



RG 18: Hazardville Collection
Finding aid and container list

Hazardville was founded in the 1830s when the gunpowder industry first started up in Powder Hollow. "Colonel" Augustus G. Hazard was the driving force behind the gunpowder industry in Enfield, and soon both the company and the village that sprang up around it were named after him.

This diverse collection contains histories, news clippings, photographs, genealogies, ledgers, and much more concerning the village of Hazardville and the families that lived there. There is a great deal of information on two families in particular, the Bridge family and the Prickett family. Additional Hazardville material can be found in the Hazard Powder Co. Collection.

Box 1: Bridge books

Folder 1

- Photocopies of newspaper clippings concerning Hazardville
- Mrs. Frank Olmstead house
- Hazardville Institute
- Hazardville historic district
- Courant Magazine feature on Hazardville, 1947
- Article: "Hazardville Pharmacy retains historic character"

Folder 2

- Originals of newspaper articles, many are in folder 1
- Article about Dr. John Bridge
- "How Hazardville got its name"
- Courant Magazine, 1947
- "History of Amos D. Bridge's Sons"
- "Old Hazardville landmark stands no more"
- Obituary, Edward C. Allen of Enfield

Folder 3 – manuscripts, histories

- Marion Neelans, "Old Houses in Hazardville"
- Marion Neelans: "The Hazardville Hotel, Mr. Sylvester Charter"
- Marion Neelans: "The churches of Hazardville"
- "Program for the Enfield Grange, about the middle 1950s" typed by Marion Neelans
- Marion Neelans: "Col. Augustus G. Hazard—The Institute"
- Marion Neelans: Letter to Mr. Tanguay concerning an article
- Marion Neelans: "Brief history of Hazardville"
- Marion Neelans: "Excerpts from the minutes of the Hazardville Lyceum Debating Society, May 5, 1852" (debate on slavery)
- Tracing of the 1869 Beers Hartford County Atlas map of Scitico
- Notes: "Set down by Dr. John L. Bridge on the dates shown, telling the history of Hazardville, Conn., from his recollections"

- “Some Recollections of ‘Gordon Brothers’” by Hattie Covil Gordon, with explanatory email by Rhonda Moody Kincaid

Folder 4

- Banner: “Powder Keg Square Dance Club”
- “Our Baby’s Own Book” for Anita Ruth Luce, born in Hazardville Oct. 16, 1924
- Hazardville Pharmacy envelope
- Coat check, Shaker Pines Restaurant [2018.27.4]
- Program from community 4th of July celebration, Hazardville, 1931
- Receipts: First National Bank, Hazardville, 1898-9

Folder 5 - Photos

- Photos of Main St. (now Hazard Ave.), Hazardville, 1910, 1980
- Photo: Amos D. Bridge’s Sons mill, looking west [1988.3.14]
- Photos, Hazard Ave., (old) Hazardville Cemetery
- Photo, Celvester Charter: [1999.6.1]
- Photo, labeled “CT Water Co. employees” location and date unknown
- Photo: Hazardville train station, 1950s/60s?
- Photo: Hazardville, Main St. (now Hazard Ave.) & Maple St. corner with buildings identified
- Reproductions of National Child Labor Committee photos of children working in Enfield tobacco farms from the Library of Congress. Description attached for each photo. Also online.
- Photo, man in front of Hazardville Hotel
- Photo: “Buckhorn Brook Falls in summer freshet, taken by Stella Olmstead about 1937”
- Photo: “Corn fields at rest” Betty Steele. Chmura property on Middle Rd.
- Photos: Main St. (now Hazard Ave.) looking west
- Photo: “Main St. looking west, St. Mary’s Church” [1988.3.15]
- Photo: “YMCA nursery school” unknown location, with negatives
- Photo: Hazardville, likely 1990s
- Photo: Celvester Charter [1999.6.2]
- Photos, buildings, unidentified

Not in folder

- Book: “Hazardville’s treasure of personal recipes,” St. Mary’s Friendly League, Hazardville
- Thimble: “A.D. Bridge’s Sons”
- Amos D. Bridge: photocopy, bound, of his diary
- “The Bridge Family in New England: Road Construction 1869-2009” book
- Photo album, “mostly Hazardville” [2012.10.6]

Box 2: Bridge and Gordon genealogy

Folder: Gordon materials

- Materials from B.J. Weed
- Story of the Gordon Family briefly told by Albert S. Gordon
- “Some recollections of ‘Gordon Brothers’” by Hattie Covil Gordon

Folder 2

- Sunday School attendance cards [1988.18.7]
- Line of descent, Deacon Samuel Chaplin and Cicely Penney
- Calling cards, members of the Bridge, Luce, and Pease families

- Manuscript: "The genealogy of Amos Down Bridge" by Allyn G. Bridge (2001?)

Folder 3: Bridge-Gordon

- Letters, photographs, receipts, and other materials

Folder 4: Bridge, Ruth

Folder 5: Bridge books, photos, etc.

- "Bridgecorp" book
- Tax bill, David Bridge
- "The Abbey Memorial"
- Photos: [2005.14, persons identified in accession list]
- "The Success Silo, manufactured by Amos D. Bridge's Sons, Inc."
- Bridge family photos [2004.6]
- "The Bridge Family History"

Folder 6

- George Bridge's account of his family coming to America in 1842
- Bills from Forbes & Wallace to Mrs. David Bridge
- Receipt for wedding veil from Fleurette Smart Millinery, Springfield, to Mrs. D. Bridge, Oct. 1927
- Photo of Dr. John Bridge [1983.3.94]
- Diaries of Helen Parsons Bridge

Not in folder:

- Book (copy 2): "Col. Augustus G. Hazard and the Hazardville Powder Co."

Box 3: Hazardville families, photos, homes

Folder 1

- Gordon Property

Folder 2

- Photos of Prickett family members and homes. Only a few photos have labels. Two photos of Effie Prickett, first state archivist. [2009.7.7 A-N] A typewritten history of the Prickett family [2001.19.26a]. "Homes of Individuality," Amos D. Bridge's and Sons advertisement booklet

Folder 3

- Photos, Prickett family and others [2009.8.A-P]

Folder 4

- [2009.7.4]: 2 views, Prickett home.
- [2009.7.1]: 4 photos Hazardville homes not ID'd

Folder 5

- [2009.7.2]: 7 views Scantic woods

Folder 6

- [2009.7.3]: 4 views, Prickett and Garesche homes

Folder 7

- [2009.7.6]: 4 views, lawns/trees

Folder 8

- [2009.7.5]: 6 views, Hazardville home. Container list.
- Photo: Maple & Main St. Hazardville Institute, Albert Ruseell livery stable, Mrs. Albert Russell 1896 [2024.20.1]

Folder 9 – Hazard mansion

- Photos of Hazard Mansion fire from EHS exhibit
- Photo of mansion
- Hazard Mansion exhibit label

Box: Hazardville Institute/Hazardville Water Company Ledger

Folder 1: Hazardville Institute

- News clippings, originals in folder
- News clippings photocopies
- Series of photos in envelope attached to originals folder, Hazardville Institute, likely late 80s or early 90s

Folder 2 – Documents, Hazardville Institute

- Share certificates, 1940s, Earl Carson, Charles Luce, Edwin Collins
- Program for “Song Recital by G.E. Thorp and Pupils” date unknown
- Program for “Kiddies Review” April 1944
- Hazardville Institute oral history, summer 1996

Folder 3

- Photos, Hazardville Institute

Not in Folder:

- Record book, Hazardville Institute stockholders, directors 1864-1964
- Hazardville Water Company ledger, 1900-1913