

Daniel Chadwick Papers

Overview:

Hon. Daniel Chadwick, Jr. (1825-1884) was the son of Capt. Daniel Chadwick and Nancy Waite Chadwick. He married Ellen Noyes (1824-1900) in 1849 and had three children: Charles Noyes Chadwick, Anna Bertha Chadwick, and Ernest Chadwick. Daniel and Ellen lived first in the large white house on Lyme Street (built c. 1850 as a wedding gift from their fathers Enoch Noyes and Capt. Daniel Chadwick) across from the Lyme Art Association gallery and later in a house built on the triangle between Ferry Road and Neck Road (later the Nut Museum). Daniel's law office was located across the Neck Road on the west bank of the Lieutenant River. Chadwick was educated at the high school of Isaac Webb in Middletown, then at Yale where he graduated in 1845. He studied law with Hon. Henry M. Waite and practiced in Old Lyme for many years. He was State Attorney for New London County in the 1860s and 1870s and was later appointed by President Hayes, his high school classmate, as U.S. District Attorney from Connecticut.

Daniel Chadwick's legal papers, contained in seven boxes, have not been indexed.

Box 1: legal notebooks and briefs, 1863-1871

Box 2: legal notebooks, legal briefs, statements of accused

Box 3: misc. legal papers, New London County from 1862 include: receipts, correspondence, legal briefs, subpoenas, summonses; several letters from Peleg Noyes in Pawcatuck, CT, and Westerly, RI; petition written Oct. 8, 1862, by Henry Comstock and signed by most of the legal voters in Hadlyme requesting that he investigate the town of Lyme's failure to repair the road to Hadlyme ferry, "which is in a most dangerous condition for public travel."

Box 4: misc. notebooks for New London County cases argued 1863ff.

Box 5: misc. legal documents; letters about and notifications of pending legal cases; demand notes for New London County legal services, 1834 ff.; Account of Monies Received, Aug. 1861, by D. Chadwick, States Atty.; Payment of Cases and Forfeited Bonds, July 1861 to May 10, 1864; subpoenas, 1874

Folder 1: letter to Capt. Daniel Chadwick from 27 passengers on the packet ship Wellington, June 29, 1843:

To Captain Daniel Chadwick of the Packet Ship Wellington –
Sir,

We the undersigned, being the Cabin passengers on board the Packet Ship Wellington, on her passage from Newyork to London, adopt this method of expressing to you our great satisfaction at the admirable manner in which you have in every particular ministered to our comforts during the very agreeable voyage with which we have been favored –

It has been most gratifying to us, to witness the excellent order, and obliging behaviour, of all the officers and crew of your vessel which while we recognize your own exemplary discipline, we are disposed in a great measure to ascribe to the introduction of temperance principles, vows so happily prevalent –

In taking leave of you, believe us to be sincere in hoping that as long as it may be your province to cross the atlantic, your voyages may be be [sic] as prolific of advantage and comfort to yourself, as the present has been conducive to our collective and individual enjoyment

We are very respectfully

Your friends

[27 signatures]

On board the Ship
Wellington – June 29th
1843 –

Folder 2: legal correspondence :

a. Letter to D. C. from S. K. Tillinghast, Constable, Stonington, Feb 27th 1872: “I wish to say something in regard to the large amount of fees charged in the case State vs Francis, Nonsuch, Knowlton, and Marsh. Those young men entered the store and committed the assault and robbery about 7 ½ oclock in the evening and made their escape, it was such a bold and daring robbery or attempt at robbery (for they intended to put out the lights and rob the Store) that I deemed it best to use all my power to have them arrested to do this I sent men and teams out on all roads leading out of Stonington Borough who kept up the search until late in the night and early next morning commenced the search again and captured them about noon about 10 miles from here the amount charged will only pay the men engaged in the search reasonable compensation for their services and carriage hire, two of the men froze their fingers and one froze his feet that night I refer you to Sheriff Wheeler and Giles Babcock who advised extra efforts to find these ruffians and are knowing to this extra outlay and expence. Mr Elias Babcock was not in condition to describe those robbers and we supposed they were four men instead of boys.”

b. Letter to D. C. from G. F. Raymond, March 16yh, 1871, regarding the first selectman in Waterford; “. . .the whole trouble between the Daniels arose because Mr. J. Palmer the first Select man in Waterford had abated the taxes of the old man Daniels and had made the rest of them pay and as they say because the old man voted the Republican ticket. . . .”

c. Account sheet listing cost of boarding prisoners (before conviction), New London County Prison, 1864 [cost for 6 weeks was \$18.00].

d. Letter [and other correspondence regarding this case] to D. C. from Geo. Robinson, Asst. Comptroller, State of Connecticut, Jany 13, 1865: recommends that a bounty be denied to the woman purporting to be the wife of Timothy O’Connell, a deserter from the 13th Regt., without “the most satisfactory evidence.”

e. Letter to D. C. from Samuel Hopley, city missionary, Norwich, Dec. 5, 1866: “I would appeal to you in reference to the boy George Brown now confined in the jail in this city. He plead guilty to the charge of theft—of a few articles of small account. This is his first offense and the boy appears very penitent and promises good behaviour in the future. . . .”

f. Letter to D. C. from J. G. Bill, Norwich, Feb. 16th, 1874: “Nicholas Lamphear was brought before me the other day charged with the crime of Adultery. I believed him to be guilty. . . .”

g. Letter to D. C. from A. M. Raymond, Sheriff, Norwich, Mar 3rd, 1874: “I have a man in jail sentenced by Justice White of North Stonington to seven dollars & costs and thirty days

imprisonment all of which would hold him nine months more or less. Deputy Clemence has a warrant for an attempt to Rape at East Lyme against the same party now in jail (or supposed to be same party) the friends of Miss Way insist upon my allowing the man to be taken to East Lyme at once for identification and examination which I have refused to do believing it to be unsafe as the feelings towards the party are such I fear he would be taken from us and be mobbed. I have tried to prevail upon her friends to have her brought to Jail for the purpose of identification which they refused to do saying she shall not come to Jail for that purpose and further that she shall not appear at the Superior Court but will wait until the expiration of his sentence and take the law into their own hands or in other words shoot him. Please advise me in the matter at once. I think I am right in holding him in Jail and waiting a Bench Warrant in the Rape Case from you.”

h. Letter [and follow-up letter] to D. C. from A. M. Raymond, Norwich, Mch 3, 1874: “The man is supposed to be one John Finnersy & the girl Mary Way of East Lyme. Crime assault with intent to commit a rape as I understand it. We suppose this to be the Man who attempted to commit a Rape sometime last Feby upon a Lady in North Stonington & for which or for assault upon her was tried before Justice White last Saturday & was sentenced to Jail for thirty days fined \$7 & costs amtg to some \$30—We suppose him also guilty of an attempt to rape a Mrs Luile of Preston about the same time. . . .”

Box 6: Criminal Dockets, 1861-1874

Box 7:

- a. Notebook with notes in pencil on Lyme history and shipbuilding.
- b. Notebook with research notes and alphabetical entries in pencil on such topics as Lyme history, education, Meeting House, and other unrelated topics, like imagination, prayer, obedience of Christ, literary men.

Folder 1. Personal Remembrances and Local History Lyme. . . contains one photograph, “probably John Wait”

Folder 2. Daniel Chadwick, Jr. – Typed Manuscripts and Letters; includes typed copies, several in duplicate, of letters from Capt. Daniel Chadwick, one letter from Daniel Chadwick, Jr., and 9 sets of manuscript pages .

- a. “My dear Affectionate Little Family,” London, August 31th, 1830.
- b. “My Dearest Anna,” Ship Wellington, June 4th, 1839.
- c. “My Dearest Nancy,” New York, January 7th, 1840.
- d. “My Dear Boy,” London July 24th--1840
- e. “My Dear Nancy,” New York March 5th 1845.
- f. “My dear Mother,” Norwich March 8th 1847.
- g. Notes on London packets and their captains.

- h. Notes on Lyme Captains sailing from New York to foreign ports.
- i. London Line of Packets, 1852; the Packet Ship Cadmus
- j. Merchant Marine.
- k. Lyme Captains Sailing from New York to Foreign Ports.
- l. The Ship Samson.
- m. Ship Corinthian.
- n. Vessels to Arrive from Portsmouth.
- o. Packet Ship Acasta.