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## Guide to the Records of Tax Collection in Stratford, Connecticut

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Town of Stratford, Connecticut

**Title:** Records of Tax Collection in Stratford, Connecticut

**Dates:** 1738-1818

**Quantity:** 3.5 manuscript boxes

**Abstract:** In the early years of Bridgeport's history, it was originally a part of Stratford. Wealth came from the maritime trade, especially along Black Rock Harbor. Tax records such as these help to demonstrate the growth and development of highly specific areas of Stratford and Bridgeport, sometimes moving at a year-by-year increment. Through these records, a more complete understanding of Bridgeport's eventual independence can be seen, as well as the economic boom of the entire region of eastern Fairfield county.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

### **Biographical History:**

The city of Bridgeport was originally inhabited by the Golden Hill Paugussett Indian Nation, and originally a part of the town of Stratford. In these early years, this soon-to-be-Bridgeport grew in wealth from the maritime trade, especially along Black Rock Harbor. As Stratford and Bridgeport grew in size, a number of distinct districts began to take shape including Stratfield, Black Rock, and New Field.

Tax records such as these help to demonstrate the growth and development of highly specific areas of Stratford and Bridgeport, sometimes moving at a year-by-year increment. Likewise the addition of various districts in the 1790s help to emphasize and shed light on the region's growth in the years following independent from England.

### **Scope and Content note:**

The tax assessment lists in the collection include key information about land, ownership, and value in the early days of Connecticut as a state in the Union, following the American revolution.

Likewise, it shows the growth of areas in Stratford and what would eventually become Bridgeport, and as such can be used to understand Bridgeport's transition into its own city.

### **Arrangement Note:**

Chronological.

### **Administrative information:**

**Provenance:** Found in collections,

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Names and Subject Tracings**

*Subject tracings*

Bridgeport, Conn.

Stratford, Conn.

**Detailed box and folder listing**

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7. Tax assessment list, Stratford, Putney district, 1810
8. Tax assessment list, Stratford, south middle district, 1810
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13. Tax rate, 1810-1820