

Ira Hart Palmer Collection

Collection Summary

Collection Number: 2016.039

Collection Title: Ira Hart Palmer Papers

Dates: 1865-1885

Size: 1 box (approximately 0.5 linear ft.)

Creator/Collector: Ira Hart Palmer

Languages: English

Repository: R.W. Woolworth Library and Genealogical Research Center

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Information for Researchers

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Subject Headings:

Biographical Information/Organizational History

Ira Hart Palmer, the son of Benjamin Franklin Palmer and Eliza Harriet Palmer was born in Mystic Bridge, April 1836 and died in Stonington August 25, 1903. He married Harriet Palmer, and together they had 4 sons: Henry Robinson Palmer, Arthur Trumbull Palmer, Charles Sherman Palmer, and Frank Trumbull Palmer. Ira had diverse business interests in Stonington: he established the first steamboat line between Stonington and Watch Hill, RI, was a local agent of the telegraph company, a correspondent for The Day newspaper, a secretary of the N.Y., Providence and Boston R.R., connected with Stonington Bank and involved in the local pharmaceutical business. He also worked as the owner and proprietor of the Wadawanuc (or Wadawanuck) Hotel.

Scope and Content Note

Collection contains 9 folders of correspondence, bills, ledgers and other papers belonging to Ira Hart Palmer, detailing his business and personal dealings from 1865-1885, found in his former residence at 21 High Street, Stonington, CT.