

Hull Collection

Overview of the Collection

Repository: South County History Center 2636 Kingstown Road Kingston, Rhode Island 02881
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Title: Hull Collection

Dates: 1817-1902, n.d.

Media: Paper

Quantity: 1 boxes, .42 linear feet

Location: Shelf 12, Box 15

Identification: Rec. Gr. 3

Language: English

Historical Note

There is no existing information regarding who compiled the Hull Collection or where the records originated. It is possible that the records were initially part of the Eldred Collection, donated in 1963. John Raleigh Eldred's mother was Harriet Hull. It is also possible that some of the items came out of the Hull House, like a number of objects that came to the SCHC collection in 2007.

Benjamin Hull (1783-1864) was the Postmaster and Justice of Peace in Kingston, and it is possible that many of these records were compiled during his life time and then passed on to his children, who include Benjamin Franklin Hull (1895-1974) and Harriet Knowles Hull Eldred (1838-1919).

Scope and Content

The records of the Hull Collection are primarily jail and court documents and include arrest warrants, citations, court summons, execution documents, testimonies, probates, land evidence, financial documents and correspondence. The collection is likely an accumulation of a number of acquisitions that took place between 1960 and 2000. The materials are organized into the following categories: jail records, court records, miscellaneous documents.

Administrative Information

Access: Any qualified person doing personal or scholarly research is permitted to utilize materials in the South County History Center collections.

Preferred Citation: [item], Folder [number], Box [Number], Markham Collection, South County History Center

Provenance: These records have undergone processing at many points in the previous decades. Due to the number of times these documents have been rearranged, the original identification, provenance, and organization of the documents have been lost. The collection likely reflects acquisitions from multiple sources. When available, a catalog number is provided that may give more insight into the provenance of individual items.

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Subject Terms

South Kingstown (R.I. : Town) -- History.

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South Kingstown (R.I. : Town) -- History -- 19th Century.

Jails -- Rhode Island -- History.

Jails -- Rhode Island -- Washington County -- History.

Courthouses -- Rhode Island.

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Hull family.

Related Materials

Researchers interested in this collection may also wish to consult the following sources in the South County History Center holdings:

Library Collection—contains published and unpublished materials related to the Washington County Jail and the Kingston Court House.

Individual/Family Vertical Files—contains materials on various members of the Hull family.

Subject Vertical Files—contains files on the Washington County Jail, the Kingston Court House, and the West Kingston Court House.

Jail Research Archival Collection—contains information about the history of Washington County Jail.

Contents Listing

Box	Folder	Description	Date
1	1-2	Jail Records	1849-1858
1	3-5	Court Records	1829-1864, n.d.
1	6	Miscellaneous Documents	1817-1902, n.d.