoption of the Connecticut Constitution in 1818, significant developments in the direction of creating an independent judiciary took place.

In 1784, the Supreme Court of Errors was created as the highest appellate tribunal of the state, with the power to review lower court cases based on a writ of error, a power previously held by the General Assembly.

In 1818, the first Connecticut Constitution was adopted, setting forth the doctrine of separation of powers and establishing the three separate branches of government. This constitution created “...a Supreme Court of Errors, a Superior Court, and such inferior courts as the general assembly shall from time to time ordain and establish.”

County courts were abolished in 1855 and their functions were transferred to a strengthened Superior Court. As the volume of cases continued to increase, however, the General Assembly found it necessary to create a series of Courts of Common Pleas.

Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace have played a vital part in the judicial system, beginning in 1686. By the end of the seventeenth century, justices were commonly authorized to take jurisdiction over small actions. As towns were incorporated, the General Assembly authorized the creation of town and borough courts in order to handle small cases. Justices of the peace presided over these courts.

¹ History from the State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch website at www.jud.state.ct.us.

Twentieth Century Developments

In 1939, the trail justice system was enacted, vesting a limited criminal jurisdiction formerly within the power of all justices of the peace in specially designated trail justices.

In 1921, Connecticut's first juvenile courts were established in several towns, and in 1942, a statewide Juvenile Court came into existence.

In 1941, the General Assembly enacted legislation to establish a single Court of Common Pleas for the entire state with judges subject to periodic reassignment on a statewide basis. Prior to this legislation, judges sat only in the counties to which they had been appointed.

When the General Assembly abolished county governments in 1960, the municipal courts and trail justice system were replaced by a statewide Circuit Court. The three-level system of state, county and municipal courts was dissolved in favor of a completely state-maintained system.

On December 31, 1974, the Circuit Court was merged with the Court of Common Pleas. The Circuit Court judges were elevated to the Court of Common Pleas. This consolidation was followed four years later by the merger of the Court of Common Pleas and the Juvenile Court with the Superior Court on July 1, 1978. Common Pleas and Juvenile Court judges became judges of the Superior Court. The Superior Court thus became the sole trial court of general jurisdiction in the state, and Connecticut acquired the first unified court system in the county.

In 1982, the state Constitution was amended to establish the Appellate Court to help alleviate the caseload burden of the Supreme Court.

Probate Court

In addition to the state-operated courts, Connecticut has probate courts, which have jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons, testamentary trusts, adoptions, conservators, commitment of the mentally ill, guardians of the persons, and estates of minors.

Each probate court has one judge, who is elected to a four-year term by the electors of the probate district. Probate judges need not be attorneys. They are paid for their services from court fees.

For Records relating to the Probate Courts, see State Archives Record Group Number 004.

Timeline
Key Dates in the History of Connecticut's Courts²

- 1636:** First judicial proceeding held in the state by the General Court.
- 1638:** Particular Court established (also called the “Quarter Court”).
- 1639:** Town courts established.
- 1642:** Particular Court required to meet every three months (called “Quarter Court” during such sessions; called “Particular Court” when meeting at irregular times).
- 1662:** General Court becomes known as the General Assembly.
- 1665-66:** Particular Court abolished and replaced with Court of Assistants (1665) and the county courts (1666).
- 1686:** Justices of the Peace first appointed.
- 1698:** Probate courts established to handle such matters as wills and estates. Justices of the Peace formally recognized.
- 1704:** General Assembly orders appointment of prosecuting attorneys for each county (previously, prosecutors were appointed on a case-by-case basis).
- 1711:** Court of Assistants abolished. The newly created Superior Court assumes its powers.
- 1784:** Supreme Court of Errors created to review lower court cases on appeal. City courts established to hear civil cases involving their residents or matters occurring within their boundaries.
- 1785:** General Assembly required written opinions by the judges of the Superior Court in all cases decided in Connecticut. This was the first publication of its kind in the United States.
- 1789:** Ephraim Kirby, of Litchfield, publishes the first volume of reports of cases decided in Connecticut. This was the first publication of its kind in the United States.
- 1814:** First appointment of the Reporter of Judicial Decisions. The reports of cases decided in Connecticut hereafter known as the Connecticut Reports.
- 1818:** First Connecticut Constitution adopted setting forth the doctrine of separation of powers and establishing the judiciary as one of three separate branches of government.
- 1819:** A new act called for the Supreme Court of Errors to be held once a year in each county in the state.³
- 1855:** General Assembly abolishes county courts and jurisdiction split between municipal courts and superior courts. Position of Commissioner of the Superior Court created: duties included authorization to sign writs and subpoenas and to administer oaths. Today, all attorneys admitted to practice in Connecticut are Commissioners of the Superior Court.

² Provided by the External Affairs Division, Office of the Chief Court Administrator.

³ Loomis, Dwight Hon. and J. Gilbert Calhoun, *The Judicial and Civil History of Connecticut*. Boston: Boston History Comp, 1895.

1870: First Courts of Common Pleas established in Hartford and New Haven counties.

1883: Court of Common Pleas established in Litchfield County.

1889: Appointments of state referees authorized.

1921: First Juvenile Court created.

1929: Traffic Court of the District of Danbury created.

1939: Trial justice system enacted which vested the limited criminal jurisdiction formerly within the power of all justices of the peace in specially designated trial justices.

1941: Single Court of Common Pleas established for the entire state with judges subject to periodic reassignment on a statewide basis. Prior to this legislation, judges sat only in the counties to which they had been appointed.

1942: Juvenile Court becomes first state-maintained juvenile court in the nation.

1950: Circuit Court replaces municipal courts and trial justice system.

1955: Office of the Chief Court Administrator created.

1977: Circuit Court merged with Court of Common Pleas.

1978: Court of Common Pleas and Juvenile Court merged with the Superior Court.

1982: Appellate Court established.

1983: Appellate Court begins operations.

Scope and Content

This record group consists of all types of legal documents relevant to court action, including but not limited to dockets, formal decisions, rules, appointments, judges' notes and opinions, indexes, case files, record books, executions, reports, and administrative papers, as well as materials from related entities such as the State Bar Examining Committee, Coroners, and Medical Examiners. The records date from 1636 to the late 20th century with the bulk from the 17th through the 19th century. Most extant state court records prior to 1870 are in the State Archives along with a substantial volume of municipal and justice court records. The collection also includes probate records (wills, inventories, bonds, administration reports, etc.) until 1698, when the General Assembly established the separate probate court system see Records of the Probate Court (RG 004).

This guide utilizes the same record descriptions used by the records creators as closely as possible: *records* (or sometimes *trials* or *minutes*) are official records of court proceedings, entered chronologically in bound volumes; *files or judgments* are papers received or created by the court session and arranged numerically; *dockets* are lists of cases scheduled or heard. Materials grouped under *Papers by Subject* were removed from the *files*, sorted and classified in the Library in the 1910s and 1920s; they are filed by subject, with indicative titles, and thereunder either chronologically or alphabetically⁴. A glossary of commonly used terms and list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about court records are at the end of this guide. This record group contains 4881.5 cubic feet of materials.

The record group is organized into eight headings:

- I Early Records, 1636-1901
- II County Courts, 1666-1969
- III District and Municipal Courts, 1716-1962
- IV Judges' Notes, Dockets and Drafts, 1845-1891
- V Justice of the Peace Courts, 1729-1936
- VI Naturalization Records, 1700-1900
- VII State Bar Examining Committee, 1918-1984
- VIII Coroners, 1883-1979

Early Records (1636-1901) contains materials from the General Court (General Assembly), the Supreme Court of Errors, the Particular Court, the Court of Assistants, and the Superior Court. Please see the administrative history and timeline in this guide for information regarding these early courts.

County Courts (1666-1969) by far the largest collection of court records at the State Archives, contains records generated by the various courts within each county including Supreme Court of Errors, Superior Court, County Court⁵, Maritime Court, and Court of Common Pleas.

District and Municipal Courts (1716-1962) includes records created by the now defunct district and municipal courts that were presided over by the Justices of the Peace. When the county government system was abolished in 1960, these courts were replaced by the statewide circuit court.

Judges' Notes, Dockets and Drafts (1845-1891) contains various records from different courts that were not included in the "official" records of those courts. It is unclear if the materials were transferred to the State Library at another time (and were therefore considered a separate collection) or if they were included with the other records of the various courts but were not incorporated into those files by the court clerk. Some also came with private manuscript collections.

⁴ Not all materials were removed to *Papers by Subject*. Researchers should check original files for any additional cases of interest.

⁵ County Courts were created in 1666 and abolished in 1855 with their functions transferred to the Superior Court.

Justice of the Peace Courts (1729-1936) includes writs and dockets which contain only minimal information including name and residence of the accused, the complaint, the trial date, name of the justice and a note on serving of the writ. See also the district and municipal court records for materials relating to Justice of the Peace.

Naturalization Records (1700-1900) document naturalization proceedings that occurred in various Superior Courts, Courts of Common Pleas, county District Courts, and Municipal courts. Included are declaration of intention, petitions for naturalization, indexes, and related materials.

State Bar Examining Committee (1918-1984) consists of correspondence, minutes and applications. For information on admissions to the bar prior to 1918, see County and Superior Court records for appropriate jurisdiction.

Coroners (1883-1979) records consist of several series including Records, Case Files, Hearings, Medical Examiner Reports, Coroner's Reports, and Administrative files. A detailed scope and content note is available at the beginning of list of Coroner's Records (section VIII).

Provenance

Since the establishment of the Connecticut State Library in 1854, the Judicial Branch has transferred its records to the State Library. One of the first guides to the State Library's manuscript collection (1916) lists a substantial collection of early court records. The first half of the twentieth century saw the continued growth of the State Library's collection of judicial records with materials deposited with the Library from various courts throughout the state. In the early 1980s, the Judicial Department established its own record center in Enfield, CT. As a result, the number of accessions transferred to the State Library has significantly decreased. For access to modern judicial records, contact the individual court for information.

Restrictions

Due to the age, fragile condition, and the intrinsic value of many of the judicial records, portions of this collection have been restricted for the following reasons.

Use Copies: Researchers must use any microfilm, Photostat, or photocopy when available. Requests to access the original record must be approved by the State Archivist.

Fragile Materials: Some records are temporarily closed due to their extremely fragile condition. At this time no use copy is available. The State Archives is investigating ways to make these records available to researchers in the near future.

Native American Materials: Due to the historic value, and the fragile condition of many of these records, the State Archives has been systematically photocopying all court documents relating to Native Americans. The original documents are then restricted.

Privacy Restrictions: Some materials in the State Bar Examining Committee and the Coroner's Office contain information that is protected by statute. Access to these records can only be obtained by written permission from either the State Bar Examining Committee or the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

Processing: At times, portions of collections may be temporarily closed for processing projects. Once the project is completed this guide will be updated and the materials will be made available to researchers.

Any collection that is restricted for any of the above listed reasons will be noted in (**Restricted**). Researchers with any questions regarding these restrictions should contact a member of the State Archives staff.

Off-site Storage

Due to limited storage space at the 231 Capitol Ave location, the State Archives stores large portions of Judicial Department records at various off-site facilities. As a result, these materials are not available on a same day basis. Any materials stored off-site will be noted in (**Off-site**).

Research Tips

Researchers should consult all types of court records when tracing a case. If the specific court hearing the case is unknown, researchers should check both County and Superior Court records. If the researcher knows the case's approximate date, he/she should scan the docket for that time period to establish the exact hearing date. Because bound record volumes are arranged chronologically (and occasionally indexed by name), researchers can check them for a brief case summary. Often the execution is available.⁶ Arranged in chronological order, an execution provides information on how the court carried out the decision, usually in the form of a sheriff or constable's report. If either party appealed the case from the County Court to the Superior Court, researchers should check the bound appeals volumes. The records usually list the original writ's date, the plaintiff's claims and the appealing party's bond pledge. These are not, however, available for all counties.

Individuals looking for a specific case during the 18th century who are uncertain of the original court should check the Superior Court *Records*, 1711-1798. These are a good starting point to find such cases because the books cover all courts. The records are listed chronologically by session and by location of the court.

In addition to the bound volumes, the collection has a large number of file papers. These consist primarily of writs of *Mittimus* or executions used by the sheriff or constable. Researchers may find them difficult to use because they are tightly folded and packed into metal file drawers or cardboard boxes and only roughly arranged chronologically or alphabetically. Some boxes have no arrangement at all. Since the files often contain several papers related to a given case, researchers will find them worth investigating if the bound records do not provide sufficient information.

The clerks of the court have retained the permanent dockets. Therefore, researchers must obtain docket numbers from the particular Superior Court for a case prior to requesting the file. This applies to most criminal and judgment (divorce) files.

Related Materials

It is important to note that while the records of the judicial department contain a wide variety of information it may be necessary to check other collections within the State Archives to ensure a complete search. For example, if a researcher is interested in records relating to wills and estates, please check the Probate Court Records (RG 004). If a researcher is investigating a case with political ramifications, check the records of the Governor (RG 005) to see if any correspondence was exchanged regarding this litigation.

In addition to archival collections, researchers should make a point to visit the Law and Legislative Reference Unit (LLR) of the State Library. The collections in that Unit include the official court reports (decisions) of state and federal courts as well as their digests (indexes). The records and briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court and Connecticut Supreme and Appellate Court cases may also give valuable background information for cases appealed to higher courts. The Unit has biographical files and resources, which include attorneys and judges of note.

Also please note that the New Haven County Superior Court transferred some of its historical records to the New Haven Colony Historical Society when it moved from its former location on the Green to Church Street. A list of the records located at the Society is available from the Archives Staff.

⁶ A record of when and how a writ was completed, not to be confused with capital punishment.

Container Lists

In the **List of Records**, there are references to separate container lists (e.g. See container list **Superior No. 2**). These lists are box level inventories of materials in this collection. The lists are too numerous to be included in this published volume. For copies of these container lists please contact the State Archives.

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Part I. Early Records, 1636-1901

A. General Court (General Assembly) 1636-1820

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| 1. | Records, 1636-1776
See: Early General Records, RG 1, volumes 1 - 11. Also published in <i>The Public Records of the Colony of Connecticut</i> , J. Hammond Trumbull and Charles J. Hoadly, eds. Hartford, 1850-1890, 15 volumes.
Hist Ref Conn Doc G25 | Main Vault |
| 2. | Files, 1636-1820
See: Early General Records, RG 1, also known as the <i>Connecticut Archives</i> . Available on microfilm. Judicial records are found throughout several series but the most significant are:
<i>Crimes and Misdemeanors, 1st series, 1663-1789.</i> 6 volumes.
<i>Crimes and Misdemeanors, 2d series, 1671-1820.</i> 5 unbound volumes.
<i>Private Controversies, 1st series, 1639-1717.</i> 6 volumes.
<i>Private Controversies, 2d series, 1636-1811.</i> 31 unbound volumes.
Note: Separate index volumes and slips are also available. (microfilm) | Main Vault |

B. Supreme Court of Errors, 1784-1901⁷

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| 1. | Reasons of Court, 1786-1807
1786-1797. 0.10 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-003
1803-1807. 1 volume. Accession: 1919-001 | Main Vault
Box 1
Vol 97 |
| 2. | Records, 1810-1817
1 volume. 0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-002 | Main Vault
Vol 98 |
| 3. | Files, 1784-1819
Chronological. 5 cubic feet. See container list Early Records No. 1. | Main Vault |
| 4. | Dockets, 1785-1819, 1825
0.10 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-003 | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 5. | Miscellaneous Papers, 1799-1901
Includes Appointments of Court Reporter, 1820-1854; Decisions (Judges' Notes), 1822-1873; Rules, 1819-1874; List of Weights and Measures, n.d.; Lists of Cases, 1830-1858; Letters, Notes, Bills, Receipts, etc., 1799-1901.
0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-003 | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 6. | Judges' Notes and Opinions, 1872-1875
Two notebooks containing notes and drafts of opinions in Supreme Court cases, by Judges James Phelps and Lafayette S. Foster. 1.5 inches. Accession: 1919-003. | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 7. | Court Reporters' Notes, 1858-1893
Notes of Court Reporter John Hooker, 37 volumes, 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1985-001
1858-1861
1861-1866
1866-1871 | Main Vault

Box 1
Box 2
Box 3 |

⁷ After 1819, Supreme Court justices met in the Superior Courts, which maintained the records of these deliberations.

1871-1875	Box 4
1875-1881	Box 5
1881-1888	Box 6
1888-1893	Box 7

C. Particular Court, 1639-1665

Records, 1639-1665⁸ Main Vault

See: Early General Records, RG 1: Records of the Colony of Connecticut, Vol. 1, 1639-1649 (indexed by subject); Vol. 55, 1650-1663 and Vol. 56, 1663-1665. (indexed by name). Published versions of Vols. 55 and 56 are **available on microfilm**. A separate manuscript index to Vol. 55 is available, **Main Vault 974.6 qC71p Index**. Records prior to April 1663 were published in *Records of the Particular Court of Connecticut, 1639-1663*. Connecticut Historical Society Collections. Vol. 22 (Hartford, 1928). **Hist Ref F 91 C7**

D. Court of Assistants, 1665-1711

1. Records, 1665-1711 Main Vault

See: Early General Records, RG 1: Vol. 53, 1669-1686, 1696-1701; Vol. 56, 1665-1677; Vol. 58, 1687-1696, 1702-1711. (All indexed by name.)⁹ Vols. 53 (**LH4419/20**) and 56 (Orange tape **974.6 C762crp Mfilm**) are **on microfilm**.

2. Files, 1665-1711

1665-1711 Main Vault

See: General Court (General Assembly) Files above.

1699-1706 Main Vault

See: Early General Records, RG 1, the *Connecticut Archives: Court Papers, 1649-1709* (mostly 1699-1706). 1 volume. (Indexed) (**microfilm**)

1705-1711 Alphabetical by plaintiff, followed by miscellaneous material Main Vault

(inquests, boundaries of Rye, etc.) 1.25 cubic feet. Box 37

Accession: 1919-006

E. Superior Court, 1711-1879¹⁰

1. Records, 1711-1798 Main Vault

1711-1717, 1748-1749

See: Early General Records, RG 1, Vol. 58, 1711-1715; Vol. 57, 1711-1715, 1748-49. (Indexed by name)

1714-1798. 31 volumes. 4 cubic feet.

See container list **Early Records No. 2**.

1774-1796. Chancery cases. 1 volume. Accession: 1919-007 Vol 95

2. Executions, 1784-1798

1747-1734. See above Records of Supreme Court, container list **Early Records No. 2**. Main Vault

⁸ For case files, see under the individual counties. Records for the Particular Court of the Andros period, 1687-1688, are part of the County Court records for Hartford County.

⁹ Norbert B. Lacy transcribed records for the period 1665-1711 in 1937. A copy of this transcript (2 volumes) is in Box 648 – Main Vault.

¹⁰ For other papers of the Superior Court, see under individual county names. The volumes cover all of the courts chronologically by session.

- 1784-1798. 1 volume. Accession: 1919-009 Vol 96
3. Reasons of Court, 1786-1797
0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-010 Main Vault
Box 47
4. Docket Books, 1798-1867¹¹
Includes: 1 volume, 1805-1815. Jacob Loomis(?). Superior Court and County
Court in Windham, New London, Tolland and Hartford Counties; 1 volume, 1810-
1812. William Dixon. Superior Court and County Court in Hartford and Tolland
Counties; 1 volume, 1798-1809. Superior Court, New London County and Circuit
Court, New Haven and Hartford; 1 volume, 1816-1834. Superior Court and County
Court, Tolland County; 5 volumes. 1846-1856, 1858-1861. Superior Court and
County Court, Hartford County; 1 volume, 1865-1867. Superior Court, Hartford
County. 10 volumes. 5 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-010 Main Vault
Box 47
5. Reports, 1800-1801
Fairly complete (compared to the published reports for other years) reports of
cases heard from the Middletown term, July 1800 through the Fairfield term,
January 1801. 1 volume. (plus unbound Photostat copy). 0.05 cubic feet.
Accession: 1919-010 Main Vault
Box 47
6. Administrative Papers, 1760-1879
Miscellaneous correspondence, notes, bills, and receipts, probably from the
several court clerks (George Pitkin, 1798; Winthrop Saltonstall, 1798-1808; and
others.) Included are a few depositions and other papers filed with the Court. 0.5
cubic feet. Accession: 1919-010 Main Vault
Box 47

¹¹ Acquired from various sources, these books were probably personal rather than official records.

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Part II. County Courts, 1666-1969

A. Fairfield County

1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1822-1964

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| a. | Case notes, 1822-1824
See: Early Records. Supreme Court of Errors. Miscellaneous Papers. | Main Vault |
| b. | Dockets, 1841-1964
Bridgeport. See container list Fairfield Supreme No. 1. | Off-site |
| c. | Records, 1894-1943
Bridgeport. 5 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-082 | Off-site |
| | 1894-1912 | Vol 1 |
| | 1912 | Vol 2 |
| | 1923 | Vol 3 |
| | 1933 | Vol 4 |
| | 1943 | Vol 5 |

2. Superior Court, 1711-1944

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| a. | Records, 1756-1939
<i>1756-1769</i>
Fragmentary coverage for Feb. 1756, Aug. 1757, Aug. 1759, and Feb. 1769. These seem to be first drafts of the official records located in RG 1 bound volumes with the exception of February, 1769. 0.5 cubic feet.
Accession: 1919-021
<i>1798-1939</i>
See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 1. | Main Vault
Box 51 |
| b. | Files, 1712-1939
<i>1712-1869.</i> Chronological then some alphabetical. 37 cubic feet.
See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 2.
<i>1869-1939.</i> Arranged by year or term. 369 cubic feet.
See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 3. | Main Vault
Off-site |
| c. | Papers by Subject, 1711-1799
Arranged alphabetically by subject. Includes Appointments; Chancery Cases; Common Fields; Conservators and Guardians; Costs; Court Expenses; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists; Divorces; Executions; Inquests; Jurors; Miscellaneous; Militia; Travel; and Partition Land. 8 cubic feet.
See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 4. | Main Vault |
| d. | Dockets, 1712-1908
<i>1712-1798.</i> .75 cubic feet. Accession: 1919-021
<i>1858-1908.</i> See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 5. | Main Vault
Box 51
Main Vault |
| e. | Criminal Files, 1928-1944 ¹²
Bridgeport
<i>1926-1932.</i> Prohibition and Union Activity Cases, 1 cubic foot.
See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 6.
<i>1928-1944.</i> Arranged by date and docket number, 14 cubic feet.
See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 7. | Main Vault
Main Vault |

¹² The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past record keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this record series.

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| <p>f. Defaults, 1841-1882
 1.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-066
 1841-1858
 1859-1869
 1870-1882</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Vol 1
 Vol 2
 Vol 3</p> |
| <p>g. Divorces, 1853-1940
 Records, 1853-1940. Arranged chronologically. Includes alphabetical name index. See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 8.
 See also: Superior Court Files, 1869-1939</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Off-site</p> |
| <p>h. Executions, 1712-1820
 1712-1798 See Papers by Subject – Executions.
 1790-1807
 1808-1811
 1811-1819
 1819-1820
 1.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-073</p> | <p>Main Vault
 Box 612
 Vol 1 & 2
 Vol 3
 Vol 4
 Vol 5</p> |
| <p>i. Foreclosures, 1884-1960
 Records, 1884-1908. 2.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-068
 1884-1892
 1896-1903
 1903-1909
 Files, 1895-1960. See container list Fairfield Superior Court No. 9.</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Vol 1
 Vol 2
 Vol 3
 Off-site</p> |
| <p>j. Judgments, 1865-1948
 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-071
 1865-1899
 1901-1933
 1933-1948</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Vol 1
 Box 1
 Box 2</p> |
| <p>k. Indexes, 1854-1939
 Plaintiff/Defendant, 1 volume. Accession: 1997-067</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>l. Court Appointments, 1861-1932
 Appointments of Deputy Sheriffs, 1861-1901, 1915-1923, 3 volumes.
 Appointments of Justices of the Peace, 1911-1932, 1 volume.
 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-074</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>m. Notary Publics and Commissioners, 1907-1922
 1 volume. Accession: 1997-084</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>n. State Highway Commission, 1929-1939
 Civil Cases. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1997-044</p> | <p>Off-site
 Box 11-28A</p> |
| <p>3. County Court, 1701-1881</p> | |
| <p>a. Records, 1702-1851¹³
 See container list Fairfield County No. 1.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |

¹³ Records for the period 1666-1702 appear lost, except for those included in the records of the Court of Assistants listed in Part I.

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- b. Files, 1701-1881 Main Vault
Parts of this series are disarranged and most of it is in poor physical condition.
Papers for 1701, and 1713-1748 have been processed (unfolded, arranged and identified.)
Boxes 125-147 contain items (in rough chronological order) to be inter-filed, 1749-1881.
Box 162 contains fragments and unidentified papers. 66 cubic feet.
See container list **Fairfield County No. 2.**
- c. Papers by Subject, 1740-1835 Main Vault
Box 163
Other court records relating to these topics may remain in the main file listed above. Papers by Subject is not conclusive. Includes Appointment of Officers; Bills and Receipts; Common Lands; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists; Conservators and Guardians; Costs; Court Expenses; Divorce; Indians; Jails; Jurors; Licenses; Meeting House; Militia; Partition Land; Shipping; Travel. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1919-033.
Original Native American materials restricted. Photocopies available for research.
- d. Defaults, 1851-1855 Main Vault
1 volume. Accession: 1997-079
- e. Dockets, 1848-1855 Main Vault
2 volumes. Accession: 1997-078
- f. Executions, 1730-1807 Main Vault
1730-1785 See County Court Records, container list **Fairfield County No. 1.**
1785-1807 2 volumes. Accession: 1997-077
- 4. Maritime Court, 1777-1783**
- a. Records, April 1779-October 1782 Main Vault
Box 649
One record book and one register book, 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-036
Original restricted, photocopy available.
- b. Files, 1777-1783 Main Vault
Approximately chronological. 2 cubic feet Accession: 1980-036
Volumes 1-35 Box 649
Volumes 36-end Box 650
Original restricted, photocopy available.
- c. Index, 1777-1783 Main Vault
Box 649
Alphabetical by name for vessel and subject.¹⁴ 0.25 cubic feet
Accession: 1980-036
- 5. Court of Common Pleas, 1879-1958**
- a. Criminal Files, 1889-1918¹⁵ Off-site
Bridgeport. Arranged chronologically. 13 cubic feet.
See container list **Fairfield Common Pleas No. 1.**

¹⁴ Prepared in 1980 by Patricia Q. Wall.

¹⁵ Some criminal files remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past record keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this record series.

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<p>b. Civil Dockets, 1917-1958 Bridgeport. Arranged chronologically with some overlap. 4 cubic feet. Accession: 1985-007 September 1917-September 1947 September 1947-September 1953 October 1870- 1920 January 1921-September 1932</p>	<p>Off-site Box 30-7B Box 30-8A Box 30-8B Box 30-9A</p>
<p>c. Discontinued Cases, 1899-1943 Bridgeport. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1985-007 1899-1943 1918-1921</p>	<p>Off-site Box 30-9A Box 30-9B</p>
<p>d. Daily Blotters (Entries), 1904-1977 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-070 1904-1956 1957-1977</p>	<p>Main Vault Box 1 Box 2</p>
<p>e. Default, 1870-1909 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1997-083 1870-1876 1876 1880 1888</p>	<p>Main Vault Vol 1 Vol 4 Vol 8 Vol 11</p>
<p>f. Disposition of Liquor, 1929-1931 1 volume. Accession: 1997-080</p>	<p>Main Vault</p>
<p>g. Appeals, 1907-1975 Logs, 1941-1960 and Appeals to the Supreme Court, 1907-1975. 1 volume. Accession: 1997-085</p>	<p>Main Vault</p>
<p>h. Foreclosures, 1880-1903 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1997-081 1880 1885 1891 1900 1903</p>	<p>Main Vault Vol 7 Vol 10 Vol 12 Vol 14 Vol 15</p>
<p>6. County Commissioners, 1889-1937¹⁶ Minutes and records, 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1997-072</p>	<p>Main Vault</p>

¹⁶ With the abolition of county government on October 1, 1960, records created by the county were distributed to various local and state agencies. In some cases, County Commissioner records were transferred to the courts. Additional County Commissioner records may be found in County Government (RG 061).

Fairfield and Hartford Counties

7. Bar Association, 1806-1971

Scrapbook 1928-1971, includes annotated printed list of members, 1 volume.
Bar Record 1806-1808, includes regulations and adopted fees, 1 volume.
Bar Record 1867-1887, loose pages documenting regulations, 1 folder
Record of Meetings, 1891-1912, meeting minutes, 1 volume.
Record of Meetings, 1917-1934, meeting minutes, 1 volume.
Record of Meetings, 1933-1957, meeting minutes, 1 volume.
Accession: 1997-047

Main Vault
Box 1

8. Representatives and Senators, 1851-1960

Meeting minutes of Representatives and Senators to the General Assembly.
1851-1917
1918-1949
1950-1960
Accession: 1997-075

Main Vault
Vol 1
Vol 2
Vol 3

B. Hartford County

1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1820-1977

a. Files, 1820-1977

1820-1894. Alphabetical by plaintiff. 3.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-003

A-Bri
Bro-Con
Coo-F
G-Hi
Ho-L
M-Phe
Phe-Se
Se-T
U-Z

Main Vault
Box 14
Box 15
Box 16
Box 17
Box 18
Box 19
Box 20
Box 21
Box 22

1890-1977. Chronological by case number.¹⁷ 104 cubic feet.

See container list **Hartford Supreme No. 1.**

Off-site

b. Dockets, 1820-1932

1820-1894

Printed and annotated dockets, Accession: 1932-003

1879-1931

Printed dockets, 6 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-078

1879-1893
1894-1907
1907-1916
1916-1931
1930-1932

Main Vault
Box 23

Off-site

Box 14-71A
Box 14-70A
Box 11-71B
Box 14-71A
Box 15-61A

c. Correspondence, 1848-1890

Judges. 0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-003

Main Vault
Box 23

d. Records, 1820-1935

2 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-081

1894-1925
1925-1935

Off-site

Box 14-70A
Box 14-71A

¹⁷ There are no cases for the years 1943-1964.

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- e. Transcripts, 1969-1973
Case number 6363, State vs. Vernard, 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-083 **Off-site**
15-25B &
15-26A
 - f. Decisions, 1894-1946
3 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-077 **Off-site**
 - 1894-1925 Vol 1
 - 1926-1935 Vol 2
 - 1935-1940 Vol 3
 - 1940-1946 Vol 4
 - g. Briefs, 1929-1968
Printed briefs, years overlap, 11 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-076 **Off-site**
 - 1929-1940 Box 1
 - 1962-1966 Box 2
 - 1785-1855 Box 3
 - 1785-1856 Box 4
 - 1785-1857 Box 5
 - 1785-1858 Box 6
 - 1785-1859 Box 7
 - 1785-1860 Box 8
 - 1785-1861 Box 9
 - 1785-1862 Box 10 & 11
 - h. Statistical reports, c. 1965-1959
1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-082 **Off-site**
Box 1
 - i. Hartford Housing Authority, 1950-1955
Building files, 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-080 **Off-site**
Box 1
- 2. Superior Court, 1711-1969**
- a. Records, 1798-1952 Main Vault
 - 1798-1827. 5 volumes. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-002
 - 1798-1804 Vol 1
 - 1804-1810 Vol 2
 - 1810-1816 Vol 3
 - 1817-1821 Vol 4
 - 1821-1827 Vol 5
 - 1830-1952. 44 cubic feet. **Off-site**
 - Also includes Criminal Records, 1875-1942. 8 cubic feet.
 - See container list **Hartford Superior No. 1.**
 - b. Files, 1711-1899
Chronological until 1874, then by case number. 298 cubic feet. Main Vault
See container list **Hartford Superior No. 2.** & Probate
See also: *Civil Cases.*
 - c. Divorce, 1740-1952
1740-1794 Main Vault
0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-015
See also: *Papers by Subject.* Box 96
1871-1952. 14 cubic feet. Probate Vault
See container list **Hartford Superior No. 3.**

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- d. Executions, 1711-1820
- 1711-1749* Main Vault
- 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-012
- 1711-1719. A-Z Box 97
- 1720-1729. A-V Box 97
- 1720-1729. W-Z Box 98
- 1730-1739. A-Z Box 98
- 1740-1749. Box 99
- 1799-1855* Main Vault
- 0.25 cubic feet, Accession: 1932-019
- 1799-1806. 1 volume
- 1807-1820. 1 volume
- See also:** *Papers by Subject.*
- e. Inquests, 1711-1849 Main Vault
- 0.25 cubic feet Accession: 1932-009 Box 100
- f. Papers by Subject, 1711-1849 Probate
- Includes Applications for Admission to the Bar, 1812-1845; Appointments, 1764-1806; Conservators and Guardians, 1824-1845; Costs, 1711-1849; Court Expense, 1740-1847; Criminal Warrants, 1800-1820; Divorces, 1796-1849 (**microfilm**); Executions, 1790-1855; Insolvents, 1809, 1846; Jurors, 1711-1848; Jury Warrants, 1843-1844; Loyalists, 1777-1779; Meeting House; Miscellaneous; Partition Land, 1802-1839; Petitions for Aliens to Hold Land, 1826-1847; Petitions for Reward, 1755-1846; Travel, 1755-1847; Vouchers and Miscellaneous, 1821-1835. 18 cubic feet.
- See container list **Hartford Superior No. 4.**
- Railroad Land Cases, 1849-1914. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1996-003 Main Vault
- g. Dockets, 1713-1956
- 1713-1806.* Chronological. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-010. Main Vault
- 1713-1780 Box 101
- 1781-1806 Box 102
- 1806-1849.* Chronological. 1.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-011. Main Vault
- 1806-1811 Vol 1
- 1812-1819 Vol 2
- 1820-1826 Vol 3
- 1827-1833 Vol 4
- 1834-1839 Vol 5
- 1840-1844 Vol 6
- 1845-1849 Vol 7
- 1855-1897* Printed dockets in chronological order, 1 cubic foot. Box 103
- Accession: 1932-010.
- 1855-1943* Chronological order, 33 cubic feet. **Off-site**
- Includes Criminal Dockets, 1894-1900.
- See container list **Hartford Superior No. 5.**

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| <p>h. Criminal Files, 1848-1945¹⁸
 <i>1848-1945.</i> Chronological, then by file number. 27 cubic feet.
 See container list Hartford Superior No. 6.
 <i>1919-1954.</i> 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-057
 1919-1920; 1935-1940. Case number J1-J49; J147-J18.
 1923-1924. Case numbers 511-5989. 1 cubic foot.
 1949-1954. Criminal Court. 1 volume. Accession: 1987-057</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Off-site
 Box 10-18B
 Box 14-41B
 Box 14-58A</p> |
| <p>i. Civil Cases, 1899-1945
 Chronological then by case number (#9881-74819), 293 cubic feet.
 See container list for Hartford Superior No. 7.</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| <p>j. Hartford Circus Fire Settlement, 1944-1946
 Arbitration Agreements,¹⁹ 1944-1946
 Signed arbitration agreements and awards for victims of the Circus Fire.
 Arranged by case number. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-021.
 See container list for Hartford Superior No. 8
 Claimant Files, 1944-1946
 Case files for each individual claimant. May include copy of award, correspondence,
 death certificate and photographs. Arranged by case number. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1993-
 138. See container list for Hartford Superior No. 8A. For additional information on the
 Hartford Circus Fire see <u><i>Subject Guide to the Hartford Circus Fire, July 6, 1944.</i></u></p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>k. Land Condemnations, 1884-1968
 Includes highway and redevelopment projects. Chronological. 26 cubic feet
 See separate container list for Hartford Superior No. 9.</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| <p>l. Insolvent Debtors' Petitions, 1829-1841
 1 volume, 0.25 cubic feet, Accession: 1932-032</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>m. Withdrawn/Discontinued, 1942-1946
 By case number, 4 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-075
 1942, File# IJ-171J
 1942, File# 172J-369J
 1943, File# 370J-560J
 1943-1946, File# 561J-688J</p> | <p>Off-site

 Box 12-11A
 Box 12-11B
 Box 12-12A
 Box 12-12B</p> |
| <p>n. Depositions, c. 1910-1959
 Chronological, 8 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-059
 1910-1920
 1930
 1930
 1940-1943
 1940
 1940-1950
 1950
 1950</p> | <p>Off-site

 14-15A
 14-15B
 14-16A
 14-16B
 14-17B
 14-17A
 14-18A
 14-18B</p> |

¹⁸ Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past record keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this record series.

¹⁹ For an alphabetical list of claimants and their respective case numbers see Appendix 1 of this guide.

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- o. Notary Public, 1871-1953, 1957²⁰ **Off-site**
10.25 cubic feet. See container list for **Hartford Superior No. 10.**
- p. Costs, 1890-1969 **Off-site**
Volumes relating to various aspects of court costs. 4 cubic feet.
1890-1924 Cash (Volumes), Accession: 1987-055 14-51A
1901-1910 Cash Ledgers, Accession: 1987-063 14-50A
1920-1931 Trust Acts, Accession: 1987-055 14-49B
1949; 1959-1969 Criminal Cost Witness Fee, Accession: 1987-055 14-48B
- q. Financial, 1947-1955 **Off-site**
Files, 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-062.
1947-1955. Clerk Raymond G. Calnen Files. Box 1
1954-1955. Files. Box 2
- r. Insolvencies, 1829-1841 **Off-site**
0.5 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-056 **See also** *Papers by Subject.* Box 14-49A
- s. Court Calendars, 1904-1912 **Off-site**
Volumes for years 1904, 1909, and 1912. .5 cubic foot. Box 14-49A
Accession: 1987-056
- t. Grand Juries, 1924-1956 **Off-site**
1924. Minutes. 0.5 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-063 Box 14-50A
1951. One-man grand jury. Judge Maltbie. Hartford Housing Authority (HHA) Investigation. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-064 Box 1-3
1953-1956. One-man grand jury. Judge Malloy. Prison Conditions. Box 14-21B
1 cubic foot, Accession: 1987-053
- u. Journals, 1901-1904, 1947-1956 **Off-site**
1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-063 Box 14-50A
- v. Judgments, 1926-1948 **Off-site**
1 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-068 Box 14-65B
- w. Judges and Attorneys, 1825-1959 **Off-site**
1885-1930. Judges Annual Meeting. Accession: 1987-067 Box 15-55A
1885-1930. Proceedings in Chamber. Accession: 1987-071 Box 15-55B
- x. Justices of the Peace and Sheriff's Deputies, 1854-1967 **Off-site**
1854-1967. Sheriff's Deputies, 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-078 Box 11-71B
&
1897-1922. Justice of the Peace, 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-070 Box 15-72B
Box 15-72B
- y. Daybooks, 1854-1947 **Off-site**
1854-1947. volumes 16-21. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-058 Box 15-73B
1854-1947. volumes 22-25. 1 cubic foot. Box 15-74A

²⁰ There are several gaps in the dates. See the container list.

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- z. Transcripts, c. 1920-1968 Off-site
1920-1940. Testimony. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-074 Box 17-03A
1945. Case #16831, 1 volume
n.d. Case #27696
- aa. Habeas Corpus, c. 1930-1969 Off-site
State Cases, alphabetical. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-065 Box 1
- ab. Juries, 1918, 1932-1947 Off-site
Charges to the jury from the judge. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-069 Box 16-49B
- ac. Foreclosures, 1875-1960 Off-site
Hartford, 1875-1954; New Britain, 1916-1958; Bristol, 1946-1955;
West Hartford, 1924-1951, 42 cubic feet.
See separate container list **Hartford Superior No. 11.**
- ad. Unassigned Items, 1875-1970 Off-site
6 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-089. Box 15-69A
1875-1944. Books, miscellaneous materials. Box 15-75A
1925-1960. Bail bond books. Box 14-68A
1945-1950. Case #1740. Box 15-44B
1960. Dead cases. Box 14-68B
1951-1958. Case #19396 Box 15-44A
1967-1970. Case #28666, State vs. Delgado.
- 3. County Court, 1666-1881**
- a. Records, 1666-1881
- 1666-1677. In Early General Records (RG 1), Vol. 56. Indexed by name. Main Vault
1677-1706. In the Records of the Hartford Probate Court (RG 4): Indexed & Probate
by name. Feb. 9, 1677 - Oct. 26, 1687. Vol. 4; May 20, 1689 - Mar. 4,
1696/7, Vol. 5; Mar. 4, 1697 - Jul. 21, 1697. Vol. 4; Nov. 30, 1697 -
Nov. 15, 1706, Vol. 6.
- Hartford Probate Court Record Book microfilms. L.H. 184-85. Reel 663.**
- 1687-1688. Court of Sessions and the Inferior Court of Pleas of Hartford Main Vault
County during the administration of Sir Edmond Andros. Published as
Records of the Particular Court of the Colony of Connecticut.
Administration of Sir Edmond Andros, Royal Governor, 1687-1688, A.E.T.
(Annie Eliot Trumbull), ed. Hartford: 1935. **974.61 H25cs.** 0.5 cubic feet .
- 1706-1717, 1719-1763, 1771-1774, 1798-1855. Includes executions, Main Vault
deputations, and county commission minutes. The last volume includes
tax levy meeting records, 1858-1881, and railroad appraisal proceedings, 1869-1871.²¹ 29
volumes. 7 cubic feet.
- See separate container list **Hartford County No. 1.**
- b. Defaults, 1775-1855 Main Vault
Chronological, 19 volumes. 3.50 cubic feet.
See container list **Hartford County No. 2.**

²¹ The Watkinson Library has a volume "rescued from a paper mill" covering the period Apr. 8, 1718, to Jun. 9, 1719. Records for the period 1775 to 1797 are in *Dockets and Records* below.

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| c. | Dockets, 1754-1855
<i>1754-1798.</i> Includes dockets and records of proceedings including drafts later transcribed into the Records volumes and the official record of 1799-1855. 18 volumes, 3 cubic feet.
See container list Hartford County No. 3. | Main Vault |
| d. | Executions, 1744-1855
<i>1744-1829.</i> Chronological. 16 volumes. 2.5 cubic feet.
<i>1750-1855.</i> Chronological by decade then alphabetical. 40 cubic feet.
See container list Hartford County No. 4. | Main Vault
& Probate |
| e. | Taverners, 1800-1860
0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-016
<i>1796-1799.</i> See above County Court Dockets.
<i>1800-1816.</i> Chronological by year.
<i>1816-1861.</i> Chronological by year. | Main Vault

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Vol 1
Vol 2 |
| f. | Auditors, 1804-1841
1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet Accession: 1932-017 | Main Vault |
| g. | Appeals, 1798-1855
0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-018
<i>1798-1809.</i> Chronological by year.
<i>1809-1820.</i> Chronological by year.
<i>1820-1835.</i> Chronological by year.
<i>1836-1854.</i> Chronological by year. | Main Vault

Vol 1
Vol 2
Vol 3
Vol 4 |
| h. | Pension Applications, 1820-1832
Revolutionary War veterans, alphabetical list. 0.25 cubic feet. ²² Accession: 1951-001
<i>1820-1832.</i> A-G.
<i>1820-1832.</i> H-Z, Miscellaneous.
See also <i>Papers by Subject.</i> | Main Vault

Box 298
Box 299 |
| i. | Files, 1713-1855
Chronological. 271 cubic feet.
See separate container list Hartford County No. 5.
1860-1940. Miscellaneous court materials, 0.25 cubic feet.
Accession: 1987-023B | Probate

Main Vault
Box 1 |
| j. | Costs, 1718-1815
Chronological, 7 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-022
1718-1758
1759-1767
1768-1775
1776-1786
1787-1794
1795-1802
1803-1809
1809-1816
1817-1832
1833-1855 | Probate

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²² Duplicate copies, bound as Volumes 106-107, catalogued as manuscripts under 345.42 fC752.

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| k. | Papers by Subject, 1715-1855
Includes Applications for Revolutionary Pensions, 1822-1855; Applications of Admission to the Bar, 1768-1855; Appointment of Officers, 1762-1854; Common Field; Confiscated Estate and Loyalists, 1778-1782; Conservators and Guardians, 1739-1855; County Taxes; Court Expenses, 1761-1855; Inquests, 1830-1846; Insolvents; Jurors, 1718-1855; Licenses, 1750-1855; Meeting House, 1749-1855; Militia, 1717-1782; Miscellaneous and "Unsortable;" Partition Land, 1715-1855; Travel, 1718-1855. 25 cubic feet. See separate container list Hartford County No. 6. | Probate |
| l. | Notes on Cases, 1811 ²³
Also contains New London County Court miscellaneous papers. 0.25 inch.
Accession: 1951-001 | Main Vault
Box 298 |
| 4. Maritime Court, 1776-1783 | | |
| a. | Files, 1776-1783
Numerical order, 1 cubic foot, Accession: 1980-037
Originals restricted, photocopy available.
<i>1776-1783. Files 1-824.</i>
<i>1776-1783. Files 825-1336.</i>
<i>1776-1783. Files 825-1336.</i>
Index. ²⁴ Alphabetical by name, vessel, or subject. Copy available in the classified manuscript collection, 974.61 H25w. | Main Vault

Box 651
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Box 653 |
| b. | Records or "Decrees," 1777-1783
Separate sheets or booklets for each session or group of cases. There are some notes for a "rough working list of cases," and instructions for privateers and related materials. .025 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-025 | Main Vault
Box 42 |
| 5. Court of Common Pleas, 1859-1965 | | |
| a. | Files, 1869-1946
<i>1869-1892</i> By file number (#1-10015). 120 cubic feet.
<i>1892-1946</i> By case number (#1-45925). 81 cubic feet.
See container list Hartford Common Pleas No. 1. | High Attic
& Off-site |
| b. | Dockets, 1869-1910
72 volumes, 24.5 cubic feet.
See container list Hartford Common Pleas No. 2 | Main Vault |
| c. | Records, 1869-1901
Chronological. 7 volumes. 1.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-038
1869-1875
1876-1882
1882-1893
1894-1897 with index
1897-1898
1897-1899
1899-1901 | Main Vault
Vol 1
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²³ Received with "the Turner Papers" from Mr. A.C. Bates in 1951.

²⁴ Prepared in 1980 by Patricia Q.Wall. (Box 1)

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| <p>d. Judgments, 1901-1965
 Chronological, 55 volumes, 42 cubic feet.
 See container list Hartford Common Pleas No. 3.</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| <p>e. Defaults, 1869-1900
 Chronological, 6 volumes, 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1932-039
 1869-1873
 1869-1873
 1873-1878
 1879-1881
 1881-1897
 1898-1901</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Index
 Vol 1
 Vol 2
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 Vol 4
 Vol 5</p> |
| <p>f. Account Ledgers, 1859-1905
 1859-1870. Charles E. Fellowes, court clerk. 0.25 cubic feet
 Accession: 1932-040
 1900-1905. Journal of clerks accounts. 1 volume. Accession: 1987-049</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Off-site</p> |
| <p>g. Jurors, 1906-1907
 1 volume. Accession: 1987-051</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| <p>6. Unidentified Court, 1888-1908
 Financial records. 2 volumes. Accession: 1987-092
 1898-1899. Account Book.
 1901-1904. Account Book.
 1905-1908. Account Book.</p> | <p>Off-site

 Vol 1
 Vol 2
 Vol 3</p> |
| <p>7. Various Courts, 1896-1961
 Miscellaneous materials from various Hartford County courts including Superior Court and Court of Common Pleas. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-091
 1944. Appointment of County Tax Commissioner.
 1905. Criminal Files.
 1924-1925. Dissolved Corporations.
 1916-1928. State Attorney.
 1826; 1920-1950. Bar Association Resolutions.
 1910-1920. Bonds for Liens
 1910-1940. Election Cases.</p> | <p>Off-site

 Box 15-53B

 Box 15-54A</p> |
| <p>8. County Commissioners, 1890-1950²⁵
 Records, 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1987-085</p> | <p>Off-site
 Box 1 & 2</p> |
| <p>9. County Detectives, 1920-1930
 Files, 15 cubic feet, Accession: 1987-086
 See container list Detectives No. 1.</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| <p>10. Licenses, 1933-1937
 Unnumbered volumes for each of the following years, 1933, 1935, 1937. Accession: 1987-087</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |

²⁵ With the abolition of county government on October 1, 1960, records created by the county were distributed to various local and state agencies. In some cases, County Commissioner records were transferred to the courts. Additional County Commission records may be found in County Government (RG 061).

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| <p>11. Life Insurance Companies, n.d.
Records relating to the following companies, O.R. Flyer Insurance Company, Charter Oak Life, Continental Life includes information on dues and assessments, payments to policyholders, and report on committee claims.
6 volumes, Accession: 1987-088</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| <p>12. State Attorney, 1922-1924
Case files, 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1987-052</p> | <p>Off-site</p> |
| C. Litchfield County | |
| <p>1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1853-1880
Miscellaneous papers consisting primarily of Sheriff's bills for court attendance, with a few orders for copies of court records. 0.50 inch. Accession: 1927-019</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 1</p> |
| <p>2. Superior Court, 1752-1945</p> <p>a. Files, 1752-1927
<i>1752-1900.</i> Chronological then alphabetical, 36 cubic feet.
<i>1899-1927.</i> Chronological then by case number (2731-6275A), 28 cubic feet.
See container list Litchfield Superior No. 1.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>b. Criminal Files, 1866-1945²⁶
<i>1866-1923.</i> Chronological then alphabetical.
<i>1867-1945.</i> Chronological by case number (1-2909)
See container list Litchfield Superior No. 2.
See also Dockets, 1752-1909 for Criminal Dockets.
See also Case Notes, 1932-1933.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>c. Discontinuances, 1836-1922
Chronological then alphabetical. 24 feet.
See container list Litchfield Superior No. 3.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>d. Executions, 1772-1891
<i>1793-1797.</i> Register kept by John Cotton Smith. Accession: 1927-005
<i>1772-1798.</i> Chronological than alphabetical.
<i>1853-1891.</i> Chronological then alphabetical. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1927-006
1853-1859. A-Z
1860-1869. A-Z, 1870-1891 A-G
1870-1891. H-Z</p> | <p>Main Vault

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| <p>e. Depositions, 1830-1915
Chronological. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1927-007
1830-1865
1866-1877
1878-1889
1890-1897
1897-1899
1900-1915</p> | <p>Main Vault

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²⁶ The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past record keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this record series.

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| f. | Papers by Subject, 1751-1920
Includes but not limited to Admissions to the Bar; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists, 1753-1876; Conservators and Guardians, 1753-1876; Costs, 1752-1902; Court Expense, 1752-1910; Divorces, 1752-1922 (microfilm); Indians, 1753-1856; Inquests, 1751; Insolvents, 1810-1841, 1863; Jurors, 1752-1907; Justices of the Peace, 1851-1895; Medical Examiners and Coroners' Reports, 1841-1843, 1883-1905, 1910-11, 1915; Meeting House, 1752-1919; Militia, 1753-1856; Miscellaneous, 1752-1919, 1811-1892; Miscellaneous Papers: Seth P. Beers, Silas E. and D.E. Judd, 1898; Miscellaneous Receipted Bills, 1808-1816; Partition Land, 1752-1915; Receipted Bills: W.J. Bissell, Receiver for C.M. Cheney, and Beeman and Hollister; Travel, 1760-1876. 56 feet.
Original Native American materials restricted. Photocopies available for research.
See separate container list Litchfield Superior No. 4. | Main Vault |
| g. | Dockets, 1752-1909
1752-1798. 3 inches, Accession: 1927-009
1798-1909. Criminal and Civil Dockets, 26 volumes
See container list Litchfield Superior No. 5. | Main Vault
Box 104
Main Vault |
| h. | Short Calendar, 1898-1906
0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1928-002
1898 March- 1902 February
1902 March- 1906 February | Main Vault

Vol 1
Vol 2 |
| i. | Clerk's Receipts, 1900-1905
Chronological. 1 volume. Accession: 1928-012 | Main Vault |
| j. | Cost Books, 1833-1903
Includes both the Superior and County Courts. 11 volumes
See container list Litchfield Superior No. 6. | Main Vault |
| k. | Juries Impaneled, 1884-1899
1 cubic foot, Accession: 1928-004
1884 April-1887 April
1887 June-1890 May
1890 June-1893 November
1894 April-1895 June
1895 October-1899 April | Main Vault

Vol 1
Vol 2
Vol 3
Vol 4
Vol 5 |
| l. | Case Notes, 1932-1933
Case notes relating to criminal trials under Judge Ernest A. Inglis. 1 volume Accession: 1928-011 | Main Vault |
| m. | Liquor Licenses, 1897-1903
Liquor Licenses, 1897-1903. 1 volume
Appeal by Julius Scoville regarding liquor license, July 1903. 1 volume
Accession: 1928-010 | Main Vault |
| n. | Index to Records, 1855-1887
August 1855-June 1887. 1 volume. Accession: 1928-005 | Main Vault |

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3. County Court, 1751-1897

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| <p>a. Index to Records, 1751-1855
 Chronological order, 11 volumes.
 See container list Litchfield County No. 1.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>b. Records, 1751-1855
 <i>1751-1855.</i> Chronological. 22 volumes.
 See container list Litchfield County No. 2.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>c. Files, 1751-1855
 Chronological then alphabetical. 180 cubic feet.
 See separate container list Litchfield County No. 3.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>d. Discontinuances, 1831-1855
 Alphabetical order. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1928-017.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>e. Executions, 1768-1855
 <i>1768-1820.</i> Chronological. 5 volumes
 <i>1795-1855.</i> Chronological then alphabetical. 8 cubic feet.
 See container list Litchfield County No. 4.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>f. Jurors, 1751-1855
 Alphabetical by town. 4 cubic feet. Accession: 1927-014
 <i>1754-1854.</i> Barkhamsted-Litchfield
 <i>1756-1854.</i> Litchfield-Roxbury
 <i>1754-1854.</i> Salisbury-Woodbury
 <i>1753-1801.</i> Meetinghouse</p> | <p>Main Vault

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 Box 169</p> |
| <p>g. Papers by Subject, 1751-1855
 Includes Admissions to the Bar, 1796-1855; Appointment of Officers;
 Confiscated Estates and Loyalists, n.d.; Conservators and Guardians, 1751-1855;
 Costs, 1765-1854; Court Expense, 1821-1854; Indians, 1835-1837; Inquests,
 1810; Insolvents, 1764; Licenses, 1751-1839; Meeting House, 1753-1855;
 Militia, 1758-1777; Miscellaneous; Travel, 1800-1855. 21 cubic feet.
 Original Native American materials restricted. Photocopies available for
 research.
 See container list Litchfield County No. 5.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>h. Papers by Subject, Travel, 1769-1829
 Materials separated from Papers by Subject.
 1.5 cubic feet Accession: 1927-013
 1757-1801; Index 1796-1860
 1802-1809
 1809-1908</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Box 1
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 Box 3</p> |
| <p>i. Dockets, 1759-1855
 <i>1709-1855.</i> Chronological. 19 volumes.
 See container list Litchfield County No. 6.
 <i>1759-1790.</i> These dockets were used to wrap the County Court Files
 transferred to the State Library in 1927. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1927-018.</p> | <p>Main Vault

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| <p>j. Appeals, 1798-1854
 Chronological. 5 volumes. Accession: 1928-022.
 1798 September-1808 December
 1809 March-1816 December
 1817 March-1829 September
 1829 December-1838 October
 1838 December-1854 October</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Vol 1
 Vol 2
 Vol 3
 Vol 4
 Vol 5</p> |
| <p>k. Defaults, 1798-1855
 Chronological. 16 volumes.
 See container list Litchfield County No. 7.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>l. Notaries Public, 1871-1897
 Chronological. 3 volumes. Accession: 1928-024
 1871 November-1880 January
 1880 January-1889 January
 1889 January-1897 January</p> | <p>Main Vault

 Vol 1
 Vol 2
 Vol 3</p> |
| <p>m. Cost Books, 1833-1855
 County court cost books included with Superior Court Cost Books.
 See separate container list Litchfield Superior No. 6.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>n. Liquor Licenses, 1879-1903
 1 volume. Accession: 1928-023</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>4. Maritime Court, 1782-1787
 Papers. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1927-016</p> | <p>Main Vault
 Box 1</p> |
| <p>5. District Court, 1872-1912²⁷
 Files, 1872-1912. Chronological. 10 cubic feet.
 See container list Litchfield District No. 1.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>6. Circuit Court, 1962-1973
 Files from Circuit Court No. 18 held at Torrington. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1996-020
 1971-1973
 1962-1968
 1968-1972</p> | <p>Off-site

 Box 1
 Box 2
 Box 3</p> |
| <p>6. Court of Common Pleas, 1877-1949</p> | |
| <p>a. Files, 1877-1926
 Arranged by case number (#40 – 4399). 64 cubic feet
 See container list Litchfield Common Pleas No. 1.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>b. Criminal Cases, 1927-1946²⁸
 Numerical by case number (#1-754). 11 cubic feet.
 See container list Litchfield Common Pleas No. 2.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |

²⁷ Established in 1872; succeeded in 1883 by the Court of Common Pleas.

²⁸ The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past record keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this record series.

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| <p>c. Civil Cases, 1906-1949
 Numerical by case number (#1972; #4902-8264). 9.5 cubic feet.
 See container list Litchfield Common Pleas No. 3.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
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| D. Middlesex County | |
| <p>1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1819-1934
 Records. 1 volume. Accession: 1932-056</p> | <p>Main Vault
 Box 1</p> |
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| <p>2. Superior Court, 1786-1958</p> | |
| <p>a. Records (drafts), 1821-1849
 1821 October-1849 August. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-053</p> | <p>Main Vault
 Box X-61</p> |
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| <p>b. Files, 1786-1797
 Files. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-053
 <i>1786-1789</i>
 <i>1790-1797. A-H</i>
 <i>1790-1797. J-Z</i></p> | <p>Main Vault

 Box X-63
 Box X-64
 Box X-62</p> |
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| <p>c. Criminal Cases, 1873-1945²⁹
 Numerical by case number. 5 cubic feet. Accession: 1945-001
 June 1873-December 1886
 December 1887-December 1905
 July 1906-December 1921
 April 1922-March 1930
 March 1930-May 1945</p> | <p>Main Vault

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 Box 5</p> |
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| <p>d. Papers by Subject, 1786-1797
 Includes Costs; Court Expenses; Divorces (microfilm); Inquests; Jurors, 1786-1789; Miscellaneous, 1786-1789; Partition Land, 1790-1797; and Travel, 1790-1797. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-053</p> | <p>Main Vault
 Box X-65</p> |
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| <p>e. Judgments and Defaults, 1798-1904
 Similar to "files" in other Superior Courts and include divorces inter-filed with other documents. Chronological. 75 cubic feet.
 See container list Middlesex Superior No. 1.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
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| <p>f. Executions, 1772-1896
 Chronological. 6 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-050
 <i>1772-1828</i>
 <i>1829-1844</i>
 <i>1845-1859</i>
 <i>1860-1872</i>
 <i>1873-1881</i>
 <i>1882-1896</i></p> | <p>Main Vault

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| <p>g. Withdrawals, 1798-1887
 Chronological. 22 cubic feet.
 See separate list Middlesex Superior No. 2.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |

²⁹ The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past record keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this record series.

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| h. Dockets, 1785-1933
3 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-051
<i>1785-1810</i> Manuscript dockets in chronological order.
Printed dockets in chronological order.
<i>1856-1933</i>
<i>1856-1887</i>
<i>1888-1907</i>
<i>1908-1933</i>
<i>1805-1819; 1821-1822</i> copies of dockets inter-filed with naturalization records.
Accession: 1986-012 | Main Vault

Box X-100

Box X-101
Box X-102
Box X-103

Box 1 |
| i. Cost Book, 1853-1860
Criminal cases. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-050 | Main Vault
Box X-104 |
| j. Appointment Book, 1874-1922
County Commissioners. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-050 | Main Vault
Box X-104 |
| k. Naturalization Hearings, c. 1880-1890
Bound photocopy. ³⁰ 1 volume. Accession: 1932-050 | Main Vault
Box X-104 |
| l. State's Attorney, 1904-1918
Papers from the estate of Judge Frank D. Haines, former State's Attorney. Arranged in chronological order. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1951-002
1904 April-1906 April
1906 September-1908 September
1908 December-1911 April
1911 September-1913 September
1913 December-1916 June
Correspondence and memoranda, 1904-1907, reports to the Comptroller of "criminal business" and fines collected, 1909-1916, "Law notes et cet," miscellaneous notes, memoranda and correspondence, docket book, 1904-1918, and printed dockets and trial lists, 1899-1901. | Main Vault

Box 105
Box 106
Box 107
Box 108
Box 109
Box 110 |
| m. Sworn Witnesses, 1936-1958
2 cubic feet. Accession: 1958-001
1936 May-1948 October
1948 October-1958 August | Main Vault

Vol 4
Vol 5 |
| n. Depositions, 1800-1906
0.5 cubic feet. See container list Middlesex Superior No. 3. | Main Vault |
| 3. County Court, 1785-1855 | |
| a. Judgments, 1785-1855
<i>1785-1855</i> Chronological then alphabetical. 5.5 cubic feet
Partially restricted. See container list Middlesex County No. 1.
<i>1800-1855.</i> Includes Taverners (1800-1819). Chronological order.
6 volumes. Accession: 1932-067
1800 December-1812 November
1813 January-1819 October
1820 March-1826 April | Main Vault

Main Vault

Vol 1
Vol 2
Vol 3 |

³⁰ Original is located at the Federal Records Center in Waltham, MA.

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| | 1826 June-1837 January | Vol 4 |
| | 1837 October-1854 April | Vol 5 |
| | 1854 April-1855 April | Vol 6 |
| b. | Defaults, 1785-1855 | |
| | <i>1785-1855.</i> Chronological then alphabetical. 8 cubic feet. | Main Vault |
| | Partially restricted. See container list Middlesex County No. 2. | |
| | <i>1800-1810.</i> Includes appeals. Chronological order. 1 volume. | Main Vault |
| | Accession: 1932-61 | |
| | <i>1807-1855.</i> Chronological order. 4 volumes. Accession: 1932-063 | Main Vault |
| | 1807 November-1815 September | Box 2 |
| | 1815 September-1820 September | Box 3 |
| | 1820 September-1833 October | Box 4 |
| | 1833 October-1855 April | Box 5 |
| c. | No Appearance Files, 1785-1855 | Main Vault |
| | Chronological then alphabetical. 5 cubic feet. | |
| | See container list Middlesex County No. 3. | |
| d. | Executions, 1789-1832 | Main Vault |
| | <i>1789-1832.</i> 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1932-065 | Box 56 |
| | <i>1800-1820.</i> Chronological order, 3 volumes. Accession: 1932-070 | Main Vault |
| | 1800 December-1811 March | Vol 1 |
| | 1811 March-1819 January | Vol 2 |
| | 1816 October-1820 May | Vol 3 |
| e. | Papers by Subject, 1785-1855 | Main Vault |
| | Includes but not limited to Admissions to the Bar; Conservators and Guardians;
Costs; Court Expenses; Insolvents; Jurors; Licenses; Meeting House; Militia;
Miscellaneous; Revolutionary Pensions; Partitioned Land; and Travel. 8 cubic feet | |
| | See container list Middlesex County No. 4. | |
| f. | Dockets, 1785-1855 | Main Vault |
| | Chronological. 16 volumes. | |
| | See container list Middlesex County No. 5. | |
| g. | Appeals, 1810-1852 | Main Vault |
| | Chronological order, 3 volumes. Accession: 1932-061 | |
| | 1800 December-1810 March, includes defaults. | Vol 1 |
| | 1810 November-1835 October | Vol 2 |
| | 1835 October-1852 April | Vol 3 |
| h. | Account Book, 1788-1829 | Main Vault |
| | 1 volume. Accession: 1932-060 | |

E. New Haven County

1. Superior Court, 1712-1944³¹

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| <p>a. Dockets, 1713-1874</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>1713, 1723-1798.</i> Manuscript dockets. 0.25 cubic feet.
<i>1798-1874.</i> Printed dockets, chronological order. 26 volumes.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 1.
<i>1855-1872.</i> Jury dockets. Chronological. 3 volumes. Accession: 1925-003
1855 October-1859 October
1859 December-1865 September
1865 October-1872 May</p> | Main Vault |
| <p>b. Papers by Subject, 1712-1900</p> <p>Vault</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>1712-1798.</i> Includes Appointment of Officers; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists; Conservators and Guardians; Costs, 1742-1798; Court Expenses, 1742-1798; Executions; Indians; Inquests; Jurors, Alphabetical by Town,
<i>1712-1798;</i> Meeting House; Militia; Partition Land; and Revolutionary Pensions. 3 cubic feet.
<i>1798-1900.</i> Includes Admission to the Bar; Bonds; Court Expenses; Inquests; Jurors; Miscellaneous; Naturalization; Partition Land; Protections; and Revolutionary Pensions. 1 cubic foot.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 2.</p> | Probate |
| <p>c. Files, 1712-1798</p> <p>Vault</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Chronological. 6 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 3.</p> | Probate |
| <p>d. Judgments (Civil Case Files), 1798-1944</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>1798-1899.</i> Chronological. 67 cubic feet.
See separate container list New Haven Superior No. 4.
<i>1900-1944.</i> Chronological then alphabetical by last name. 265 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 5.</p> | Probate

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| <p>e. No Appearance Files, 1808-1900</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;"><i>1808-1900.</i> Chronological then alphabetical. 17.5 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 6.
<i>1875-1887.</i> Alphabetical. 4 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 7.</p> | Probate

Main Vault |
| <p>f. Criminal Files, 1797-1945³²</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">New Haven
<i>1797-1899.</i> Chronological then alphabetical. 96 cubic feet.
See separate container list New Haven Superior No. 8.
<i>1900-1945.</i> Chronological by file number (#1-7960). 28 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 9.</p> | Probate

Main Vault |

³¹ In 1973, the New Haven County Superior Court donated 31 cubic feet of historical court records to the New Haven Colony Historical Society. The records are in the Society's Manuscript Collection #3, "Connecticut Superior Court. Documents for New Haven County." A copy of the inventory of these records is available from the History and Genealogy staff.

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| | <p>Waterbury
<i>1901-1945</i>. Chronological by file number(#1-6853). 10 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 10.</p> | Main Vault |
| g. | <p>Appeals, 1783-1798
Lists of Appeals from County Court. Accession: 1925-013</p> | <p>Probate
Box 699</p> |
| h. | <p>Executions, 1800-1872
Alphabetical. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1925-013
1800-1836. A-Z
1837-1847. A-Z
1848-1854. A-Z
1855-1857. A-Z
1858-1865. A-Rey
1858-1865. Ric-Z
1866-1872. A-Z</p> | <p>Probate

Box 699
Box 700
Box 701
Box 702
Box 703
Box 704
Box 705</p> |
| i. | <p>Travel, 1798-1900
Alphabetical. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1925-013
A-DBox 705
E-Mid
Mil-New
New
New-Woo</p> | <p>Probate

Box 706
Box 707
Box 708
Box 709</p> |
| j. | <p>Insolvents, 1798-1896
<i>1798-1849;1893-1896</i>. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1925-013
1798-1839. A-Z
1840-1896. A-Z</p> | <p>Probate

Box 712
Box 713</p> |
| k. | <p>Divorces, 1712-1900
Researchers must use microfilm. 18 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Superior No. 11.</p> | <p>Probate</p> |
| l. | <p>Assignments, 1838-1844
<i>1774-1797</i>. List of assignments, incomplete. Accession: 1925-013
<i>1838-1844</i>. Includes records for both Superior and County Court.
1 volume. Accession: 1925-017</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 699
Vol 1</p> |
| 2. | <p>County Court, 1666-1862³³</p> | |
| a. | <p>Dockets, 1749-1855
<i>1749-1855</i>. Chronological order. 20 volumes.
See container list New Haven County No. 1.
<i>1832-1837</i>. Private docket of Samuel J. Hitchcock, New Haven. 1 volume.
Accession: 1925-015</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |

³³ The New Haven Colony Historical Society has a small collection of miscellaneous New Haven County, County Court records in Manuscript Group #28, "New Haven City and County Documents." A copy of the inventory is available from State Archives staff.

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| b. | Executions, 1700-1855
<i>1764-1820.</i> Chronological. 6 volumes.
<i>1700-1855.</i> Chronological. 12 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven County No. 2. | Main Vault

Probate |
| c. | Assignments, 1838-1844
Includes records for both County and Superior Court. 1 volume.
Accession: 1936-002 | Main Vault |
| d. | Reports of Cases, 1838-1841
Narrative of selected trails by unknown author. Accession: 1936-003
1838 June-November
1840 March-April. Includes Naturalization records.
1840 November
1841 November-December | Main Vault

Vol 1
Vol 2
Vol 3
Vol 4 |
| e. | Records, 1666-1862
<i>1666-1855.</i> Chronological. Vol. 16 includes appeals, 1812-1818. 24 volumes.
See container list New Haven County No. 3.
<i>1805-1842.</i> Miscellaneous Records.
Includes Appointments and Reports of Conservators, Rules, Jail Limits, Appointment of States Attorney, Tax Collector, Deputy Sheriffs, Inspectors and County Surveyors, Tanners Licenses, and Appointment and Accounts of Overseers of Turkey Hill Indians (1811-1839). 1 volume. Accession: 1936-006. | Main Vault

Main Vault |
| f. | Defaults, 1841-1855
1 volume. Accession: 1936-004 | Main Vault
Vol. 25 |
| g. | Trials and Appeals, 1841-1855
1 volume. Accession: 1936-004
Includes separate index. | Main Vault
Vol. 26 |
| h. | Equity Records, 1773-1855
<i>1773-1821.</i> 1 volume. Accession: 1936-005
<i>1841-1855.</i> 1 volume. Accession: 1936-004
Includes separate index. | Main Vault
Vol. 1
Vol. 27 |
| i. | Files, 1700-1855
128 cubic feet. See container list New Haven County No. 4. | Probate |
| j. | Papers by Subject, 1700-1855
Includes Admissions to the Bar; Appointment of Officers; Common Fields; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists; Conservators and Guardians, 1720-1855; Costs, 1700-1855; Court Expenses, 1712-1855; Equity Bills, 1784-1794; Insolvents; Jurors: Alphabetical by Towns, 1700-1855; Justices of the Peace, 1800-1889; Licenses; Meeting House; Militia, 1712-1855; Miscellaneous; Orders, Bills, etc.; Partition Land; Revolutionary Pensions; and Travel.
25 cubic feet.
See separate container list New Haven County No. 5. | Probate |

New Haven and New London Counties

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| k. | Summons, 1774-1792
Packet in box of Superior Court records. Contains mostly County Court summonses but also includes summonses to City and Superior Court. | Probate
Box 699 |
| 3. Maritime Court, 1776-1783 | | |
| a. | Files, 1776-1783
Divided into two categories: libels against goods, libels against ships.
Original restricted, researchers must use photocopy.
1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-035 | Main Vault
Box 654 & 655 |
| b. | Index to Files
Alphabetical by name, subject and vessel. ³⁴ A second copy is in the classified manuscript collection as 974.61 N42w . 0.25 cubic feet.
Accession: 1980-035 | Main Vault
Box 654 |
| 4. Court of Common Pleas, 1869-1945 | | |
| a. | Withdrawn Cases, 1869-1924
Chronological order. 35 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Common No. 1. | Main Vault |
| b. | Cases Stricken from Docket, 1891-1909
Chronological. 12 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Common No. 2 | Main Vault |
| c. | Judgments, 1869-1945
Chronological. 146 cubic feet.
See container list New Haven Common No. 3. | High Attic |
| F. New London County | | |
| 1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1819-1952 | | |
| a. | Trials, 1819-1864
Records. 1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet | Main Vault
Item #24 |
| b. | Files, 1819-1952
<i>1819-1889</i> . Chronological. 2.25 cubic feet.
<i>1901-1932</i> . Chronological. 8.75 cubic feet.
<i>1932-1952</i> . Chronological. 7.25 cubic feet
See container list New London Supreme No. 1. | Main Vault |
| c. | Dockets, 1819-1875
0.25 cubic feet, Accession: 1932-059 | Main Vault
Box 29 |
| d. | Court Expense Papers, 1819-1874
0.25 cubic feet, Accession: 1932-059 | Main Vault
Box 29 |
| e. | Travel Papers, 1831-1847
0.25 cubic feet, Accession: 1932-059 | Main Vault
Box 29 |

³⁴ Prepared in 1975 by Patricia Q. Wall.

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2. Superior Court, 1711-1969

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| <p>a. Trials, 1798-1874
<i>1798-1874</i>. Chronological. 14 volumes, 8 cubic feet
See container list New London Superior No. 1.</p> | Main Vault |
| <p>b. Defaults, 1853-1881
<i>1853-1881</i>. Chronological. 3 volumes. Including Index from 1853-1875.
1.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-005</p> | Main Vault
Vol 1 & 2 |
| <p>c. Insolvency Cases, 1833-1841
1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet.
Accession: 1921-006</p> | Main Vault |
| <p>d. Declaration of Intended Citizenship, 1856-1873
Photocopy. August 1856-1873. 1 volume³⁵ 0.25 cubic feet
Accession: 1921-007</p> | Main Vault |
| <p>e. Dockets, 1713-1919
<i>1713-1835</i>. Manuscript dockets, chronological order. 0.75 cubic feet.
Accession: 1921-003
<i>1836-1919</i>. Chronological. 33 volumes. 8 cubic feet.
<i>1855-1891</i>. Printed dockets. Chronological. 9 volumes. 2 cubic feet.
See container list New London Superior No. 2.</p> | Main Vault
Box 35 &36

Main Vault |
| <p>f. Files, 1711-1891
<i>1711-1875</i>. Chronological. 47.25 cubic feet.
<i>1875-1891</i>. Chronological. 15 cubic feet.
See container list New London Superior No. 3.</p> | Main Vault
Main Vault |
| <p>g. Criminal Cases, 1868-1907³⁶
<i>1868-1901</i>. Files. 5 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-041
1868-1881
1881-1885
1885-1889
1889-1895
1895-1901
<i>1879-1881</i>. Criminal decisions. 1 volume. 1.25 cubic feet.
Accession: 1921-009
<i>1899-1907</i>. Bill of costs. 2 volumes. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-010
1899-1900
1901-1907</p> | Main Vault

Box 603
Box 604
Box 605
Box 606
Box 607
Main Vault

Main Vault
Vol 1
Vol 2 |
| <p>h. Passport Lists, 1942-1944
1942 August 13-1944 June 30. 1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet Accession: 1945-002</p> | Main Vault |

³⁵ Original records located at the Federal Regional Archives in Waltham, MA.

³⁶ The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past records keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this records series.

New London County

- i. Papers by Subject, 1711-1900 Main Vault
Includes Admissions to the Bar, 1814-1875; Appointments of Officers, 1713-1881; Conservators and Guardians, 1870-1871; Costs (Court Expenses), 1716-1879; Depositions, 1859-1882; Divorces, 1719-1875 (alphabetical) **(microfilm)**; Executions, 1712-1799, 1832-1879; Indians, 1715-1887; Inquests, c. 1711-1870; Insolvents, 1808-1841, 1867, 1873-1874; Jurors, 1711-1875 (alphabetical by town); Jury Warrants, 1840-1881 (incomplete); Militia (missing Jan. '79); Miscellaneous, 1713-1885; Miscellaneous Civil Case Files c. 1850-1900; Partition Land, 1711-1887; Revolutionary War Pensions, 1821-1840; Travel, 1734-1881. 16 cubic feet.
Original Native American materials restricted. Photocopies available for research.
See separate container list **New London Superior No. 4.**
For Indian Papers see separate container list **New London Superior No. 4a.**
- j. Civil Case Files, c. 1850-1969 Main Vault
& **Off-site**
1890-1969. Arranged chronologically from 1890-1906. Arranged by case (docket) number from 1906-1969. Researchers will have to contact the court to obtain docket numbers. 210 cubic feet.
See container list **New London Superior No. 5.**
- k. Discontinuance/ Withdrawn, 1892-1955 Main Vault
1892-1955. Chronological. 2 boxes. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1985-042
1892-1899 Box 1
1900-1955 Box 2
- l. Dissolutions of Corporations, 1917-1956 Main Vault
1917-1956. Chronological. 1.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1985-043
October 1917- March 1931 Box 1
April 1931- April 1939 Box 2
May 1939- April 1945 Box 3
May 1945- April 1956 Box 4
- m. County Jail Warrants, 1881-1896 Main Vault
1881-1896. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-013 Box 1
- n. Special Police Appointments, 1908-1942 Main Vault
1908-1942. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1985-044 Box 1
- o. Justice of the Peace, 1797-1935 Main Vault
Oaths, 1797-1935. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1985-045
1797-1868 Box 1
1868-1887 Box 2
1888-1935 Box 3
- p. Survey of Pequot Indian Reservation, 1856 Main Vault
Survey conducted by Isacc Gallup (912.7462 – L51g). Accession: 1921-035.
Original restricted. Photostat available in H&G map cabinet.

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3. County Court, 1661-1873

- a. Records copy, 1661-1667 Main Vault
1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-015
- b. Trials, 1661-1855 Main Vault
1661-1855. Chronological order, includes index. 35 volumes. 8.5 cubic feet.
The first six volumes available on microfilm (345.42 - fC752ct LH 4416/17).
There is a partial card index in the HG Reading Room.³⁷
See container list **New London County No. 1.**
- c. Judgments, 1850-1855 Main Vault
1850 November-1855 July. 1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-017
- d. Dockets, 1730-1855 Main Vault
1730-1835. 5 boxes. 2.25 cubic feet.
1835-1855. Chronological. 5 volumes. 0.9 cubic feet.
See container list **New London County No. 2.**
- e. Defaults, 1809-1847 Main Vault
Chronological. 5 volumes. 2.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-020
1809 December-1815 Vol 1
1816 March-1819 March Vol 2
1819 June-1826 March Vol 3
1826 June-1836 June Vol 4
1837 February-1847 February Vol 5
- f. Executions, 1782-1820 Main Vault
Chronological. 5 volumes. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-021
1782 January-1790 October Vol 1
1790 July-1799 February Vol 2
1798 December-1810 May Vol 3
1808 November-1816 May Vol 4
1816 March-1820 June Vol 5
- g. Appeals, 1809-1855 Main Vault
Chronological. 3 volumes. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-022
1809 February-1827 May Vol 1
1827 May-1851 September Vol 2
1852 February-1855 March Vol 3
- h. Files, 1691-1855 Main Vault
Chronological. 197 boxes. 98 cubic feet.
See container list **New London County No. 3.**

New London County

- i. Papers by Subject, 1693-1855 Main Vault
 Includes Admissions to the Bar, 1753-1855; Appointments of Officers, 1767-1854; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists, 1781-1782; Conservators and Guardians, 1699-1855; (Alphabetical); Costs, 1693-1855; Court Expenses, 1755-1855; Executions, 1700-1855; Indians, 1716-1855; Inquests, 1711; Insolvents, 1756-1855; Jurors (Alphabetical by town), 1700-1855; Jury Warrants, 1844-1855; Licenses, 1702-1855 (Alphabetical); Meeting House, 1749-1817; Militia, 1707-1709, 1833-1834 (2 cases only); Miscellaneous, 1700-1855³⁸; Partition Land, 1744-1755; Revolutionary War Pension, 1820-1855; Summons for Evidence, 1700-1768; Travel, 1707-1855.
 23 cubic feet.
Original Native American materials restricted. Photocopies available for research.
 See separate container list **New London County No. 4.**
 For Papers by Subject: Indians see separate container list **New London County No. 4a.**

- 4. Maritime Court, 1781-1784**
 - a. Files, 1781 November-1784 June. 1.25 cubic feet. Main Vault
Researchers must use photocopy. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-038.
 Name Index (alphabetical by name subject and vessel)³⁹ and folders 1-27. Box 656
 (A second copy is in the classified manuscripts, **974.61 N446w.**)
 - Folders 28-57 Box 657
 - Folders 58-73 Box 658
 - Folders 74-93 Box 659

- 5. Court of Common Pleas, 1870-1969**
 - a. Records, 1870-1903. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-027 Main Vault
 - 1870 September-1881 February. Records Vol 402
 - 1890 August-1903 August. Records Vol 403
 - 1870 October-1881 April. Court and Jury Trails Vol 404
 - 1870 September-1881 October. Defaults Vol 405
 - 1880 April-1890 April. Court and Jury Trails, Defaults Vol 406

 - b. Files, 1870-1903 Main Vault
 1870 September-1903 August. 16.75 cubic feet.
 See container list **New London Common Pleas No. 1.**

 - c. Civil Cases, 1903-1969 Main Vault
 New London County at New London, 1903-1915
 1903-1915. 11 cubic feet.
 New London County at Norwich, 1914-1969
 1914-1925. Numerical by case (#1-3050). 11 cubic feet.
 See container list **New London Common Pleas No. 2.**
 1925-1969. Numerical by case (#3051-21912) 78 cubic feet. Off-site
 See container lists **New London Common Pleas No. 3.**

³⁸ Largely unsorted and unarranged; a few items and groups have been identified and labeled.

³⁹ Prepared in 1980 by Patricia Q. Wall.

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| <p>d. Criminal Files, 1895-1915⁴⁰
Chronological. 5 cubic feet.
See container list New London Common Pleas No. 4.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>e. Miscellaneous, 1871-1889
Includes dockets, court costs, and some case files. 0.5 cubic feet.
Accession: 1921-028</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 1</p> |
| <p>f. Jury Warrants, 1870-1886
0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-028</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 2</p> |
| <p>g. Executions, 1870-1902
0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-028</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 3</p> |
| <p>h. Dockets, 1870-1904
<i>1870-1902.</i> 12 volumes. 2 cubic feet.
<i>1870-1904.</i> Printed. 9 volumes. 1.25 cubic feet.
See container list New London Common Pleas No. 5.</p> | <p>Main Vault</p> |
| <p>6. County Commissioners, 1768-1873⁴¹
Includes materials on county meetings, grand lists, and resolutions.
0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1921-023</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 405</p> |
| G. Tolland County | |
| 1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1819-1942 | |
| <p>a. Files, 1858-1942
2.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1942-005.
<i>1858-1875</i>
<i>1900-1942</i>
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M-SBox 33
S-Z</p> | <p>Main Vault

Box 30

Box 31
Box 32

Box 33A</p> |
| <p>b. Miscellaneous Papers, 1819-1915
Includes Sheriff's bills, rules of court, printed documents. 0.1 cubic foot.
Accession: 1942-005</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 33</p> |
| <p>c. Docket, 1825
Accession: 1919-003
See: Supreme Court of Errors. Miscellaneous.</p> | <p>Main Vault
Box 1</p> |

⁴⁰ The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past records keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this records series.

⁴¹ With the abolition of county government on October 1, 1960, records created by the county were distributed to various local and state agencies. In some cases, County Commissioner records were transferred to the courts. Additional County Commission records may be found in County Government (RG 061).

Tolland County

2. Superior Court, 1787-1945

- a. Files, 1787-1937
1787-1910. Chronological. 24.75 cubic feet. Main Vault
1807-1910. Mittimus cases. Alphabetical. 9.25 cubic feet.
1911-1937. Chronological by case number (#1307-4035). 18.75 cubic feet.
See container list **Tolland Superior No. 1.**
- b. Papers by Subject, 1787-1940 Main Vault
Includes Admission to the Bar; Appointments of Officers; Conservators and Guardians;
Costs; Court Expenses; Depositions; Divorces (**microfilm**); Executions; Insolvents; Jail
Bills; Jurors; Justice Files; Liquor License; Meeting House; Partition Land; Prison
Commitments; Revolutionary War Pensions; and Travel 9.25 cubic feet.
See container list **Tolland Superior No. 2.**
- c. Miscellaneous Documents, 1787-1940 Main Vault
Includes subpoenas, bills, withdrawn cases, and warrants. As well as records
from the county and the City Court of Rockville. Materials have not been processed
but are in roughly alphabetically order. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1942-004
Box 46-48
- d. Inquests, 1890-1929 Main Vault
Includes coroner's and medical examiner's reports and related papers.
Chronological with some alphabetical sections within. 2.5 cubic feet.
See also: *Part VIII. Coroners, 1883-1979.*
See container list **Tolland Superior No. 3.**
- e. Dockets, 1787-1923
1787-1855. 0.75 cubic feet. Main Vault
1787-1830 Box 55
1831-1855 Box 56
1916-1923. Private. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1942-002 Box 57
- f. Records, 1876-1900 Main Vault
Printed records. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1942-002
Box 58
- g. Criminal Files, 1900-1945⁴² Main Vault
Numerical by case number (#1-1275). 3 cubic feet.
1900 September-1921 April. (#1-450) Box 1
1921 April-1932 March. (#451-875) Box 2
1932 March-1945 February. (#876-1275) Box 3
Accession: 1978-007

3. County Court, 1786-1855

- a. Files, 1786-1855 Main Vault
Chronological. 14.75 cubic feet.
See container list **Tolland County No. 1.**

⁴² The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files may remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Superior Court Records Center in Enfield. Due to past records keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this records series.

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- b. Papers by Subject, 1786-1855 Main Vault
Includes Admissions to the Bar; Appointments of Officers; Conservators and Guardians (alphabetical); Court Expenses; Executions; Inquests; Insolvents; Jurors, 1786-1855; Licenses; Meeting House; Miscellaneous; Revolutionary War Pensions; and Travel, 1786-1855. 3.75 cubic feet.
See container list **Tolland County No. 2.**
- c. Dockets, 1786-1855 Main Vault
Chronological. 1.5 cubic feet.
1786-1839 Box 86
1840-1855 Box 87
Accession: 1942-009
- d. Executions, 1786-1793. Main Vault
1 volume. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1942-009 Box 86
- H. Windham County**
- 1. Supreme Court of Errors, 1820-1886**
- a. Files, 1820-1886 Main Vault
Chronological. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-042
1820-1843 Box 34
1844-1886 Box 35
- b. Dockets, 1823-1883 Main Vault
0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-042 Box 36
- c. Expenses, 1820-1849 Main Vault
0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-042 Box 36
- 2. Superior Court, 1726-1947**
- a. Dockets, 1844-1923 Main Vault
1726-1872. 1.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1932-043 Box 39 & 40
1726-1850 Box 41 & 42
1850-1872 Main Vault
1844-1923. Chronological. Includes some County and Superior Court dockets. 21 volumes. 4 cubic feet.
See container list **Windham Superior No. 1.**
- b. Trials, 1798-1871 Main Vault
8 volumes. 2 cubic feet.
See container list **Windham Superior No. 2.**
- c. Defaults, 1872-1883. Main Vault
1 volume. 1 cubic foot.
See container list **Windham Superior No. 2.**
- d. Insolvent debtors, 1828-1841. Main Vault
1 volume. 1 cubic feet.
See container list **Windham Superior No. 2.**

Windham County

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| e. | Notaries Public, 1870-1935
<i>1870-1872. Certificates. 1 volume.</i>
<i>1913-1935. 2 volumes</i>
1913-1918
1926-1935
Accession: 1915-003 | Main Vault

Vol 1
Vol 2 |
| e. | Appointments, 1886-1915
Includes Justices of the Peace, Notaries Public, Commissioners of the Superior Court and Licenses, and Medical Examiners. 1 volume.
0.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1915-004 | Main Vault
Vol B |
| f. | Clerk of the Court, 1912-1927
Quarterly accounts. 2 volumes. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1932-046
1912
1924-1927 | Main Vault

Vol. 1
Vol. 2 |
| g. | Files, 1726-1913
Chronological. 56.75 cubic feet.
Some material restricted due to fragile condition.
Numerical by case number (#901-1859). 5 cubic feet.
See container list Windham Superior No. 3. | Main Vault |
| h. | Criminal Cases, 1883-1947 ⁴³
<i>1883-1911. Chronological. 7.25 cubic feet.</i>
<i>1911-1925. Chronological. 3.25 cubic feet.</i>
<i>1927-1947. Chronological by case number. 3 cubic feet.</i>
See container list Windham Superior No. 4. | Main Vault |
| i. | Papers by Subject, 1726-1907
Includes Applications for Admission to the Bar, 1800-1885; Appointments to Office, 1752-1873; Boundary, Lebanon-Norwich, 1755; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists; Conservators and Guardians, 1836-1877; Costs, 1748-1897; Court Expenses, 1735-1883; Divorces, 1726-1907 (Alphabetical by name) (microfilm); Executions, 1730-1901; Hartford and Fishkill RR Co., c. 1853-1855 (restricted); Inquests, c. 1799-1840; Insolvents, 1763-1901; Jurors, 1726-1887 (Alphabetical by town); Licenses, c. 1895; Meeting House, 1803-1804; Militia, 1783-1862; Miscellaneous, c. 1850-1880; Name Changes, 1862-1886; Partition Land, 1792-1870; Prosecuting Agents' Reports, 1887-1893; Revolutionary War Pension Applications, 1789; and Travel, 1760-1901. 11.25 cubic feet.
See container list Windham Superior No. 5. | Main Vault |
| j. | Mittimus Cases, 1886-1904
Alphabetical. 4.25 cubic feet.
See container list Windham Superior No. 6. | Main Vault |
| l. | Discontinued Cases, 1891-1903.
0.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1915-011 | Main Vault
Box 13 & 14 |

⁴³ The State Archives has only those criminal files transferred by the Judicial Department. Some criminal files remain with the courts or at the Judicial Department's Records Center in Enfield. Due to past records keeping practices, some gaps may exist within this records series.

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- m. Civil Cases, 1913-1921
Numerical by case number (#1860-3129). 6.75 cubic feet. Main Vault
See container list **Windham Superior No. 7.**

- 3. County Court, 1727-1855**
- a. Records, 1726-1855 Main Vault
Includes trials, land executions, defaults and appeals. 35 volumes. 3 cubic feet.
See separate container list **Windham County No. 1.**

- b. Files, 1726-1855 Main Vault
Chronological. 23 cubic feet.
See container list **Windham County No. 2.**

- c. Papers by Subject, 1727-1855 Main Vault
Including Applications for Admission to the Bar, 1769-1852; Appointments to Office, 1789-1854; Confiscated Estates and Loyalists, 1779; Conservators and Guardians, 1726-1855; Costs, 1727-1855; Executions, 1726-1855; Insolvents, 1782; Jurors, 1717-1852 (alphabetical by town); Licenses, 1726-1855; Meeting house, 1749-1818; Militia, 1728-1759; Miscellaneous; Partition Land; Revolutionary War Pension Applications, 1820-1831; Travel, 1726-1855. 10 cubic feet.
See container list **Windham County No. 3.**

- d. Dockets, 1726-1855 Main Vault
Chronological. 2.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1915-015
1726-1805 Box 257
1806-1855 Box 258

- e. Executions, 1726-1764 Main Vault
0.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1915-016
See also *Papers by Subject* above. Box 259 & 260

- 4. Court of Common Pleas, 1941-1945⁴⁴** Main Vault
- a. Files, 1941-1945
Numerical by case number (#1-299). 2.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1978-003 Box 477 & 478

⁴⁴ For earlier records contact the Judicial Records Center in Enfield, CT.

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Part III. District and Municipal Courts, 1716-1946

District and Municipal Courts (1716-1962) includes records created by the now defunct district and municipal courts that were presided over by the Justices of the Peace. When the county government system was abolished in 1960, these courts were replaced by the state-wide circuit court.

Ansonia		
City Court, 1958-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 1
Berlin		
City Court, 1951-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 6
Bloomfield		
City Court, 1951-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 6
Branford		
City Court, 1950-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 6
Bridgeport		
City Court, 1884-1909.		Main Vault
<i>Files.</i> Accession: 1980-002		Box X-111
Bristol		
City Court, 1958-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 7 & 8
Brookfield		
City Court, 1958-1959		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 8
Coventry		
City Court, 1955-1962		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 9
Danbury		
City Court, 1889-1960		Main Vault
<i>Files, 1889-1946.</i> Arranged numerically, (#1-1560). 3 cubic feet.		& Off-site
<i>Files, 1884-1953.</i> Arranged chronologically, 16 cubic feet.		
<i>Civil Cases, 1959-1960.</i> Arranged chronologically, 1 cubic foot.		
See container list Municipal No. 1.		
Derby		
Town Court, 1875-1921		Main Vault
<i>Files.</i> Materials are water damaged. 1 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-003		Boxes X-115
City Court, 1957-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 10
East Hartford		
City Court, 1959-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020		Box 11

Enfield

City Court, 1959-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 12

Fairfield

City Court, 1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 12

Glastonbury

City Court, 1951-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 13

Greenwich

City Court, 1956-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 14
 Borough Court, 1889-1939 Main Vault
Civil Cases, 1889-1930
 See container list **Municipal No.2**
Civil and Criminal Cases, 1912-1930 Box 1
 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-007
Warrants, 1911-1913 Box 1
 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-007
Records, 1920-1939
 Includes dockets and financial records. See container list **Municipal No. 3**
Common Bonds, 1912-1918 Box 1
 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-007
Court Clerk, 1913-1914
 Correspondence of clerk William P. Mulville. Accession: 1980-007 Box 1
Police Blotters, 1925-1937
 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1980-007
 1925-1930 Volume 1
 1930-1935 Volume 2
 1935-1937 Volume 3

Groton

City Court, 1951-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 14

Guilford

City Court, 1950-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 15

Hamden

City Court, 1940-1960
Foreclosures, 1940-1945 Main Vault
 Arranged numerically by file number (#375-1083). 1 cubic foot. Box CCF-20
 Accession: 1994-052
Civil Cases, 1957-1960 **Off-site**
 Accession: 1996-020 Box 16

Hartford

City Court, 1804-1960

Files, 1804-1867

Arranged chronologically, except for the year 1867 with files arranged by file number (#1-6347). 14 cubic feet.

Civil Cases, 1951-1960

See container list **Municipal No. 4.**

Main Vault
& **Off-site**

Killingly

City Court, 1959-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 19 & 53

Manchester

City Court, 1956-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 20

Meriden

City Court, 1867-1963

Civil Cases, 1894-1899; 1959-1960

Dockets, 1867-1919

Judgements, 1879-1916

Foreclosures, 1898-1932

See container list **Municipal No. 5.**

Main Vault
& **Off-site**

Middletown

City Court, 1957-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 22

Milford

Town Court, 1882-1899

Case Files, 1882-1960.

1882-1899. Case (#1-459). Accession: 1980-006

1958-1960. Chronological. Accession: 1996-020

Foreclosures, 1940-1960

1940-1960. Case (#2940-4104).

1952-1957. Case (#2433-3164).

Accession: 1994-051

Main Vault
& **Off-site**
Box X-131
Box 23 & 53
Main Vault
Box CCF 21
Box CCF 23

Monroe

City Court, 1954-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: No. 96-020

Off-site
Box 53

Naugatuck

City Court, 1954-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 24

New Britain

City Court, 1951-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 25

New Canaan

City Court, 1956-1960

Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 28

New Haven	Main Vault
City Court, 1784-1960	
<i>Dockets, 1811-1833</i>	
<i>Writs and Summonses, c. 1784-1817</i>	
<i>Civil Case Files, 1785-1960</i>	Main Vault
1785-1854, 1865-1899; 1960 45 cubic feet.	& Off-site
<i>Foreclosures, 1877-1957.</i> 16 cubic feet.	
<i>Executions, 1790-1832</i>	Main Vault
Arranged chronologically. Dates are not inclusive. 1.5 cubic feet.	
<i>Miscellaneous Papers, 1807-1841.</i>	
See container list Municipal No. 6.	
New London	Main Vault
City Court, 1784-1960	
Accession: 1980-011	
<i>Dockets, 1784-1819.</i> 6 vols	Box X-159
<i>Writs, etc., 1787-1846, 1887</i>	Box X-159
<i>Record Books, 1784-1870.</i> 2 volumes.	Box X-160
<i>Civil Case Files, 1951-1960</i>	Off-site
Accession: 1996-020	
Case # 1321-1575	Box 29
Case # 2088-2399	Box 30
Case # 2179-3093	Box 31
New Milford	
City Court, 1958-1960	Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020	Box 32
Newington	
City Court, 1955-1960	Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020	Box 27
Newtown	
City Court, 1931-1954, 1958-1960	Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020	Box 33
North Haven	
City Court, 1954-1960	Off-site
<i>Civil Cases.</i> Accession: 1996-020	Box 53
Norwalk	
Town Court, 1895-1860	
<i>Civil Case Files, 1895-1960</i>	Main Vault
1895-1898. Arranged numerically. 5 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-012	
Case No. 1-84	Box X-161
Case No. 85-212	Box X-162
1959-1960. Accession: 1996-020	Off-site
Case No. 2127-3184	Box 34
Case No. 3186-3683	Box 35
Case No. 2136-3693	Box 36

Norwich

Court of Equity, 1716
Docket, November 7, 1716. Accession: 1980-013
 City Court, 1959-1960
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Main Vault
 Box X-163
Off-site
 Box 37

Old City

City Court, unknown
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020
 Case No. 36115-40224
 Case No. 40226-41343
 Case No. 41359-42899
 Case No. 42990-45814

Off-site
 Box 2
 Box 3
 Box 4
 Box 5

Orange

City Court, 1929-1960
Foreclosures, 1940-1955
Files # 24-131. Accession: 1994-050
Civil Cases, 1929-1960
 Accession: 1996-020

Main Vault
 Box CCF-22
Off-site
 Box 38

Plainfield

City Court, 1954-1960
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 53

Plainville

City Court, 1957-1960
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 39

Portland

City Court, 1954-1960
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 53

Putnam

City Court, 1950-1960
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 40

Rockville

City Court, 1955-1960
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 41

Rocky Hill

City Court, 1954-1960
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 53

Salisbury

City Court, 1954-1960
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 53

Seymour

City Court, 1955-1960
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
 Box 42

Shelton		
City Court, 1955-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases</i> . Accession: 1996-020		Box 43
South Windsor		
City Court, 1929-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases</i> . Accession: 1996-020		Box 46
Southington		
City Court, 1955-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases</i> . Accession: 1996-020		Box 45
Stafford		
Borough Court, 1884-1892		Main Vault
<i>Files, 1884-1892</i> . 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-014		Box X-164
Stafford Springs		
Borough Court, 1887-1916		Main Vault
<i>Records</i> . 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1980-014		Box X-165
Stamford		
Borough Court, 1883-1962		
1883-1897. 9 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-015		Main Vault
1883-1897. Case No. 1-677.		Box X-166
1890-1897. Case No. 373-1349.		Box X-167
1896-1897		Box X-168
1956-1962		Off-site
Accession: 1996-060		Box 47
Stonington		
Town Court, 1893-1915		Main Vault
<i>Case Record List, 1893-1915</i> . 1 volume.		
<i>Unidentified Indexes, n.d.</i> 2 volumes Accession: 1980-016		
Stratford		
City Court, 1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases</i> . Accession: 1996-020		Box 49
Suffield		
City Court, 1955-1960		Off-site
<i>Civil Cases</i> . Accession: 1996-020		Box 50
Thomaston		
Town Court, 1876-1899.		Main Vault
<i>Civil Case Files</i> , 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1980-017		Box X-169
Torrington		
City (Justice) Court, 1798-1885		
<i>Civil Case Files, 1798-1960</i>		
1798-1885		Main Vault
1 cubic foot. Accession: 1980-018		Box X-170
1959-1960		Off-site
1 cubic foot. Accession: 1996-020		Box 51

Wallingford

Borough Court, 1886-1943 Main Vault
Files, 1886-1943
 Arranged chronologically and numerically. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-022
 Case No. 1-870 Box X-171
 Case No. 871-1120 Box X-172
Foreclosures, 1949-1955
 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1994-050 Box CCF-22

City Court, 1955-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 52

Washington

City Court, 1954-1960 **Off-site**
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 53

Waterbury

City Court, 1881-1882 Main Vault
Minutes kept by Judge Albert Bradstreet. 1 volume. Box X-173
 District Court, 1883-1895
Minutes kept by Judge Albert Bradstreet. 34 volumes. Box X-173
 & 174
 Accession: 1980-021

Waterford

City Court, 1954-1960
Civil Cases **Off-site**
 Accession: 1996-020 Box 53

Watertown

City Court, 1954-1960 **Off-site**
 Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 53

West Hartford

City Court, 1959-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020
 Case No. 6137-6418 Box 54
 Case No. 5447-5879 Box 55
 Case No. 5880-6422 Box 56

West Haven

City Court, 1933-1960
Foreclosures, 1933-1954.
 Chronologically and numerically. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1994-053 Main Vault
 1933-1943. Case No. 757-1775. Box CCF-17
 1943-1947. Case No. 1776-2212. Box CCF-18
 1947-1954. Case No. 2213-3917. Box CCF-19
Civil Cases, 1959-1960 **Off-site**
 Accession: 1996-020 Box 57

Wethersfield

City Court, 1953-1960 **Off-site**
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020 Box 58

Windsor

City Court, 1942-1960
Civil Cases. Accession: 1996-020

Off-site
Box 59

Windsor Locks

City Court, 1959-1960
Civil Cases. Accession:1996-020

Off-site
Box 60

Part IV. Judges' Notes, Dockets and Drafts, 1845-1891

A. Notes and Opinions, 1849-1891	Main Vault
Handwritten notes concerning court proceedings, with drafts or preliminary minutes and opinions. In some cases, neither author nor court has been identified. 2.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1912-001	
Fairfield Superior Court, 1863, 1865-1867, 1869, 1871-1872 11 volumes	Box 540
Hartford Superior Court, 1863-1866, 1871, 1873 7 volumes	Box 541
Litchfield Superior Court, 1863, 1868-1869, 1872-1873 5 volumes	Box 542
Middlesex Superior Court, 1864-1867, 1869-1871, 1874-1875 15 volumes	Box 543
New Haven County Court, 1849-1852 4 volumes	Box 544
New Haven Court of Common Pleas, 1885-1887, 1889, and 1891 7 volumes	Box 546
New London Superior Court, 1865, 1867, 1871 6 volumes	Box 545
Tolland Superior Court, 1864, 1868-1870, 1873-1874 8 volumes	Box 545
Windham Superior Court, 1864 1 volume	Box 545
B. Unidentified Notes, n.d.	Main Vault
Miscellaneous. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1912-001	Box 546
C. Judge William Thomas Minor, 1868-1872	Main Vault
Superior Court of Fairfield, New Haven, New London, and Windham Counties and Fairfield County Court minutes and notes. 15 volumes. 0.5 cubic feet Accession: 1912-001	Box 547
D. Judge John Turner Wait, 1845-1876	Main Vault
Lawyer who practiced in Norwich and New London and member of Congress. 0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1912-001	Box 548
E. Judge John Cotton Smith, 1796-1800	Main Vault
Lawyer, member of the General Assembly, member of Congress, Judge of the Superior Court, Governor. Born in Sharon, 1765, son of Rev. Cotton Mather Smith. Died in 1845. 1 volume. 0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1912-001	Box 549
F. Judge Roger Sherman Baldwin, 1846-1862	Main Vault
Lawyer, member of the General Assembly, Governor, United States Senator. Born New Haven, 1793. 1 volume. 0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1913-001	Box 548

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Part V. Justice of the Peace Courts, 1729-1936

History

Justices of the Peace have played a vital part in the judicial system, beginning in 1686. By the end of the seventeenth century, justices were commonly authorized to take jurisdiction over small actions. As towns were incorporated, the General Assembly authorized the creation of town and borough courts in order to handle small cases. Justices of the peace presided over these courts. In 1939, the trail justice system was enacted, vesting a limited criminal jurisdiction formerly within the power of all justices of the peace in specially designated trail justices.

Scope and Content

For the most part, these records consist of writs and dockets, and usually contain information only on the name and residence of the accused, the complaint, the trial date, the name of the justice, and a note on the service of the writ or summons. The list below is arranged alphabetically by town followed by the records' inclusive dates and total number of cubic feet of records. When known the justice's name is noted.

Provenance

The largest accessions (1940-001 and 1940-002) were transferred from Vault 16 from the Judicial Side of the State Library and Supreme Court Building to the State Archives in 1940. Another small accession was transferred to the State Archives from the Town Clerk of Darien, CT in 1986.

Related Materials

Researchers should also check the records of the Towns and Municipalities (RG 062) and the Manuscripts Collection (RG 069) for additional records relating to Justices of the Peace. Researchers may also find additional references in the Archives and Manuscripts Catalogue in the History and Genealogy Unit under *Courts, Writs, Justices of the Peace*, and *Warrants*.

Series List

Justice of the Peace Courts, 1729-1936	Main Vault
Records relating to various Justice of the Peace Courts throughout the state.	Box 548a-584
Arranged alphabetically by court ⁴⁵ . 34.5 cubic feet.	
Accession: 1940-001	
Barkhamsted, 1849-1880	Main Vault
Justice Daniel Young. 1.25 cubic feet.	Box 548a
Bristol, 1799-1800	Main Vault
Justice Simeon Hart, also includes Justice Solomon Whitman of Farmington. 1 volume. 0.05 cubic feet.	Box 549
Burlington	
See: <i>Towns and Boroughs (RG 62)</i>	
Canton	
See: <i>Towns and Boroughs (RG 62)</i>	

⁴⁵ All materials listed are part of this single accession unless otherwise noted.

Chatham, 1832-1839 Judge Noah Brooks. 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 549
Colchester, 1767-1790 Judge John Watrous. Includes marriages, 1770-1772. 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 549
Columbia <i>See: Towns and Boroughs (RG 62)</i>	
Cornwall <i>See: Towns and Boroughs (RG 62)</i>	
Coventry, 1729-1905 1729-1796, 1845-1905. 1.5 cubic feet.	Main Vault Boxes 549 & 550
Danbury, 1892-1922 4 cubic feet. Accession: 1940-002 <i>1892-1896</i> <i>1896-1903</i> <i>1904-1914</i> <i>1915-1922</i>	Main Vault Box 1 Box 2 Box 3 Box 4
Darien, 1883-1907 1 volume. 0.05 cubic feet. Accession: 1986-036.	Main Vault
Derby, 1777-1803 Justice Thomas Clark. 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 551
East Haddam, 1857-1864 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 551
East Windsor, 1785-1801 Justice Joseph Allen, 1785-1791 Justice Roswell Grant, 1798-1801 <i>See also: Roswell Grant Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:053)</i>	Main Vault Box 551
Farmington, 1763-1795 Justice Solomon Whitman. 1763-1769 <i>See also: John Treadwell Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:025) and Justice of the Peace Records for Bristol, CT (above).</i> Justice Noadiah Hooker, 1777-1783, 1789-1795 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 551
Glastonbury, 1773-1796 Justice Elizur Hale, Jr., 1773-1796. 0.25 cubic feet. <i>See also: Jonathan Hale Transcript, 974.61 H25cs, Classified Archives (RG 000); Towns and Boroughs (RG 062).</i>	Main Vault Box 552
Goshen, 1795-1820 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 553
Groton, 1819-1820 Volume also includes Montville. 0.05 cubic feet.	Main Vault Box 553

- Guilford, 1810** Main Vault
Box 553
Conn. v. Wm. Fowler. 1 document. 0.05 cubic feet.
- Hampton, 1795** Main Vault
Box 553
Utley v. Utley. 1 document. 0.05 cubic feet.
- Hartford, 1767-1884** Main Vault
Box 553
Writs, 1767, 1824, 1825, 1884. 0.05 cubic feet.
See also: *Goslee Family Papers, Manuscript Collection, (RG 069:083); Jonathan Palmer Jr. Papers, Manuscript Collection, (RG 069: 087),*
- Hartland**
1718-1919. See: Towns and Boroughs (RG 062).
- Killingworth, 1927-1936** Main Vault
Box 554
0.25 cubic feet.
- Litchfield (County)**
See: *Dwight D. Kilbourne Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:060); Lewis and Henry Norton Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:037); George Catlin Woodruff Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:094); Rodger Minott Sherman, 920 Sh560, Classified Archives (RG 001).*
- Lyme, 1790-1812** Main Vault
Box 554
Box 554
Justice William Noyes, 1790-1806. 0.05 cubic feet.
Justice David F. Sill, 1794-1812. 0.05 cubic feet.
See: *Richard Ely Selden Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:086).*
- Marlborough**
1783-1911. See: Towns and Boroughs (RG 062).
- Mansfield, 1774-1920** Main Vault
Box 555
Boxes 556-561
Boxes 562-564
1774-1825. 0.05 cubic feet.
1780-1835. Justice John Fitch. 24 cubic feet.
1803-1920. 4 cubic feet.
See container list: **Justice No. 1.**
- Middletown, 1790-1826** Main Vault
Boxes 564a
& 564b
1.25 cubic feet.
- Montville**
See: *Justice of the Peace Records, 1819-1820, Groton.*
- New Haven**
See: *Wadsworth Papers, Manuscripts Collection (RG 069:052)*
- New London, 1739-1892** Main Vault
Box 565
Boxes 566 - 571
Justices Joshua and John Hempsted, 1739-1779. 0.05 cubic feet.
1763-1892. Records have not been processed. 6 cubic feet.
See also: *Coddington Billings Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:075); Roger Hurlbutt, 974.61 N44hu, Classified Archives (RG 001); Richard Ely Selden Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:086); Towns and Boroughs (RG 062)*

<p>Newtown, 1861-1881 0.05 cubic feet.</p>	<p>Main Vault Box 573</p>
<p>Norfolk, 1861-1881 0.05 cubic feet.</p>	<p>Main Vault Box 573</p>
<p>Norwich, 1744-1760 Justice Isaac Huntington. 0.05 cubic feet. Temporarily restricted, please see State Archives staff for details.</p>	<p>Main Vault Box 574</p>
<p>Pomfret, 1792-1903 Justice Lemuel Ingals, 1792-1811. 0.05 cubic feet. Temporarily restricted, please see State Archives staff for details. See also: <i>Towns and Boroughs (RG 62).</i></p>	<p>Main Vault Box 574</p>
<p>Preston, 1807-1934 Justice Jonah Witter, 1807-1818. 0.05 cubic feet. See also: <i>Towns and Boroughs (RG 62).</i></p>	<p>Main Vault Box 575</p>
<p>Salisbury, 1757-1850 2 cubic feet. 577</p>	<p>Main Vault Boxes 576 & 577</p>
<p>Saybrook, 1819 1 document. 0.05 cubic feet.</p>	<p>Main Vault Boxes 578</p>
<p>Sharon See: <i>Towns and Boroughs (RG 062).</i></p>	
<p>Simsbury See: <i>Towns and Boroughs (RG 062).</i></p>	
<p>Somers See: <i>RG 62, Towns and Boroughs (RG 062).</i></p>	
<p>Southbury See: <i>1788-1915. RG 62. Restricted due to condition.</i></p>	
<p>Stafford, 1796-1809 Justice Eleazar W. Phelps, 1796-1807. Justice Jesse Cady, 1798-1809. 2 volumes. 0.05 cubic feet.</p>	<p>Main Vault Box 578</p>
<p>Stonington, 1769-1855 Justice Nathaniel Minor, 1769-1794. Justice Francis Sheffield, 1848-1855. 1.5 cubic feet.</p>	<p>Main Vault Box 579 Box 579</p>
<p>Tolland See: <i>Towns and Boroughs, (RG 62).</i></p>	
<p>Torrington, 1789-1927 2 cubic feet. & 581</p>	<p>Main Vault Boxes 580 & 581</p>

Union, 1774-1802

1774. 1 document. 0.05 cubic feet.
Justice Solomon Wales. 0.05 cubic feet.

Main Vault
Box 582
Box 582

Wethersfield

See: *Towns and Boroughs (RG 62)*.

Winchester, 1874-1888

1874-1885. Justice George M. Carrington. 0.05 cubic feet.

Main Vault
Box 582

Windham, 1729-1875

1729-1875. 2 cubic feet.
&584

Justice Jedediah Morse, 1784-1801, includes Woodstock. 0.05 cubic feet.
See also: *Chester Hunt Papers, Manuscript Collection (RG 069:079)*.

Main Vault
Boxes 583

Box 584

Windsor Locks

See: *Towns and Boroughs (RG 062)*.

Wolcott

See: *Towns and Boroughs (RG 062)*.

Woodbury

See: *Towns and Boroughs, (RG 62)*.

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Part VI. Naturalization Records, 1700-1900

Naturalization records of non-Federal courts in Connecticut were **transferred in 1984 to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) branch in Waltham, MA.** The records document naturalization proceedings that occurred in various superior courts, courts of common pleas, county district courts, and municipal courts. Included are declarations of intention, petitions for naturalization, indexes, and related materials. Pre-1906 records are primarily record and ledger books.

For a complete list of records transferred to NARA, see container list **Naturalization No. 1.**
For a copy of the NARA finding aid please see appendix A of this guide.

The following materials are available at the Connecticut State Archives:

Middlesex County. Superior Court

Naturalization Hearings, c. 1880-1890
1 volume. Photocopy

Main Vault
Box X-104

New London County. Superior Court

Declaration of Intended Citizenship, 1856-1873
1 volume. Photocopy

Main Vault

Microfilm of some materials transferred to NARA are available.
See container list **Naturalization No. 2.**

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Part VII. State Bar Examining Committee, 1890-1984

History

In May, 1708, the General Court resolved that “no person, except in his own case, shall be admitted to make any plea at the bar, without being first approved of by the court before whom the plea is to be made...”⁴⁶ The 1750 Statutes vested the authority for appointment of attorneys in the County Courts. From 1808 to 1821, the Superior Court also exercised the power to recognize attorneys. Since the abolition of the County Courts in 1855, the Superior Court has administered the procedures under a statute enacted that year.⁴⁷ Since about 1890, the Bar Examining Committee has had responsibility for conducting examinations. It currently holds exams twice a year.

Scope and Content

The records consist of correspondence, minutes and applications after 1890 as listed below. Researchers interested in admissions to the bar in the 18th and 19th centuries should consult County and Superior Court records for the appropriate jurisdiction in Part II of this guide.⁴⁸

Provenance

The Bar Examining Committee regularly transfers minutes, applications and supporting documents to the State Library.

Restrictions

Minutes and applications less than 75 years old are restricted by an agreement with the Bar Examining Committee.⁴⁹ Application files over 75 years old are partially restricted. The application form is open but all letters of recommendation, regardless of age, are permanently restricted. Any questions regarding access to these materials should be directed to the State Archives staff.

Series List

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|--|------------|
| A. Correspondence, 1926-1937 | Main Vault |
| From Treasurer concerning applications. 3 inches. Accession: 1978-004 | |
| B. Minutes, 1890-1977 | Main Vault |
| Arranged chronologically. 11 volumes. Accession: 1978-001 Partially Restricted. | |
| C. Applications, 1911; 1918-1984 | High Attic |
| Applicants including supporting documentation, arranged chronologically by court session and then by county or by surname. 256 boxes. Partially Restricted. | |
| See container list State Bar No. 1. | |

⁴⁶ Colonial Record, Volume 48.

⁴⁷ See *General Statutes Revised to 1993*, Sec. 51-80; a good brief history is in 129 *Connecticut Reports* 52-53.

⁴⁸ In 1973, the New Haven County Superior Court donated historical court records to the New Haven Colony Historical Society. These records are found in the Society’s Manuscript Collection #3, “Connecticut. Superior Court. Documents for New Haven County” and include admissions to the bar (no dates given) and records of the county bar association.

⁴⁹ See *Agreement Between the State Library and Bar Examining Committee*, November 1990.

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Part VIII. Coroners, 1883-1980

History

On 20 February 1639 members of the General Court requested the Deputy “to consider of some orders concerning an inquiry into the death of any that happen either accidentally or by violence ... and present it to the next Court. . . .”⁵⁰ The Code of Laws adopted in May 1650 included provision that in case of any “very sudden, untimely or unnatural death, some Magistrate or the Constable of that Town shall forthwith summon a Jury of six or twelve discreet men to inquire of the cause and manner of their death, who shall present a true verdict thereof unto some near Magistrate upon their oath.”⁵¹

For more than two hundred years this arrangement changed little. A justice of the peace or a grand juror, acting as a coroner, would convene a jury to make inquiry, take evidence, and report to the court as appropriate. The files of the Superior Court and the County Courts during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries usually include some papers pertaining to “Inquest.”

The General Assembly formally established the office of coroner on 1 May 1883.⁵² Judges of the superior court appointed one coroner for each county, on the recommendation of the state’s attorneys, for a term of three years. Each coroner then appointed a medical examiner for each town, who was to make immediate inquiry into any “sudden, violent or untimely death” or death of unknown causes. If the medical examiner could not certify that someone’s “criminal act, omission or carelessness” caused the death, he referred the matter to the coroner for inquiry. The coroner could summon a jury of six to assist him. If warranted, he referred its verdict or his report to a grand juror or a prosecuting attorney. Afterward, the coroner was to transmit inquiry records and findings to the clerk of the superior court.

In 1969, the General Assembly established a Commission on Medicolegal Investigation and an Office of the Chief Medical Examiner that reported to the commission.⁵³ The Chief Medical Examiner investigated all violent, sudden, unexpected or suspicious deaths (and other categories) and filed the findings and reports. The coroners continued to exercise their functions as before, but gradually it became evident (as it had in other states) that the office had become superfluous. In 1979, the General Assembly abolished the office of coroner on 1 October 1979.⁵⁴ The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner now carries out investigations and reports its findings, when appropriate, to the state’s attorney.

Scope and Content

Because each county coroner’s office operated autonomously, each county managed its records in a slightly different way. Each county, however, has the following basic record series, record books, hearings (also known as coroner’s findings), case files, and administrative files. Record Books (1883-1979) arranged chronologically by date of death, includes the official copy of the medical examiners’ report and may also include a copy of the coroners’ reports or findings (if a formal inquiry into the death was held), as well as any autopsy or laboratory reports. Hearings (1898-1979) consist of the transcript of the coroner’s inquiry into the death and a copy of the coroner’s report or finding. In some cases, these materials were filed separately. In those instances, the official transcript is listed under Hearings and the report is listed under Coroners Reports. Please note that a formal inquiry was only held if the Medical Examiner believed the death was “caused by the criminal act, omission, or carelessness of any other person or persons.” Case Files (1949-1979) include police investigation reports comprised of photographs and witnesses’ testimony, coroners’ notes and reports, and copies of medical examiners’ reports and hearing transcripts. These files were established in the latter half of the twentieth century. In most deaths prior to 1960 no case file was created.

⁵⁰ C.R.I., 42.

⁵¹ C.R.I., 523.

⁵² Public Acts 1883, Chapter 118.

⁵³ Public Act 699; 1969.

⁵⁴ Public Act 79-619.

In addition to these series, some county coroners also contained additional copies of materials that were later incorporated into the official Record Books. These series include Medical Examiner Reports, Coroners Reports, and various Laboratory Reports. In most cases these small series are duplicates. Researchers should access the record book first and check these series only if these materials are noted but not included in the record books. It is also important to note that the amount of records for each county coroner varies greatly. For example the State Archives has an almost complete set of records for the Hartford County Coroner but very little for the Middlesex County Coroner.

Provenance

The bulk of these records arrived at the State Library as a result of a memorandum issued by the Deputy Court Administrator on 1 August 1979 directing the coroners to turn over all records except for financial materials. During the next fourteen months, the State Archives received records from various sources including former coroners, court clerk and the Court Records Center. The latest accession of materials occurred on 30 August 1995 when the Fairfield Superior Court transferred 123 volumes of records from 1883-1948.

In 1973, the New Haven County Superior Court donated historical judicial records to the New Haven Colony Historical Society. They are found in Manuscript Collection #3, "Connecticut. Superior Court. Documents for New Haven County." The collection includes inquests, 1790-1882, boxes 4-7 and Coroner's Reports and Inquests, 1883-1899, boxes 8-25. Researchers should contact the Society directly for access to these records.

Restrictions

Please note: Records in possession of the State Library from the coroner's office are open, public records, except those records received by the coroner's office from the office of the medical examiner on or after July 1, 1970 are not available to the public through the State Library but only through the Office of the Medical Examiner. Researchers must obtain written permission from the Medical Examiner to obtain access.⁵⁵

Please note: Due to the age, condition, and the intrinsic value of many records in this group, researchers **must use** the available microfilm or Photostat copy when designated. Archival materials including microfilm of the *Connecticut Archives* and court records are **not** available for interlibrary loan. All restricted materials will be noted in red (**Restricted**).

Materials stored at an off-site location are not available on a same day basis. Please contact the History and Genealogy reference staff for further information. All materials off-site are noted (**Off-site**).

Container List

A. Fairfield County (Bridgeport), 1883-1979

1. Record Books, 1883-1979

Contain medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports.

1883-1948. 123 volumes. 65 cubic feet.

1948-1970. 140 volumes. 50 cubic feet. **Partially restricted**

1970-1979. Unbound materials, no index. 5.5 cubic feet. **Restricted**

See container list **Fairfield Coroner No. 1.**

**Off-site &
Main Vault**

2. Case files, 1968-1979

1954-1966. Homicide cases

Alphabetical by name of decedent. 1 box 0.5 cubic feet.

Accession: 1980-025

1977. Homicide case

Main Vault

⁵⁵ Opinion of Attorney General Joseph I. Leiberman to State Librarian Richard G. Akeroyd, Jr., May 4, 1987.

- Records relating to single homicide investigation. 3 boxes, 1 rolled. Box 1-3
 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-026. **Restricted**
- 1968-1979. Non-homicide cases Main Vault
 Police reports, witness statements, photographs, and copies of coroner's findings and medical examiner's reports. Chronological by year of death then alphabetical by decedent's surname. 36 boxes. 36 cubic feet. **Partially restricted**
 See container list **Fairfield Coroner No. 2.**
3. Coroner's findings, 1967-1979 Main Vault
 Duplicate information from the record books. Includes a list of findings, 1964-1977. Arranged chronologically by year then alphabetically by decedent's surname. 1 box. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-025. **Partially restricted.**
4. Hearings, 1967-1979 **Off-site**
 1908-1965. Typed transcripts of hearings.
 Arranged chronological by hearing date. 57 cubic feet.
 See container list **Fairfield Coroner No. 3.**
- 1967-1979. Typed transcripts Main Vault
 Arranged chronological by hearing date. 2.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1980-027
- 1967-1968 Box 1
 1969-1971 **Partially restricted** Box 2
 1972-1974 **Restricted** Box 3
 1975-1977 **Restricted** Box 4
 1978-1979 **Restricted** Box 5
- 1976-1979. Stenographic notes and sound tapes
 Stenographer's note books and audio tapes of hearings. 1 cubic foot. Box 6
 Accession: 1980-027. **Restricted.**
5. Laboratory reports, 1967-1979 Main Vault
 1967-1979. 1 box. 1 cubic foot. Accession: 1980-028. **Partially restricted.**
 1973-1979. Reports and related papers. 1 box. 0.50 cubic feet.
 Accession: 1980-025. **Restricted.**
6. Administrative files, 1961-1979 Main Vault
 Coroners' correspondence with deputies, medical examiners, pathologists, financial records, and an "index" to files, 1883-1955. 1 box. 0.5 cubic feet
 Accession: 1980-025. **Partially Restricted.**
- B. Hartford County, 1883-1979**
1. Records, 1883-1979 Main Vault
 Contain medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically. 55.5 cubic feet.
 1883-1934. Bound volumes, 1883-1930 (**microfilm**).
 1935-1963. Unbound originals.
 1964-1979. Unbound originals. **Partially restricted**
 1947-1979. Indices to record books.
 See container list **Hartford Coroner No. 1.**
2. Hearings, 1898-1979 Main Vault
 Contains transcript of hearing (also known as Coroner's Inquiry) and copy of Coroner's Report (also known as Coroner's Findings).
 1898-1979. Types transcripts of hearings. 52.25 cubic feet. **Partially Restricted**
 1967-1979. Stenographic notes and audio tapes. **Partially Restricted.**
 See container list **Hartford Coroner No. 2.**

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| 3. | Case files, 1968-1979
<i>1968-1979.</i> Includes files on homicide and non-homicide cases. Files contain coroners' reports, police reports, hearing transcripts, correspondence, and other related records. Arranged chronologically by death date.
Partially Restricted. See container list Hartford Coroner No. 3. | Main Vault |
| 4. | Medical Examiner Reports, 1892-1935
Original handwritten reports of medical examiner to coroner, information later transcribed and put in official Record Book (see above).
See container list Hartford Coroner No. 4. | Main Vault |
| 5. | Medical Examiner Appointments, 1883-1932
Record book listing appointments to position of town medical examiner by the Hartford County Coroner. 1 volume. Accession: 1986-050A. | Main Vault |
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| C. Litchfield County (Torrington), 1883-1979 | | |
| 1. | Records, 1883-1979
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically by medical examiner's report. <i>1883-1944.</i> Bound volumes, 1883-1930 (microfilm). <i>1952-1979.</i> Unbound originals. 6 cubic feet. Partially Restricted.
See container list Litchfield Coroner No. 1. | Main Vault |
| 2. | Hearings, 1917-1979
Contains transcript of hearing (also known as Coroner's Inquiry) and copy of Coroner's Report (also known as Coroner's Findings). 7 cubic feet.
Partially Restricted. See container list Litchfield Coroner No. 2. | Main Vault |
| 3. | Case files, 1951-1978
Includes files on homicide and non-homicide cases. Files contain coroners' reports, police reports, hearing transcripts, correspondence, and other related records. Arranged alphabetically by year. 19.25 cubic feet.
Partially Restricted. See container list Litchfield Coroner No. 3. | Main Vault |
| 4. | Medical Examiner Reports, 1903-1928
Duplicate copies of materials in the Record Books (see above).
1 cubic foot. Accession: 1979-013
1903 April 1-1910 June 28
1927 January 2-1928 March 24 | Main Vault

Box 1
Box 2 |
| 3. | Administrative files, 1950-1979
Includes correspondence, administrative papers, and reference materials.
1 cubic foot. Accession: 1979-009 | Main Vault
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| D. Middlesex County (Middletown), 1951-1979 | | |
| 1. | Records, 1963-1966;1977
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically by medical examiner's report. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-015
<i>1963 January-1964 October</i>
<i>1964 November-1965 December</i>
<i>1966 January-December</i>
<i>1977 January-August</i> Restricted | Main Vault

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| 2. Hearings, 1967-1970
Transcripts of Coroner's Hearings. Arranged chronological by date of hearing.
0.75 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-015
<i>1967 January-1969 December</i>
<i>1970 February-1971 April</i> Partially Restricted | Main Vault

Box 1
Box 2 |
| 3. Case files, 1953-1979
Includes coroners' notes and reports, police and medical examiners' reports, laboratory reports, photographs, hearing transcripts, etc. Arranged into three groups.
10 cubic feet. Partially Restricted
See contain list Middlesex Coroner No. 1. | Main Vault |
| 4. Administrative files, 1951-1979
Office files including correspondence, directives, supply orders, receipts for valuables and various reports including police, toxicological and autopsy reports. 0.75 cubic feet.
Accession: 1979-015.
<i>1953-1978. Files</i> Partially Restricted
<i>1951-1979. Reports</i> Partially Restricted | Main Vault

Box 1
Box 2 |
| E. New Haven County (New Haven), 1883-1980 | |
| 1. Record books, 1883-1979
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically. 51 cubic feet.
<i>1883-1935 April.</i> Bound volumes, 1883-1931 (microfilm).
<i>1935 July-1979.</i> Unbound originals. Partially Restricted.
See container list New Haven Coroner No. 1. | Main Vault |
| 2. Coroner's Findings, 1975-1979
Report issued by coroner after inquiry. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-036
Partially Restricted | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 3. Hearings, 1962-1978
Transcripts of Coroner's Inquiry. Arranged chronologically by death date.
Partially Restricted.
See container list New Haven Coroner No. 2. | Main Vault |
| 4. Case Files, 1969-1979
State Police investigation files of automobile accidents only. Files contain eyewitness interviews, lab reports, medical examiner and coroner's findings, diagrams and photographs. 3 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-033.
<i>1968 January-1974 December</i> Partially Restricted
<i>1976 June-1979 February</i> Restricted
<i>1976 August-1979 December</i> Restricted | Main Vault

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Box 3 |
| 5. Toxicological Reports, 1976-1980.
Copies of toxicological reports. 0.25 c.f. Accession: 1979-035 Restricted | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 6. Administrative files, 1961-1979.
Correspondence and administrative instructions. 0.50 cubic feet.
Accession: 1979-034 Partially Restricted | Main Vault
Box 1 |

F. New Haven County (Waterbury), 1917-1979

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| 1. | Record books, 1917-1970
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and various laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically by medical examiner's report. 96 cubic feet.
<i>1917-1935 June</i> . Bound volumes. (1917-1931 microfilm)
<i>1935 July-1945 December</i> Unbound originals
<i>1945 December-1970 September</i> Bound volumes. Partially restricted
<i>1971 January-1979 August</i> Unbound originals. Restricted
<i>1917-1979</i> . Index
See container list Waterbury No. 1 | Main Vault |
| 2. | Coroner's Findings, 1923-1935
Report issued by coroner after inquiry. Copy often availed in record books. 2 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-030
<i>1923 December-1927 November</i>
<i>1927 November-1933 September</i>
<i>1933 September-1935 July</i>
<i>1933-1936 Miscellaneous findings</i> | Main Vault

Box 1
Box 2
Box 3
Volume 11 |
| 3. | Hearings, 1917-1979
Transcripts of Coroner's Inquiry. Arranged chronologically by death date.
Partially restricted. See container list Waterbury No. 2. | Main Vault |
| 4. | Case files, 1949-1979
Includes police reports, photographs, hearing transcripts, coroner's notes and reports. Arranged alphabetically by year with some overlap. 25 cubic feet.
Partially restricted. See container list Waterbury No. 3. | Main Vault |
| 5. | Medical Examiner's Reports, 1922-1935
Duplicate copies of materials in the Record Books (see above). 2.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-030
<i>1922 January-1929 June</i>
<i>1929 June-1934 November</i>
<i>1934 November-1935 June</i> | Main Vault

Box 1
Box 2
Box 3 |
| 6. | Toxological Reports, 1970-1975
Copies of toxological reports. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-030
Restricted. | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 7. | Personal Effects, 1959-1970
Receipts for valuables. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-030 | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 8. | Administrative Files, 1919-1976
Office files including correspondence, directives, supply orders, photographs and various reports including police, toxicological and autopsy reports. 1.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-030
<i>1919-1936</i> . Financial records
<i>1947-1976</i> . Miscellaneous correspondence. Partially restricted.
<i>1954-1967</i> .
<i>1968-1972</i> . Partially restricted. | Main Vault

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Box 2
Box 3
Box 4 |

G. New London County (New London), 1883-1979

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| 1. | <p>Records, 1883-1969
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically by medical examiner's report. 1883-1935. Bound volumes (1883-1932 microfilm) 1935-1969. Unbound originals.
See container list New London Coroner No. 1.</p> | Main Vault |
| 2. | <p>Hearings, 1928-1957
Transcripts of Coroner's Hearings. Arranged chronological by date of hearing.
See container list New London Coroner No. 2.</p> | Main Vault |
| 3. | <p>Case files, 1972-1979.
Includes police reports, photographs, hearing transcripts, coroner's notes and reports. Arranged alphabetically. 8 cubic feet.
See container list New London Coroner No. 3.</p> | Main Vault |
| 4. | <p>Medical Examiner Reports, 1893-1935
Duplicate set of Medical Examiner Reports. Materials are unbound and dates are not complete.
See container list New London Coroner No. 4.</p> | Main Vault |
| 5. | <p>Appointments, 1883-1939.
Record book listing appointments to position of town medical examiner by the New London County Coroner. Accession: 1979-023</p> | Main Vault
Vol. 1 |
| 6. | <p>Administrative papers, 1973-1979
Contains correspondence, lab reports, coroner's findings, medical examiner reports and other materials generated by the Coroner's Office. 1.5 cubic foot. Accession: 1979-024</p> | Main Vault
Box 1 & 2 |

H. Tolland County (Rockville), 1883-1979

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| 1. | <p>Record books, 1883-1936; 1968-1978
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports. Arranged chronologically by medical examiner's report. 1883-1936. Bound volumes (1883-1930 microfilm). 1968-1978 August. Unbound originals. Partially restricted.
See container list Tolland No. 1.</p> | Main Vault |
| 2. | <p>Hearings, 1931-1969
Transcripts of Coroner's Hearings. Arranged chronological by date of hearing. 8 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-025
See container list Tolland No. 2</p> | Main Vault |
| 3. | <p>Case files, 1964-1979
Includes investigation reports, autopsy and lab reports, correspondence, hearing transcripts. Arranged by case number see card index listed above. 20 cubic feet. Partially restricted.
See container list Tolland No. 3.</p> | Main Vault |
| 4. | <p>Index to Case Files, n.d.
Two card index files. One arranged alphabetically by deceased name, the second chronologically then alphabetically. Accession: 1979-026.</p> | Main Vault
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| 5. | State Police Reports, 1967-1979.
State Police reports on untimely deaths, 1967-1979. Arranged chronologically.
Partially restricted. 0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-025 | Main Vault
Box 20 |
| 6. | Administrative files, 1964-1978.
Includes correspondence and a form file consisting of property receipts and toxicology reports. Arranged in a roughly chronological order. 0.50 cubic feet.
Accession: 1979-025 | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| I. Windham County (Putnam), 1883-1979 | | |
| 1. | Record books, 1883-1942
Contains medical examiner's reports, coroner's findings, pathologist's findings and laboratory reports . 4 cubic feet. Volumes. 1-7, 1883-1932. (microfilm) .
<i>1883-1935 June.</i> Bound originals
<i>1935 July-1942 June.</i> Unbound originals.
See container list Windham No. 1. | Main Vault |
| 2. | Case files, 1960-1979
Includes police reports, photographs, hearing transcripts, coroner's notes and reports. Arranged alphabetically. 6 cubic feet. Partially restricted.
See container list Windham No. 2. | Main Vault |
| 3. | Medical Examiner Reports, 1927-1928
Manuscript copies of Medical Examiner Reports (duplicate).
0.5 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-019 | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 4. | Hearings, 1961-1965
Transcripts of Coroner's Inquiry, arranged chronologically with list.
0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-019 | Main Vault
Box 1 |
| 5. | Appointments, 1915-1963
Medical examiners appointed by town. 0.25 cubic feet. Accession: 1979-019 | Main Vault
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Judicial Records Frequently Asked Questions

What are court records?

All types of legal documents relevant to court action including but not limited to dockets, formal decisions, rules, appointments, judges' notes and opinions, indexes, case files, record books, executions, reports, and administrative papers, as well as materials from related entities such as the State Bar Examining Committee, Coroners and Medical Examiners, County Commissioners, and Sheriffs.

Who uses these historic records?

Researchers interested in a wide variety of subjects use the court records. For example, genealogists often find a wealth of information about their ancestors in court records. Historically a large portion of the population used the court system to settle simple civil matters like actions to collect debts in addition to obtaining a divorce or license. People interested in land boundaries find the court records useful in determining past litigation surrounding a particular piece of property. Rights of way can also be researched using court records. Historians use court records to research a wide array of topics from the history of the judicial system in Connecticut to analyses of early race relations.

Which courts created these records?

State Courts: General Court (General Assembly), 1636-1820; Supreme Court of Errors, 1784-1901; Particular Court, 1639-1665; Court of Assistants, 1665-1711; and Superior Court, 1711-1879.

Courts at the County Level: (dates vary among the counties) Supreme Court of Errors, 1819-1977; Superior Court, 1711-1969; County Court, 1661-1897; Maritime Court, 1776-1787; and Court of Common Pleas, 1859-1969.

The State Library does not have records from every county's court. See table below:

Court	Fairfield	Hartford	Litchfield	Middlesex	New Haven	New London	Tolland	Windham
Supreme Court of Errors	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Superior Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
County Court	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Maritime Court	X	X	X		X	X		
Court of Common Pleas	X	X	X		X	X		X

How do I determine which court created records relating to my research?

It is sometimes difficult to determine which court heard a particular case, but certain basic guidelines do apply.

- 1). The approximate date of the case. It is important to know when the case was heard. The Connecticut judicial system is not static and has undergone several major organizational changes over the past 350 years. Knowing the date of the case will help determine which court most likely heard the case or at least help narrow down the possibilities.

- 2). Was the case criminal or civil? There is often not a clear cut division between the courts (some heard civil, some heard criminal, some heard both), but knowing the nature of the case can help narrow your search. The Particular Court and the Supreme Court of Errors heard early criminal cases. Later, these cases were heard by the individual county courts including the Supreme Court, Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas, and the Maritime Court. The Particular Court and the Supreme Court of Errors also

heard early civil cases. The Superior Court, County Court, Court of Common Pleas, and the Maritime Court handled later civil litigation.

3) Once you have determined which court may have heard the individual case, the docket book is the best place to start. The volumes are arranged chronologically and occasionally indexed by name. Docket books often contain a brief case summary and the execution is often available. [Note: execution, when used here, refers to a record of when and how a writ was completed.] Researchers can also determine the exact hearing date from the docket books. Also request the Trials volume (the brief case summary) for the time period of your case if it is available. Originally, dockets and trials were put together, but in the early 19th century, the courts separated them into different volumes.

4) With the hearing date from the docket, researchers can then request the files (also know as case files or judgments). These files include the papers received or created by the court session, but not transcripts of the proceedings.

5) In addition to files, researchers should also consult Papers by Subject. This is an artificial collection of materials removed from the main court files by library staff in the early 20th century. These cases are sorted by subject and some topics include Appointments, Conservators and Guardians, Divorces, Executions, Indians, and Travel.

What about divorce records?

Early divorce records can be found in court files (often placed in Papers by Subject). Later cases were filed separately by some individual courts and are arranged by case number. The clerks of the court have retained the permanent dockets. Therefore, researchers must obtain docket numbers from the particular Superior Court for a case prior to requesting the file. The State Library only has divorces till the mid-20th century any divorce after that time is available at the individual court.

Where can I find a will?

Probate courts have jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons, testamentary trusts, adoptions, conservators, commitment of the mentally ill, guardians of the persons and estates of minors. Please check records of the Probate Court (RG 004) for these records.

What about modern court records?

The bulk of the court records held by the State Archives is from the 18th and 19th century. Early 20th century records are available at the State Library but the majority of modern records remain with the individual courts or have been transferred to the court's record center in Enfield, CT. Researchers must contact the individual clerks of the court to obtain access.

Selected Glossary⁵⁶

APPEAL. To resort to a superior court to review the decision of an inferior court or administrative agency.

APPOINTMENT. The designation of a person, by the person or person having authority therefore, to discharge the duties of some office or trust. For example the County Coroners were given the power, by statute, to appoint Medical Examiners for every town within their county.

ASSIGNMENT. A transfer or making over to another of the whole of any property, real or personal, in possession or in action, or of any estate or right therein.

AUDITOR. 1) One who checks the accuracy, fairness, and general acceptability of accounting records and statements and then attests to them. 2) An officer of the court, assigned to state the items of debit and credit between the parties in a suit where accounts are in question, and exhibit the balance.

BAR ASSOCIATION. An association of members of the legal profession.

BRIEF. A written statement prepared by the counsel arguing a case in court. It contains a summary of the facts of the case, the pertinent laws, and an argument of how the law applies to the facts supporting the counsel's position.

CASE. A general term for an action, cause, suit, or controversy, at law or in equity.

CIVIL CASE. Of or relating to the state or its citizenry. Relating to private rights and remedies sought by civil actions as contrasted with criminal proceedings.

CLERK. Officer of the court who files pleadings, motions, judgments, etc., issues process, and keeps records of court proceedings.

COSTS. 1) A pecuniary allowance, made to the successful party (and recoverable from the losing party), for his expenses in prosecuting or defending an action or a distinct proceeding within an action. 2) Fees and charges required by law to be paid to the courts or some of their officers.

COURT CALENDAR. A list of cases awaiting trial or other disposition; sometimes called "trail list" or "docket."

COURT REPORTER. A person who transcribes testimony during court proceedings, or at trial related proceedings such as depositions.

CORONER. Public official charged with duty to make inquiry into the causes and circumstances of any death which occurs through violence or suddenly and with marks of suspicion; i.e. unnatural death. The functions and duties of coroners have been diminished having been replaced by medical examiners.

CORONER'S INQUEST. An inquisition or examination into the causes and circumstance of any death happening by violence or under suspicious conditions, held by the coroner with the assistance of a jury.

CRIMINAL. That which pertains to or is connected with the law of crimes, or the administration of penal justice, or which relates to or has the character of crime.

DECISION. A determination of judicial or quasi-judicial nature. A judgment or decree pronounced by a court in settlement of a controversy submitted to it and by way of authoritative answer to the questions raised before it.

⁵⁶ Definitions taken from *Black's Law Dictionary* (5th Ed) 1979 and (6th Ed) 1990. Examples and other definitions (records related) provided by State Archives Staff.

DECLARATION. The first of the pleadings on the part of the plaintiff in an action at law, being a formal and methodical specification of the facts and circumstances constituting his cause or actions.

DEFAULT. The omission or failure to perform a legal or contractual duty, e.g. the failure to appear when summoned to court.

DEFAULT-JUDGEMENT. Under Rules of Civil Procedure, when a party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought has failed to plead (i.e. answer) or otherwise defend, he is in default and a judgment by default may be entered either by the clerk or the court.

DEPOSITION. Testimony of witness, taken in writing, under oath or affirmation, before some judicial officer in answer to questions or interrogatories. A transcript, word for word account, is made of the deposition.

DISCONTINUED CASE. The cessation of the proceedings in an action where the plaintiff voluntarily puts an end to it, either by giving notice in writing to the defendant before any step has been taken in the action subsequent to the answer, or at any other time by order of the court or a judge. A non-suit; dismissal.

DISPOSITION. Act of disposing; transferring to the care or possession of another. The parting with, alienation of, or giving up property. In criminal procedure, the sentencing or other final settlement of a criminal case.

DISMISSAL. An order or judgment finally disposing of an action, suit, motion, etc., without trial of the issues involved. Such may be either voluntary or involuntary.

DIVORCE. The legal separation of man and wife, effected by the judgment or decree of a court, and either totally dissolving the marriage relation, or suspending its effects so far as concerns the cohabitation of the parties.

DOCKET. A formal record, entered in brief, of the proceedings in a court of justice. A book containing an entry in brief of all the important acts done in court in the conduct of each case, from its inception to its conclusion. The name of "docket" or "trial docket" is sometimes given to the list or calendar of causes set to be tried at a specified term, prepared by the clerks for the use of the court and bar.

EXECUTION. Record of when and how a writ was completed, not to be confused with capital punishment.

FILE. Papers received or created by the court session. Also called judgments.

FORECLOSURE. A termination of all rights of the mortgagor or his grantee in the property covered by the mortgage. Procedure by which mortgaged property is sold on default of mortgagor in satisfaction of mortgage debt.

HABEAS CORPUS. The name given to a variety of writs having for their object to bring a party before a court or judge.

INSOLVENCY. The condition of a person who is insolvent; inability to pay one's debts; lack of means to pay one's debts.

INQUEST. The inquiry by a coroner or medical examiner, sometimes with the aid of a jury, into the means of death of any one who has been slain, or had died suddenly or by violence or in prison.

JUDGMENT. The final decision of the court resolving the dispute and determining the rights and obligations of the parties. Some county courts used the term judgments interchangeably with files meaning the official record of the proceedings.

JURY. A body of persons selected according to law, and sworn to inquire of certain matters of fact, and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them. This definition embraces the various subdivisions of juries: as grand jury, petit jury, common jury, special jury, coroner's jury, and sheriff's jury.

JURIES IMPANELED. Impanel, the act of the clerk of the court in making up a list of the jurors who have been selected for the trial of a particular cause. All the steps of ascertaining who shall be the proper jurors to sit in the trial of a particular case up to the final formation.

LICENSE. The permission by competent authority to do an act which, without such permission, would be illegal, a trespass, or a tort.

MARITIME COURT. A court exercising jurisdiction over all maritime contracts, torts, injuries, or offenses.

MEDICAL EXAMINER. Public officer charged with responsibility of investigating all sudden, unexplained, unnatural or suspicious deaths reported to him, including the performance of autopsies and assisting the state in criminal homicide cases. The medical examiner has replaced the coroner in many states.

MINUTES. A memorandum of what takes place in court, made by authority of the court.

MITTIMUS. 1) The name of a precept in writing, issuing from a court, directed to the sheriff or other officer, commanding him to convey to the prison the person named therein, and to the jailer, commanding him to receive and safely keep such person until he shall be delivered by due course of law. 2) Transcript of minutes of conviction and sentence duly certified by court clerk. 3) A writ enclosing a record sent to be tried in a county, it derives its name from the Latin word mittimus, "we send."

NATURALIZATION. The process by which a person acquires nationality after birth and becomes entitled to the privileges of citizenship.

NO APPEARANCE FILE. Cases in which both parties in lawsuit failed to appear in court.

NOTARY PUBLIC. One who is authorized by the state or federal government to administer oaths, and to attest to the authenticity of signatures.

PAPERS BY SUBJECT. Materials removed from County Court and Superior Court files by State Library staff and placed into artificial subject categories.

REASONS OF THE COURT. An inducement, motive, or ground for action, as in the phrase "reasons for an appeal."

RECORD. A written account of some act, court proceeding, transaction, or instrument, drawn up, under authority of the law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as a memorial or permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates.

STATE'S ATTORNEY. An officer who represents the State in securing indictments and in prosecuting criminal cases. Also called the District Attorney or Prosecuting Attorney.

SUMMONS. Writ or process directed to the sheriff or other proper officer, requiring him to notify the person named that an action has been commenced against him in the court from where the process issues, and that he is required to appear, on a day named, and answer the complaint in such action.

TAVERNER. In old English law, a seller of wine; one who kept a house or shop for the sale of wine.

TORT. A private or civil wrong or injury, other than breach of contract, for which the court will provide remedy in the form of an action for damages.

TRANSCRIPT. An official copy of the record of proceedings in a trial or hearing. Word-for-word typing of everything that was said “on the record” during a trial.

TRIAL. A judicial examination, in accordance with law of the land, of a cause, either civil or criminal, of the issues between the parties, whether of law or fact, before a court that has proper jurisdiction.

WITNESS. A person whose declaration under oath (or affirmation) is received as evidence for any purpose, whether such declaration be made on oral examination or by deposition or affidavit.

WRIT. An order issued from a court requiring the performance of a specified act, or giving authority to have it done.

WITHDRAWAL. (of charges) A failure to prosecute by the person preferring charges-distinguished from a dismissal, which is a determination of their invalidity by the tribunal hearing them.