

Frank Alden Hill Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Frank Alden Hill Papers

Span Dates: circa 1627-1897

ID No.: MSS25957

Creator: Hill, Frank Alden

Extent: 50 items; 6 containers plus 1 oversize; 3.4 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Lawyer and genealogist. Copies of legal and genealogical records, and pedigree charts and heraldic crests relating to the Hill, Lawrence, Townley, Stephens, and Hathaway families, from documents contained in American and European library and museum collections.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People

Chase family.

Hathaway family.

Hill family.

Hill, Frank Alden.

Lawrence family.

Stevens family.

Townley family.

Places

Maryland--Genealogy.

New Jersey--Genealogy.

New York (State)--Genealogy.

Virginia--Genealogy.

Occupations

Lawyers.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Frank Alden Hill were acquired circa 1897 by the Library of Congress.

Processing History

The papers of Frank Alden Hill were arranged and described in 2001 and 2007. The finding aid was revised in 2010.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Frank Alden Hill is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Frank Alden Hill are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Frank Alden Hill Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Frank Alden Hill span the years 1627 to 1897 and consist largely of handwritten copies of legal records in various English and American repositories. They include marriage, death, baptism, land, and property records relating mainly to the Hathaway, Lawrence, Chase, Townley, and Stephens families. In two booklets are color drawings of family crests and one that depicts the pedigrees of various New England families. The records relate to inhabitants of the colonies of New England, particularly Massachusetts Bay, and later the states of New Jersey, New York, Maryland, and Virginia. Also included are copies of letters by individuals from other states documenting family lineage.

Bound volumes "A" through "D" and "I" relate to the Hathaway family, while "E" and "F" relate largely to the Lawrence and Chase families. In volumes "M" and "O" are expository remarks by Hill on the purpose and status of his genealogical pursuit. Most volumes contain indexes, either at the front or back, and may be useful in finding correspondence or legal records by name of person. A partial index with notes on the collection is in Container 1 of the papers.

Recorded by Hill in the early 1880s, the copied documents range from the seventeenth century until the end of the nineteenth century.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged alphabetically by type of material or topic.

Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	Partial index
BOX 1	Bound volumes
BOX 1	“A,” legal records and deeds of Taunton, Mass., 1702-1740
BOX 1	“B,” legal records and deeds of Taunton, Mass., 1695-1775
BOX 1	“C,” legal records and deeds of Taunton, Mass., 1709-1785
BOX 2	“D,” legal records of Taunton, Mass., 1696-1760
BOX 2	“E,” Lawrence and Chase families of Maryland, 1732-1760 (2 vols.)
BOX 2	“F,” Lawrence, Chase, Allen, and Hathaway family records, 1704-1882 (2 vols.)
BOX 3	“G,” Townley and Lawrence family records, 1738-1883
BOX 3	“I,” legal records and deeds of Taunton, Mass., 1679-1759
BOX 3	“L,” Townley and Lawrence family records, 1679-1795
BOX 3	“M,” Lawrence family records and Barbados and Jamaica passenger records, 1662-1875
BOX 4	“New Jersey,” legal records, conveyances, and correspondence, 1676-1883
BOX 4	“O,” Lawrence family, 1701-1859
BOX 4	Coats of arms and drawings, undated (2 vols.)
BOX 4	Dividends and unclaimed property, Bank of England, 1770-1828
BOX 5	Griswold, Raines, copies from manuscript collection, 1628-1726
BOX 5	“Marriages, baptisms, and burials, and monumental inscriptions collected and arranged by F. Alden Hill,” undated
BOX 5	“Miscellanea genealogica et heraldica collected and arranged by F. Alden Hill,” undated
BOX 5	“Pedigrees collected and arranged by F. Alden Hill,” undated <u>See Oversize</u>
BOX 5	Townley evidences from manuscripts in the British Museum, 1627-1783
BOX 5	Townley-Lawrence, copies of chancery bills, 1758-1800
BOX 6	Unidentified writings, printed matter, and poster reproductions, 1869, 1895-1897, undated
BOX 6	Wills of Lawrence family and miscellaneous writings, 1696-1863
BOX OV 1	“Pedigrees collected and arranged by F. Alden Hill,” undated (Container 5)