



Early Enfield Collection – container list

The “Early Enfield” collection is three boxes of miscellaneous items, including early documents, written histories of the time period from the 19th and 20th centuries, and material concerning early Enfield families.

Box 1: Early Enfield Histories

- Studies in the history of Enfield, CT. Henry F. Fletcher
- Some incidents in the history of Enfield and its First Church
- Copies of 12/21/1875 Springfield Daily News about new railroad line
- Page from Ephram Terry’s surveyor book, 1759-1768. Land in Enfield
- 1835 letter to John Hamilton about granddaughter’s death
- Early architecture and some early homes in Enfield (copies) by Martha Parsons
- 1798 letter, talk of war
- Enfield History up to the Civil War, 3pp., Loretta Pease 1959
- Trouble with Indians: Pequot and King Philip’s War. Mrs. M.J. Horton, 9/30/1922
- Early Connecticut schools, Mrs. A.S. Brainard 4/28/1923
- First Settlement in Connecticut, Mrs. F.E. Simonton, 10/28/1922
- Connecticut Charter – Hartford, the birthplace of American democracy, Mrs. Arthur Barney, 11/3/1923
- Rev. Nathaniel Collins, first minister of Enfield. Miss Mabel Davis, 11/3/1923
- Reminiscences of Seth Terry, 16pp.
- Confederation of Massachusetts – Plymouth – Connecticut and New Haven colonies, Mrs. Guy Bushnell, 10/28/1922
- Settlement of Enfield, Conn. Miss Lydia Abbe, 1/27/1923
- Development of Enfield colony, Mrs. John Frew, 1/27/1923
- Enfield cemeteries and epitaphs, Mary E. Parsons 11/3/1923
- Preservation week 2003, a brief history and self-guided tour of Enfield and its historic resources
- The first physicians of Enfield by Dr. John L. Bridge, 4/14/1925
- Historical sketch of the town of Enfield, 1876
- Talk on Enfield, CT, transcribed by Laura Ramsey Maynard (actual speaker/presenter unknown)
- Chapter from v.2 of the Memorial History of Hartford County concerning Enfield
- The Bay Path, John Garside, 9/30/1922
- Organization and development of town government in Enfield, Conn., Mrs. Root, 3/31/1923
- Copies of pages from The Boundary Disputes of Connecticut, Clarence Winthrop Bowen, 1882
- Letter from Holly Brainerd about buildings along Freshwater Brook, 10/26/1948
- Harry Allen Grant - no author or date
- Memories of my boyhood days, Levi Pease Abbe Jr.

- Handwritten essay on Enfield history, said to have been written by Loretta Pease for an eighth grade assignment. [1982.25.9]
- Scitico, Savilla Turgeon (8th grade) June 1947
- Untitled history of Enfield, typed, no author or date
- Typed history of Enfield from John Lyons estate, possibly multiple authors. Jessie Brainerd Abbe, 9/23/1941, one page
- Enfield illustrated article by C. Terry Knight, removed from Connecticut Quarterly, Oct-Nov-Dec, 1896
- "Our village, a poem" by John M. Richmond, 1878, Thompsonville
- Martha Parsons House brochure
- Mid to late 1800s photos, Thompsonville
- John Nobles house, photo
- Letter written by Mattie H. MacLachlan, 1920s, also newspaper articles concerning her
- Four personal notebooks containing the writings of Bertha A. Weising, a historian who studied Enfield history. [1983.3.160]
- Early Enfield by Dr. John Bridge
- Enfield histories taken from various printed works
- Memoirs by T.E. Bridge concerning Hazardville
- Historical sketch, town of Enfield, 1876
- D. Wm. Brainard, "A Country Story," 1894, and "A Visit to Thompsonville," 1900
- 1779 sermon preached in Enfield: "Mr. Backus's sermon at the funeral of Mrs. Prodden"
- Selections from the pen of Lieut. Samuel Hathaway
- Article by Dr. John Bridge about doctors who practiced in Enfield, 1925 [1993.3.50]
- History of Enfield, Jennifer A. Tross, 1999
- Framed 1772 deed, Roger Griswold to Richard Abbe, land on "Town Street"

Box 2

Folder 1:

- Cobbler's ledger 1813-18, last third labeled as Enfield [2026.1]

Folder 3: documents, misc.

- "Lines on the death of Henry T. Mason of Enfield, Conn., who died at Columbus, O., Sept 30, 1897, by B.J. Cushing."
- Article about Abbey monument, 1920s?
- 1773 deed, photocopy, Justus Colton of Springfield to Asa Pease
- Deed, Eli Bush of Enfield to Ezekiel Williams of Wethersfield
- Land deed for 31 acres in Enfield, possibly from town records book [1983.39.1]
- Letter to Ebenezer Terry from Grace Hugh of Colebrook
- Ledger, 1700s, unknown
- Contract to build what would become the First Presbyterian Church, 1840 [1983.3.211]
- Town taxes, receipts, various, 1815-1950

Folder 2 – Abbey materials

- Envelope: Abbey memorial drum and memorial statue, contains articles, photos, etc.

Folder 4:

- Envelope: papers concerning Richard Abbe, mostly photocopies [1983.3.1]

Folder 5

- Folder, Abbey Inn sign

Folder 6

- Photos of early grave markers, Enfield Street Cemetery

Folder 7

- Letter of James Pease, Jr., 1734, with transcription. [1988.3.6]

Folder 8

- Recommendations concerning the character of Jonathan Pease, Jr., 1820, 1850

Folder 9 – Documents removed from museum Case C

- Obverse: printed proclamation of Council of Safety raising men to serve in the Continental Army, June 30, 1780; reverse: letter from Col. Nathaniel Terry to Capt. Moses Forbes directing him to carry out the enclosed act, given at Enfield July 5, 1780
- Statement of Eliphalet Terry and Ephraim Pease, selectmen of Enfield, that Benjamin Herinton/Herington served in the 3rd Connecticut Battalion in the Continental Line three years, and his family has received no supply while he served. Request to Committee of the Pay Table to pay him the balance due. Sworn before Eliphalet Terry, justice of the peace. August 12, 1780.
- Statement certifying that Ebenezer James of Enfield has served three years in the 3rd Connecticut Regiment in the Continental Army, and that he was of the Line before the first day of January last. Certified at Enfield, December 30, 1780, by Ephraim Pease and John Raynolds, selectmen of Enfield.
- Statement certifying that Othaniel Allen of Enfield has served three years in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment in the Continental Army, and that he was of the Line before the first day of January 1780. Certified at Enfield, January 9, 1781, by John Raynolds and Joseph Booth, selectmen of Enfield
- Statement certifying that Amasa Allen of Enfield has served as a soldier in the 2nd Connecticut Regiment in the Continental Army, and that he was of the Line after the first day of January 1780. Certified at Enfield, January 9, 1781, by Ephraim Pease and Eliphalet Terry, selectmen of Enfield, April 16, 1784
- Amasa Allin, receipt from the Pay-Table Committee, May 19, 1784
- Othaniel Allen, receipt from the Pay-Table Committee, January 11, 1781
- Benjamin Herrington, receipt from the Pay-Table Committee, August 11, 1780
- Ebenezer Ames, receipt from the Pay-Table Committee, January 3, 1781
- Israel Hall, receipt from the Pay-Table Committee, August 22, 1780
- Statement certifying that Israel Hall of Enfield has served three years in the 3rd Connecticut Battalion (Regiment?) in the Continental Army, and that he was of the Line before the first day of

January last. Certified at Enfield, January 9, 1781, by Ephraim Pease and Eliphalet Terry, selectmen of Enfield, August 21, 1780

- Order from Col. Samuel Wyllys to the selectmen of Somers to provide Capt. Thomas Abbey with five blankets for the use of the men in Abbey's company. Receipt for the blankets, April 17, 1777, signed by Capt. Abbey on the reverse.
- Receipt from the Committee of the Pay Table for money owed to John McNulty, Jan. 24, 1780
- List of clothing purchased for soldiers in Capt. Abbey's company, Nov. 14, 1778. Names of soldiers listed: Abner French, Ebenezer Armstrong, Calvin Burnett, Sgt. Josiah Burnam, Thomas Harinton, Richard Leman, Philip Kibbe, Joseph Snell, Burbee Rogers, John Smith, George Dillaby
- Extremely faded, receipt for John McNulty?
- Orders from Col. Nathaniel Terry at Enfield to Capt. Moses Forbs at Hartford to draft one fourth of his company and see they are properly equipped and armed, ready to march at the least notice for the defense of the United States. July 8, 1777.

Box 3: Business ledger, 1700s [1982.13.7] [flat box]

Box 4: One Accession 1700s Paper Items (Taubner) [flat box]

This box labeled "The papers and books of Capt. Elam and James Pease." Not all items are from the 1700s. On indefinite loan from Lois Taubner.

- Inspection return of Capt. Elam Pease's company, Conn. militia, 1806-7
- 1793 copy (incomplete) of Pilgrim's Progress belonging to Capt. Elam Pease
- Book, unknown, late 1700s?
- Bible, 1819, belonging to Carolina Pease of Enfield
- Letter (circular) to Maj. Elam Pease concerning the Connecticut School Fund, 1818
- Ledger: 1730s-1780s, unknown person.
- Land title, Peter Miller Jr. to Jacob Terry, 1755
- Receipt, 1736, Jacob Terry to Richard Comes
- Receipt, Jacob Terry
- Certificate of promotion to Lt. Jas. E. Pease, Oct. 3, 1896
- Letter to Capt. Elam Pease, Sept. 1808, referring to meeting house in Enfield
- Deed from Herman Pease to Asa Pease
- Deed? Gaius Pease to Jabez Tyler

Box 5: "Folio town of Enfield Nov. 16, 1711 to May 22, 1721, Gifted by Mrs. Hazel Hayes"

- "Folio town of Enfield Nov. 16, 1711 to May 22, 1721" on front. On title page: "Enfield Commoners First Booke in Folio, ye book with ye Sundry Acts therin made by ye Commoners began on ye 16th Day of Nov 1711--- as followeth on ye other pages (viz)." Manuscript, once had cover but no longer. Replicated in Commoners Book A as transcribed by Allen, v.1 pp.682-702. Handwriting and condition suggest this was created at or near the same time as the dates of the meetings. Town clerk may have a full copy.
- "A Book of Accounts between Capt. Ephraim Pease Capt. Joseph Boothe and Mr. John Reynolds Select Men for the Town of Enfield and Eliphalet Terry Esq. treasurer for said town and their successors in sd trust. 1780" account book 1780-1810, first few pages have separated from

binding, fragile. First few pages 1780-83 have Revolutionary War items. Transcript in Allen beginning v.2. p.1189

- "Folio of handwritten accounting of the Town of Enfield, Conn. Oct. 22, 1856 to Sept. 27, 1870. Gift from Mrs. Hazel Hayes of Somers, Conn., Dec. 1976

Box 6

Folder: Jonathan Edwards

- Various newspaper clippings
- 1799 book, "Two Discourses Preached by the Late Jonathan Edwards" [1988.1.42]
- Notes and histories
- Various museum info cards on religious revival and Edwards
- Copies of material to be distributed to visitors

Not in folder: Gil Vasseuer materials - on loan? [2002.28]

- Ledger for charges made by Theo. Pease for the Pease family Thompsonville beginning Jan.1,1878
- Ledger, W.C.Parsons memo of lumber charged beginning Nov.1, 1878 for the L. Pease & Sons co.
- Ledger, Memorandum of Lumber Charged by William C. Parson for the Pease & Sons Co beginning Jan., 1884.
- Ledger, W.C.Parsons memo of Lumber charged beginning Aug. 1st,1880 for the T.Pease & Sons Co.
- Ledger, Inventory of stock T. Pease & Sons August 1st, 1886. Ledger, memo of cash sales, Dec. 1890 .28.7 Ledger, School District #3, meetings at the Trustee office Church Family Sept.,1857, and the District 3 south schoolhouse.