

Charles Noyes Chadwick Papers

Overview:

Charles Noyes Chadwick (1849-1917) was the oldest surviving child of Daniel Chadwick, Jr., and Ellen Noyes Chadwick. Educated at Yale and in Germany, he lived most of the time in Brooklyn but spent holidays and vacations at his parents' home on Ferry Road. He later inherited "the house on the hill" built in 1820 by his grandfather Enoch Noyes on the site of an early Mather house on Ferry Road. In 1873 after a 3-year courtship Chadwick married Alice Ann Caruth, who was born in Virginia and moved to Brooklyn to attend the Packer Institute. Mrs. Chadwick co-founded the first kindergarten in Brooklyn in 1876, which in 1883 was incorporated as the Froebel Academy. Charles and Alice Chadwick are listed as co-founders of the Academy, where he presented several papers on education. He was active in other civic organizations in Brooklyn and a member of its Board of Education from 1896-1899. After working as a commission merchant in lower Manhattan, he founded the C.N. Chadwick Company, which made, among other goods, children's underwaists. In 1905 he was selected to head New York City's Water Board. As commissioner, he designed a system to bring water from the Catskills to New York City's reservoirs. Chadwick died in Brooklyn in 1920. Charles and Alice Chadwick had five children: Charles, Alice, George, Ellen and Mary.

The box of Charles Noyes Chadwick's papers includes a detailed inventory:

Folder 1) Charles N. Chadwick, "Water Laws, State and National," in *American Forestry*, Nov. 1913

Folder 2) Memorial Book – Charles N. Chadwick Oct. 23, 1920 (tribute from the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York): "He was a leader in the public discussion from 1895 to 1905 which culminated in the adoption of a plan for securing an additional water supply for the City of New York from the Catskill Watershed; and in June, 1905, was appointed Commissioner of the Board of Water Supply. . ."

Folder 3) Correspondence and Clippings: admission to New England Society 1886; letter from C. H. Ludington, Oct. 3, 1907, accompanying gift of volume about achievements of Ludington ancestors, Col Henry Ludington: A Memoir; election to New England Society in the State of New York, 1917; clippings: "Lyme's great lawyers" and Herbert L. Bridgman, "Memorial Address at the Froebel Academy of Brooklyn," 1921.

Folder 4) Correspondence and notes: 2 letters from Uncle Charles R. Noyes, Nov. 1892, opposing proposal to move Old Lyme depot; notes for presentation to oppose changing Lyme depot

Folder 5) Draft of letter to editor of *Sound Breeze* about proposed Lyme High School; Articles of Lyme High School Association

Folder 6) envelope (empty), Rev. Noyes house picture; envelope (empty) plan of interior of the old church in the Meeting House Hills, drawn by William Coult for the 1876 centennial; 1883 letter to "My precious friend" from "Hettie" about her illness; receipt, C.N.C. to J.E. Noyes for cradling buckwheat & fixing cradle, husking & carting stalks, etc., Marcy 12, 1910; receipt for taxes of \$2910 paid to town of Old Lyme, June 23, 1908; receipt from O. G. Beckwith, Bank St., New London, for harness, Aug. 20, 1908; letter to Mrs. Charles N. Chadwick, Summit, N.J. , from Probate Judges Office, Toledo, Ohio, explaining sale of her lot; clipping on "the water situation," New-York Daily Tribune, March 15, 1909.

Folder 7) Petitions, Letters, articles & notices regarding the New London-East Lyme Street Railway Trolley Line. December 14, 1908-March 1909. 72 items.

Folder 8) Petitions, Letters, articles & notices regarding the New London-East Lyme Street Railway Trolley Line, February 15, 1910-August 13, 1912. 62 items.

Folder 9a/b) Petitions, Letters, articles & notices regarding the New London-East Lyme Street Railway Trolley Line. 1909, 1911, May 23, 1912-April 1913. 89 items.