

Florence Griswold Museum  
Lyme Historical Society Archives  
96 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371

GUIDE  
Coult Collection (1738-1841)

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:** The Coultts were primarily farmers, although several members were schoolteachers for a while. Although not among the earliest settlers of the town, in the late 1700's and early 1800's the family amassed some 300 acres between Tantummaheag and the Neck Road. The earliest members represented here are John Coult (1725-1784), his sons Benjamin (1762-1838) and William (1776-1858), called Deacon William, and their respective sons George (1805-1841) and William Ely (1797-1877). The largest single bulk of papers William E. and his family - Mary, Abbie, & William Fisher.

**HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION:** The papers were maintained in the family until the death of William F. Coult's wife, Mabel Littlefield. The Collection came to the Society in 1964 from Peirce Littlefield, administrator of his sister's estate. In addition to the papers there are a group of books, come photographs and a collection of farm implements.

**SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION:** Beyond deeds and some rudimentary financial records, the COULT Collection reflects the family's interest and activity in school and church. There are a group of church records, programs, ect., as well as material on the Neck School District, including minutes from 1830 to 1860, on the Lyme Academy, Black Hall School and the Central School.

**Box 1**

Folder:	Items	
1)	1	Index
2)	9	Genealogical Items
3)	13	Deeds to 1800
4)	12	Deeds, 1801-1820
5)	15	Deeds, 1820-1840
6)	11	Deeds, 1841
7)	1	Marvin, Elizabeth - Account Book
8)	1	W.E. Coult, Account Book
9)	1	W.F. Coult, Account Book
10)	1	William F. Coult, Account Book
11)	1	Steamer Middlesex
12)	1	Ben Coult, 1738-1781 - Receipts
13)	4	John Coult, Estae

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14)	23	George R. Coult, Financial
15)	6	Benjamin Coult, Estate
16)	19	William Coult, Receipts
17)	2	William Coult, Estate
18)	3	Mary Coult, Estate
19)	11	William E. Coult, Receipts
20)	5	William E. Coult, Estate
21)	3	William E. Coult, Commission
22)	8	Letters to 1880
23)	13	Letters, 1881-1890
24)	6	Letters, 1891-1929

**Box 2**

25)	1	Mary Coult, Diary 1880
26)	1	MS Music book
27)	1	Anthem
28)	7	MS Poetry
29)	14	Church, Financial
30)	3	Church, Bequest
31)	12	Church, Programs
32)	2	Church, Manuals
33)	1	Church, Sunday school Library
34)	5	Church, Sermons
35)	1	Judah Champion, sermon
36)	1	Frederick W. Hotchkiss, sermon
37)	5	William E. Coult, School papers
38)	1	William E. Coult, Math book
39)	1	William E. Coult, Math exercises
40)	1	Samuel Griswold, Math exercises
41)	1	William E. Coult, Atlas
42)	8	Neck School District
43)	4	Lyme Academy
44)	3	Drawing books
45)	2	Penmanship book

**Box 3**

46)	7	Merit Awards
47)	1	French exercise book
48)	10	Black Hall School "Owl"
49)	4	Black Hall Alumni
50)	6	Old Lyme High School Graduations
51)	3	Old Lyme Public Schools
52)	1	Old Lyme Assessment

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53)	2	Organizations
54)	9	Entertainment programs
55)	3	New Haven, New London Railroad
56)	1	Creamery
57)	1	Norwich Map
58)	23	Wedding Invitations
59)	35	Calling Cards
60)	3	Miscellaneous printed matter
61)	3	Miscellaneous MS
62)	2	American Missionary

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