



BHC-MSS 0197
Guide to the Papers of William Boardman
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Boardman, William

Title: Papers of William Boardman

Dates: 1891-1957

Quantity: .3 linear feet

Abstract. William Boardman (1871-1961) was born in Massachusetts, the son of Rev. Moses Bradford Boardman and Ellen E. Barber. The family line goes back to William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Colony. His papers contain correspondences and speeches from his long career in Bridgeport.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Biographical History:

William Boardman (1871-1961) was born in Massachusetts, the son of Rev. Moses Bradford Boardman and Ellen E. Barber. The family line goes back to William Bradford, the first governor of Plymouth Colony.

He attended Yale College and then Yale Law, graduating in 1898. His legal career saw him working with Goodwin Stoddard, Seq. and late George E. Hill under the name of Hill and Boardman, before practicing alone for a time. He served as a judge in Bridgeport from 1921-1923, and with various state and national bar associations.

He worked with a number of Bridgeport civic groups, including the Young Women's Christian Association and the Bridgeport Public Library.

Boardman's wife was Jennie A. Lewis of Stratford, Connecticut. Her father, Frederic Byron Hall was a judge on the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors from 1891 onward and served as Chief Justice from 1910-1913.

Scope and Content note:

The collection mostly features correspondence and speeches related to Boardman, along with some material related to his wife's family, the Halls.

Arrangement Note:

Collection is arranged into two series – the first containing material relating to Boardman with correspondence and speeches prioritized and series II relating to his wife's family, the Halls.

Administrative information:

Preferred Citation:

Papers of William Boardman (BHC-MSS 0197), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

Names and Subject Tracings**Detailed box/folder listing**

Box 1

Series I, William Boardman

1. Biography, William Boardman, undated
2. Correspondence, 1891-1900
3. Correspondence, undated
4. Legal activities, national and Bridgeport, 1923-1939
5. Address on law enforcement, 1953
6. Bridgeport Public Library, 1952
7. Political cartoons, 1921
8. Ration books, 1940-1945

Series II, Hall family

9. Biography, Frederic Byron Hall, undated
10. Autograph albums, Alice B. Hall, 1884-1890
11. Report cards, Alice B. Ball, 1891-1892
12. Additional material, 1957