

**American Antiquarian Society
Manuscript Collections**

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Waldo Family, Papers, 1727-1940s

LOCATION(S):

Mss. boxes "W"
Octavo vols. "W"
Folio vols. "W"
Oversize mss. boxes "W"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

two manuscript boxes; thirteen octavo volumes; six folio volumes; one oversize folder (1 item)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

Waldo Lincoln, *Genealogy of the Waldo Family* (Worcester: Charles Hamilton, 1902), 2 volumes

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Albigeance Waldo (1750-1794), a physician from Pomfret, Conn., served during the Revolution as a surgeon for the American army. He married first, on 19 November 1772, Lydia Hurlbut (1751-1785). They had six children including Elisha Hurlbut Waldo (1773-1801). Elisha, their oldest child, was apprenticed to Isaiah Thomas (1749-1831) in Worcester, Mass. Waldo married second, on 16 July 1787, Lucy Cargill (1762-1830); they had two daughters. Lucy Cargill Waldo had a local reputation as a writer of poetry and verse.

Daniel Waldo (1724-1808), a distant cousin of Albigeance Waldo, began his career as a hardware merchant in Boston, Mass. In 1776, he moved to Providence, R.I., and in 1782, moved to Worcester. There, in partnership with his son, Daniel Waldo, Jr. (1763-1845), he became one of the wealthiest merchants in Worcester. He held several minor political offices in Boston, but was not active in politics during the American Revolution because of his suspected pro-British sympathies. He held several town offices after the war and was elected president of the Worcester Bank in 1804.

His son, Daniel Waldo, Jr., started his career in his father's hardware store in Worcester and became sole when their partnership was dissolved in 1791. He was president of the Worcester County Institution for Savings. He was active in local organizations, such as the Worcester County Agricultural Society, was a founder of the Central Church in Worcester, and was also a philanthropist. Daniel

Waldo, Jr. never married, living instead with his three maiden sisters, Elizabeth (1765-1845), Sarah (1767-1851), and Rebecca (1771-1840).

This collection of papers contains correspondence, legal documents, poetry, extracts from newspapers, account books, and genealogical material concerning members of the Waldo Family. The papers of Albigeance Waldo include correspondence, estate papers, and accounts and account books. The papers of Lucy Cargill Waldo include correspondence, poetry, and extracts from newspapers. The papers of Elisha Hurlbut Waldo contain letters to his father while he was apprenticed to Isaiah Thomas. There is also one letter from Thomas to Albigeance Waldo concerning Elisha's apprenticeship.

The papers of Daniel Waldo include business correspondence, while the papers of Daniel Waldo, Jr. include business, family, and political correspondence.

The collection also includes papers of Waldo Lincoln (1849-1933), a genealogist. His papers contain correspondence, genealogical notes, and a typescript of the Waldo Family genealogy. The papers of Charles Samuel Waldo (1871-), also a genealogist, contain notebooks with genealogical notes concerning the Waldo Family.

There are also papers of other Waldo Family members, including a deed of Cornelius Waldo (1684-1753), 1740; a letter from Sarah Waldo, 1850; and an undated account book by an unknown author, titled "Book Debts Collected by Major McClellan."

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WALDO FAMILY, PAPERS, 1727-1940S
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Albigeance Waldo (1750-1794)

- Box 1
Folder 1: Papers, 1769; 1780-1795
--including medical and family correspondence; drafts of letters; accounts; a description of Midway, Ga.; estate papers and manuscript fragments
- Folio
Volume 1: Account Book, 1771-1776
--with physician's and apothecary's business accounts
[purchased from Lillias Cranston Pierce, 1931]
- Folio
Volume 2: Account Book, 1771-1784
--ledger with a list of his books and a separate index
[purchased from Lillias Cranston Pierce, 1931]
- Folio
Volume 3: Account Book, 1784-1794
--a daybook listing daily sales
- Folio
Volume 4: Account Book, 1791-1793
--a daybook listing daily sales
- Folio
Volume 5: Account Book, c.1791-c.1796
--with a separate index, including the accounts of Lucy Cargill Waldo, administratrix of Albigeance's estate
[purchased from Lillias Cranston Pierce, 1931]

Lucy Cargill Waldo (1762-1830)

- Box 1
Folder 2: Papers, 1788-1830
--including family correspondence and poetry
- Box 1
Folder 3: Correspondence, n.d.
--including family correspondence and a few letters concerning her attempt to have her husband's diary published (in The Historical Magazine, vol. 5, 1861, pp. 129-134; 169-172)
- Box 1
Folder 4: Poetry, n.d.
--including poetry written after the deaths of friends
- Box 1
Folder 5: Notes, n.d.
--including extracts from newspapers (many concerning religious topics); genealogical notes; and newspaper clippings
- Folio
Volume 5: Account Book, c. 1791-c.1796
--with a separate index, including the accounts of Lucy Cargill Waldo, administratrix of Albigeance's estate

Elisha Hurlburt Waldo (1773-1801)

Box 1

- Folder 6: Letters, 1786-1793
--written to his father, while Elisha served as an apprentice to Isaiah Thomas, discussing his health and his concern for his parents; there is one letter from Isaiah Thomas concerning Elisha's apprenticeship

Daniel Waldo, Jr. (1763-1845)

- Box 2
Folder 2: Papers, 1769-1815
--especially business and political correspondence, and legal documents
- Box 2
Folder 3: Papers, 1816-1830
--especially business correspondence and legal documents
- Box 2
Folder 4: Papers, 1831-1838
--especially business correspondence and legal documents
- Box 2
Folder 5: Papers, 1839-1845
--especially business correspondence and legal documents
- Box 2
Folder 6: Account Book, 1845-1853
--concerning his estate
- Octavo
Volume 1: Receipt Book, 1800-1815
--listing amount of money paid out
[gift of Mrs. Albert W. Rice, 1954]
- Octavo
Volume 2: Account Book, 1809-1820
--of debts collected by Levi Lincoln, Jr. (1782-1868) for Waldo
- Folio
Volume 6: Account Book, 1819-1845
--with family expenses and accounts of the Central Church; with a separate index
- Oversize
Folder: Correspondence, 1842
--from Lyman Beecher (1775-1863) to Waldo regarding the Lane Seminary in Ohio

Daniel Waldo (1724-1808)

- Box 2
Folder 2: Papers, 1769-1815
--especially business and political correspondence, and legal documents

Charles Samuel Waldo (1871-)

- Octavo
Volumes 12-13: Notebooks, c.1940
--with correspondence for his *Continuation of the Waldo Genealogy, 1900-1943* (New York: C.E. Fitchett, 1943)
[gifts of Charles S. Waldo, 1947]

Early Waldo Family Members

- Box 2
Folder 1: Papers, 1727-1762
--including papers of Cornelius Waldo (1684-1753) and Samuel Waldo (1695-1759)

[two Samuel Waldo items were received by exchange with C. H. Bell, of Exeter, N.H.; the remainder of the items in this folder were the gifts of the Waldo Lincoln estate, 1950]

Waldo Lincoln (1849-1933)

Octavo

Volumes 3-11: Typescript copies of genealogy, 1902
--including correspondence, and photographs of Waldo Family members
[deposited by Waldo Lincoln, 1919]

Miscellaneous

Box 2

Folder 8: Account Book, n.d. (unidentified)
--of book debts collected by Major McClellan