

Florence Griswold Museum
Lyme Historical Society Archives
96 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT 06371

GUIDE

Susan H. Ely Collection
Box 2

HISTORY OF THE COLLECTION: Susan Hollingsworth Ely (1902-1986) known as "Holly" was a member of the 7th generation of the descended from the Reverend Moses Noyes (1643-1729), who settled in Lyme in 1666 as its first minister. With her sister Ellen H. Ely (1899-1972), Holly devoted much of her life to researching and writing the history of Old Lyme. Even after loosing her eyesight, she continued to pursue her interest in genealogy and local church history, assembling a huge amount of data from early town records and genealogical sources. Holly is the co-author of several books and pamphlets about the town: *The Parsonage* (1963), *The Lieutenant River* (1991), and *History of the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Connecticut 1665-1993* (1995). At the time of her death she served as church historian of Old Lyme's First Congregational Church. Wit her sister Ellen she was designated Old Lyme's Citizen of the year in 1965. Asher friends and colleagues have noted, researching the people who shaped the town of Old Lyme was her lifetime mission. Susan H. Ely's clipping files were given to the Lyme Historical Society by Mr. & Mrs. John H. Noyes.

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION: The Clipping file, organized by category, includes mostly recent clippings from local newspapers like *The Pictorial*, *The Gazette*, and *The New London Day* that provide information on current events, historical recollections, and local residents. Some magazine articles, family letters, and notes about population or geography are also included.

CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION:

Ferry Tavern – clippings: fire (1976)

Fires/Fire Department – clippings: Pioneer Farm, country club, shopping center, and Dr. J.G. Ely home

Gazetteer – excerpts from Gazetteers, Census and Statistics for 1840, typed list of Lyme Register for 1851, correspondence re. Population of town

Gardiner's Island – clippings

Griswold – clippings

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Griswold, Florence – miscellaneous clippings

H– Miscellaneous Clippings: J.A. Hyde estate auction, Hurricane Gloria (1985), Hamburg Fair (1932)

Hearse– notes and clippings

History– clippings: Yale founding, Indian Wars, and maritime history

Houses (2 folders)– real estate listings and articles

Humor – Old stories and humorous clippings

Inns – clippings: Bee and Thistle

Library – clippings

Lyme – Record of separation of Lyme and Saybrook

Lyme Citizen – Local publication 1966-67

Lyme, Town – clippings

Lynde-Lord Family – clipping

Maps– Correspondence about Hatchett's Point, blueprint of Lyme Art Gallery

Miscellaneous – Extracts from Ezera Stile's itineraries, copy of Marshfield Parsons' accounts, ect.

Marvin, William – clippings

McKinley Memorial Address – clipping

McCurdy-Salisbury – clippings, bylaws, Joseph Dunn's history of foundation, foundation committee report, Old Lyme School Association, Evelyn Salisbury will, list of scholarship holders

Mystic Seaport – Correspondence, disposition of Champion and Chadwick letters

New London – clippings on New London history

Noyes – clippings

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Obituaries – Newspaper clippings

Old Lyme Beach Club - clippings

People – Miscellaneous clippings

Post Office – Early history

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