

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

GUIDE

Susan H. Ely Collection
Box 3

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION: Susan Hollingsworth Ely (1902-1986) known as "Holly" was a member of the 7th generation of the descended from the Reverend Moses Noyes (1643-1729), who settled in Lyme in 1666 as its first minister. With her sister Ellen H. Ely (1899-1972), Holly devoted much of her life to researching and writing the history of Old Lyme. Even after loosing her eyesight, she continued to pursue her interest in genealogy and local church history, assembling a huge amount of data from early town records and genealogical sources. Holly is the co-author of several books and pamphlets about the town: *The Parsonage* (1963), *The Lieutenant River* (1991), and *History of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Connecticut 1665-1993* (1995). At the time of her death she served as church historian of Old Lyme's First Congregational Church. Wit her sister Ellen she was designated Old Lyme's Citizen of the year in 1965. Asher friends and colleagues have noted, researching the people who shaped the town of Old Lyme was her lifetime mission. Susan H. Ely's clipping files were given to the Lyme Historical Society by Mr. & Mrs. John H. Noyes.

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION: The Clipping file, organized by category, includes mostly recent clippings from local newspapers like *The Pictorial*, *The Gazette*, and *The New London Day* that provide information on current events, historical recollections, and local residents. Some magazine articles, family letters, and notes about population or geography are also included.

CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION:

Quarry- clipping McCurdy Granite

Roads and Highways – clippings, articles, Grassy Hill Rd. authorization, Franklin mile markers

Rivers – Miscellaneous clippings

Saybrook – clippings, history

Saybrook, 350th celebration – clippings

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Schools – Compositions by R. Champion, Lyme Academy, 1843-44;
clippings, reports, student list

Sea – Articles and clippings re. Sea and ships, whalers, and sea
captains

Shipbuilding – Educational material on shipbuilding

Silver, Silversmiths – clippings

Slavery – clippings

Slaves – Notes on slaves and slave owners

Smallpox – clipping, article on hospital in Saybrook

Telephones – clippings and brochures

Town of Old Lyme – Miscellaneous clippings

Tully Family – Article re. Early settler of Old Saybrook

Vehicles – Article about Concord Stagecoach

Watering Trough – clippings and articles on Watering Trough on upper
green

Weather – Articles about low temperatures in 1857, gale in 1815

Weddings – clippings

Woodrow Willson – clipping

Yale College – clipping about boundaries for Yale Collegiate School
in Saybrook

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