

*A Finding Aid to the **Hayward Family Collection***

Date Range: 1730-1940

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Summary

Creator: The Easton Historical Society and Museum

Title: Hayward Family Collection

Dates: 1730-1940

Extent: 1.6 linear feet, including: 3 account books, 4 diaries and 8 small journals

Abstract: The papers of the Hayward Family, date from 1730 to 1940 and contain a variety of documents detailing a wide range of topics, from business transactions to daily life. Included in this collection are: genealogical materials, correspondence, printed materials, photographs, wills and estate documents, poetry, account books, diaries, journals, academic notes, deeds, religious documents and government materials.

Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information: This collection was purchased by the Easton Historical Society and Museum from an unknown private book dealer in New Hampshire forty years ago. Any additional information about the acquisition of this collection is currently unknown.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

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Biographical Note

The Hayward family started with Thomas Hayward (1599-1681) immigrating from England in 1634 and settling in Bridgewater, Massachusetts. His grandson, Edward (1689-1760) and Hannah Kingsley Hayward (1690-1747) were the first to settle in Easton in 1713, and they initiated a long line of successful farmers and businessmen. Edward's sons Edward Jr. (1749-Unknown) and Joseph (1753-1843) built their homes in 1770 and continued to farm and mine bog iron, hay, cedar trees and clay for building materials. Joseph's son George Washington Hayward (1807-1880) and then his son E.R. Hayward (1837-1915) continued the family business, by adding hops to their crops and building a kiln to dry them. The Haywards were prominent members of the first church in Easton, The Church of Christ and were closely associated with George Farrar, the Reverend. Subsequent generations continued expanding in Easton and tending the family farms, until recently. Their descendants can still be found living not just in Easton, but in the homes built by their ancestors to this day.

Not much is known about Joseph Hayward (1753-1843), but he was an important man in his community. Aside from adding cranberries to the family's crops, he was a celebrated Private in his local militia in 1775. He was also a Deacon for The Church of Christ. After the hurricane of 1812, Joseph Hayward established a saw mill in order to take advantage of the numerous felled trees. Most notably, he donated the land that was to become Pine Grove Cemetery, as can be seen documented in this collection.

Elijah Hayward (1786-1864) is known for being an honored judge, supreme court justice, member of the Ohio House of Representatives, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the United States and a librarian. He is the first cousin four or five times removed of George Washington Hayward. Elijah Hayward is descended from Thomas Hayward's son John Hayward (1626-Unknown) and George Washington Hayward from his other son Joseph Hayward (1646-Unknown). Elijah Hayward was born in Bridgewater, Massachusetts to Elijah Hayward (1741-1815) and Mary Thomson Hayward (1757-1840), making him the fourth generation of John Hayward's descendants. In 1819 he immigrated to Cincinnati only to be elected as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives in 1825. A few years later, in 1830 he became a Supreme Court Justice and was commissioned by President Andrew Jackson to become the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the United States. In 1851 he was named Ohio's state librarian and used his later years to prepare briefs for the Ohio Supreme Court until his death.

George Washington Hayward (1807-1880) was another important figure in his community in Easton. He became a Captain of the East Militia Company in 1831 and would go on to pursue less militaristic accomplishments. In 1860 he built one of the earliest public libraries in Easton specifically focused on general agriculture. Later on, George Washington Hayward became the School Superintendent for five non consecutive years between 1838 and 1846. Despite these pursuits, he also managed to expand his family's iron works and began iron forge centered relationships with others in the community. He also took responsibility for adding land to Pine Grove Cemetery. In his later years he was Selectman from 1846 to 1856.

Edward Russell Hayward (1837-1915) focused on continuing the family farm and caring for Pine Grove Cemetery. In 1869 a strong gale felled many trees in Easton and he saw this event as an opportunity to add steam power to his family's saw mill. E.R. Hayward was also one of the first members of the Masonic Lodge in Easton. His sons Edward Belcher (E.B.) Hayward (1861-1948) and Chester Lincoln Hayward (1875-1958), would go on to start a successful surveying business called Hayward and Hayward.

Reverend George Farrar the Third (1730-1756) was born in Lincoln, Massachusetts, and graduated from Harvard University in 1751. He later settled in Easton in 1755, as the new pastor of The Church of Christ. George Farrar entered the Easton church community during the throes of their controversy over building a new meeting house. He stepped away from that conflict in order to visit his ill sister in Lincoln. Unfortunately, he too became sick and died there. His will and estate were written in Lincoln only days after he became ill. His widow Mary Farrar, was denied his salary and the Executor of his estate sued the Town of Easton and won.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of the Hayward Family, date from 1730 to 1940 and contain a variety of documents detailing a wide range of topics, from business transactions to daily life. Included in this collection are: genealogical materials, correspondence, printed materials, photographs, wills and estate documents, poetry, account books, diaries, journals, academic notes, deeds, religious documents and government materials. This collection is arranged into eleven series by document genre or function and is presented in alphabetical order. Subsequent organization of subseries and file levels are arranged chronologically or alphabetically, as will be specified below. Notable materials in this collection include: the will and estate inventory of George Farrar, Elijah Hayward's resignation letter to the President of The United States, photographs of the Hayward's homes, patent documents and maps of Joseph Hayward's land.

Series 1: Academic Notes. The materials in this series are undated. Subseries are arranged by document genre and then into file groupings by document function. All materials are presented alphabetically. Elijah Hayward and E. B. Hayward are the primary creators of these documents. Notable materials include the twentieth century address given by George Washington Hayward and two newspapers with articles written by Elijah Hayward.

Series 2: Business Transactions and Correspondence. The materials in this series date from 1730 to 1885. The subseries arrangement is by document function and the file groupings are by document type. Subseries are presented alphabetically with their subsequent materials being ordered chronologically to follow their original order. The bulk of the materials relate to financial transactions concerning farming and Pine Grove Cemetery. The most significant materials are letters confirming the creation of a fireplace patent and farm related account books.

Series 3: Church and Government Documents. The materials in this series date from 1819 to 1893. Subseries are arranged by document function and presented alphabetically. The materials in each subseries are ordered chronologically when dates are present and alphabetically otherwise. This series features documents relating to the Evangelical Church of Easton, specifically; meeting minutes, receipts and letters. Notable materials include: letters discussing the new Minister Luther Sheldon, a notice establishing the Evangelical Church and Elijah Hayward's letter of resignation as the Commissioner of the General Land Office to the President of the United States.

Series 4: Deeds and Land Documents. The materials in this series date from 1794 to 1893. Subseries are ordered alphabetically and arranged by document type. Where dates are apparent, materials are ordered chronologically. Otherwise, individual items are ordered by their document type. Much of the material in this series relates to the layout and acreage of Joseph Hayward's land. The most notable materials are the various maps, surveyors descriptions and deeds associated with him.

Series 5: Diaries. The materials in this series date from 1845 to 1879. There are no subseries and the diaries are ordered chronologically. The topics covered range from accounts of farm life and business to quick notes about recipes. There are five diaries in total and they were written by: George Washington Hayward, Kenneth Hayward (1889-1974) and E. B. Hayward. George Washington Hayward's diary contains information about his involvement with the Abolitionist Movement as well as references to prominent African American Abolitionists like Henry Bibb and Samuel Davis.

Series 6: Genealogical Materials. The materials in this series date from 1860 to 1940. Subseries are arranged by family and ordered alphabetically. Further file groupings are arranged by the creator and ordered either chronologically or alphabetically, depending on if dates are present. Most materials outside file groupings are ordered chronologically or alphabetically by family. Prominent researchers featured in this series are Reverend William L. Chaffin, Louis S. Drake, Josiah Drummond and Emma Hayward Oliphant. The most significant individual item is a letter written by George Washington Hayward recounting his family history.

Series 7: Personal Correspondence. The materials in this series date from 1807 to 1931. Subseries are grouped by creator and ordered alphabetically. All materials in the subseries follow chronological order. Prominent content creators are Elijah Hayward and George Washington Hunt. The topics covered in these materials include: love, travel, farming and politics.

Series 8: Photographs. The materials in this series are undated. Subseries are arranged by the focal point of each photo and ordered alphabetically. Materials in each subseries follow the same arrangement and order. Most of the materials relate to the homes of Ansel Hayward, George Washington Hayward, E. B. Hayward and Joseph Hayward. Notable items in this series include: family photographs of the Haywards and interior pictures of George Washington Hayward's home.

Series 9: Poetry. The materials in this series are undated. There are no subseries due to its small content size. All materials are ordered alphabetically by title when one is present. Creators and recipients are unknown. Notable topics include: love, friendship, life and general humor.

Series 10: Wills and Estate Documents. The materials in this series date from 1757 to 1916. Subseries are arranged by the names of the deceased and ordered alphabetically. All materials located within those subseries are in chronological order. File groupings are arranged by document function and names of the deceased, respectively. The wills and estates of George Farrar, Joseph Hayward and Lydia Hayward (Unknown-1844) make up the majority of the documents. Notable materials include the wills of George Farrar and Joseph Hayward with finger-printed wax seals.

Series 11: Miscellaneous. The majority of these materials are undated, but it is estimated that they range in date from 1847 to 1933. There are no subseries and the materials are arranged by document genre. There are various Hayward family pictures, notebooks, letters and speeches. Notable items include: segments of Revered William L. Chaffin's genealogical notes, names of the members of the Evangelical Church, names of a jury, information on water lily care and a notebook of transcriptions from Elijah Hayward's journals and letters.

Series Outline

The Hayward Family Collection is arranged into 11 series, most of which have been further arranged into subseries and folder groupings. The series, subseries and file level groupings are as follows:

Series 1: Academic Notes, Undated

Subseries 1.1: Academic Notes, Undated

File Grouping 1.1.1: Law, Undated

File Grouping 1.1.2: Philosophy, Undated

File Grouping 1.1.3: Religion, Undated

File Grouping 1.1.4: Science, Undated

Subseries 1.2: Compositions, Undated

File Grouping 1.2.1: Academic Essays, Undated

File Grouping 1.2.2: Addresses and Other Essays, Undated

Subseries 1.3: Miscellaneous, Undated

Series 2: Business Transactions and Correspondence, 1730-1885

Subseries 2.1: Bills, 1839-1883

Subseries 2.2: Inventories, 1756-1885

File Grouping 2.1.1: Account Books, 1849-1885

File Grouping 2.1.2: Paper Materials, 1756-1875

Subseries 2.3: Pine Grove Cemetery Records, 1844-1862

Subseries 2.4: Receipts, 1836-1870

Subseries 2.5: Miscellaneous, 1730-1874

Series 3: Church and Government Documents, 1819-1893

Subseries 3.1: Government and Law, 1819-1893

Subseries 3.2: Church Meeting Minutes, 1839-1855

Subseries 3.3: Church Business, 1839-1893

Subseries 3.4: Church Transactions, 1833-1869

Subseries 3.5: Church Warrants, 1830-1868

Subseries 3.6: War Documents, 1826-1874

Subseries 3.7: Miscellaneous, Undated

Series 4: Deeds and Land Documents, 1794-1893

- Subseries 4.1: Deeds, 1836-1890
- Subseries 4.2: Joseph Hayward Deeds and Plans, Undated
- Subseries 4.3: Maps, Undated
- Subseries 4.4: Plans, Undated
- Subseries 4.5: Miscellaneous, 1831-1893

Series 5: Diaries, 1845-1879

Series 6: Genealogical Materials, 1860-1940

- Subseries 6.1: Drake Family Materials, 1886-1934
- Subseries 6.2: Hayward Family Materials, 1860-1940
 - File Grouping 6.2.1: Emma Hayward Oliphant, 1929-1935*
 - File Grouping 6.2.2: Miscellaneous Hayward Materials, 1860-1940*
- Subseries 6.3: Reverend William L. Chaffin Related Materials, 1885-1900
 - File Grouping 6.3.1: William L. Chaffin as Creator, 1885-1900*
 - File Grouping 6.3.2: Materials Used by William L. Chaffin, Undated*
 - File Grouping 6.3.3: Various Creators, 1889-1900*
- Subseries 6.4: Williams Family Materials, 1889-1894
- Subseries 6.5: Miscellaneous, Undated

Series 7: Personal Correspondence, 1807-1931

- Subseries 7.1: Elijah Hayward as Creator, 1841-1864
- Subseries 7.2: George Washington Hunt as Creator, 1876-1878
- Subseries 7.3: Miscellaneous Senders to Elijah Hayward, 1836-1863
- Subseries 7.4: Miscellaneous Creators, 1807-1931

Series 8: Photographs, Undated

- Subseries 8.1: Ansel Hayward House, Undated
- Subseries 8.2: Farm Photos, Undated
- Subseries 8.3: George Washington Hayward House, Undated
- Subseries 8.4: George Washington Hayward House Interior, Undated
- Subseries 8.5: Hayward Family Photos and Portraits, Undated
- Subseries 8.6: Miscellaneous Hayward Homes, Undated
- Subseries 8.7: Miscellaneous Homes, Undated

Series 9: Poetry, Undated

Series 10: Wills and Estate Documents, 1757-1916

- Subseries 10.1: George Farrar Materials, 1755-1759
 - File Grouping 10.1.1: Receipts of Estate, 1757-1759*
 - File Grouping 10.1.2: Will and Estate Documents, 1757-1759*
 - File Grouping 10.1.3: Miscellaneous Farrar Receipts, 1755-1759*
- Subseries 10.2: Joseph Hayward Will and Estate Documents, 1795-1844
- Subseries 10.3: Lydia Hayward Estate Documents, 1844-1845
- Subseries 10.4: Miscellaneous Estates, 1760-1916

File Grouping 10.4.1: Edward and E.R. Hayward Estate Inventories, 1760-1916

File Grouping 10.4.2: George Washington Hayward Will, 1869

File Grouping 10.4.3: Estates of Miscellaneous Others, 1881-1910

Series 11: Miscellaneous, Undated

Related Materials

Series 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 11 have been digitized in their entirety. George Washington Hayward's 1846 Diary has been digitized as well. All virtual materials are available at the Easton Historical Society and Museum's webpage:

<https://www.eastonmahistoricalsociety.org/#/>.

Researchers interested in this collection may also want to view the Adoniram Hayward Collection located online at <https://www.rihs.org/mssinv/Mss1107.htm>.

Container List

Series 1: Academic Notes, Undated

Subseries 1.1: Academic Notes, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Notes on the Law, Undated
1	2	Notes on Philosophy, Undated
1	3	Notes on Religion, Undated
1	4	Notes on Science, Undated

Subseries 1.2: Compositions, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	5	Academic Essays, Undated
1	6	Addresses and Other Essays, Undated

Subseries 1.3: Miscellaneous, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
1	7	Miscellaneous Notes, Undated

Series 2: Business Transactions and Correspondence, 1730-1885

Subseries 2.1: Bills, 1839-1883

Box	Folder	Description
1	8	Various Bills, 1839-1883

Subseries 2.2: Inventories, 1756-1885

Box	Folder	Description
1	9	Account Books, 1849-1885
1	10	Loose Leaf Paper Inventories, 1756-1875

Subseries 2.3: Pine Grove Cemetery Records, 1844-1862

Box	Folder	Description
1	11	Financial Transactions, 1844-1862

Subseries 2.4: Receipts, 1836-1870

Box	Folder	Description
1	12	Farm Transactions, 1836-1870

Subseries 2.5: Miscellaneous, 1730-1874

Box	Folder	Description
1	13	Miscellaneous Receipts, 1730-1847

Series 3: Church and Government Documents, 1819-1893

Subseries 3.1: Government and Law, 1819-1893

Box	Folder	Description
2	14	Official Documents and Court Proceedings, 1819-1893

Subseries 3.2: Church Meeting Minutes, 1839-1855

Box	Folder	Description
2	15	Evangelical Society Meeting Minutes, 1839-1855

Subseries 3.3: Church Business, 1839-1893

Box	Folder	Description
2	16	Letters and Declarations, 1839-1893

Subseries 3.4: Church Transactions, 1833-1869

Box	Folder	Description
2	17	Bills and Receipts, 1833-1869

Subseries 3.5: Church Warrants, 1830-1868

Box	Folder	Description
2	18	Evangelical Society Warrants for Meetings, 1830-1868

Subseries 3.6: War Documents, 1826-1874

Box	Folder	Description
2	19	Notices of Appointment and Resignation Acceptance, 1826-1874

Subseries 3.7: Miscellaneous, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
2	20	Miscellaneous Membership Records and Speeches, Undated

Series 4: Deeds and Land Documents, 1794-1893

Subseries 4.1: Deeds, 1836-1890

Box	Folder	Description
2	21	Deeds for Various Parcels of Land, 1836-1890

Subseries 4.2: Joseph Hayward Deeds and Plans, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
2	22	Joseph Hayward Maps and Plans, Undated

Subseries 4.3: Maps, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
2	23	Maps and Plans for Various Lots, Undated

Subseries 4.4: Plans, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
2	24	Layout of Various Lots, Undated

Subseries 4.5: Miscellaneous, 1831-1893

Box	Folder	Description
2	25	Letters, Bills and Roads and Bridges Notes, 1831-1893

Series 5: Diaries, 1845-1879

Box	Folder	Description
2	26	Five Diaries of Daily Life and Farming, 1845-1879

Series 6: Genealogical Materials, 1860-1940

Subseries 6.1: Drake Family Materials, 1886-1934

Box	Folder	Description
2	27	Louis S. Drake Letters, 1886-1934

Subseries 6.2: Hayward Family Materials, 1860-1940

Box	Folder	Description
2	28	Emma Hayward Oliphant Letters, 1929-1935
2	29	Various Hayward Letters, 1860-1940

Subseries 6.3: Reverend William L. Chaffin Related Materials, 1885-1900

Box	Folder	Description
2	30	Chaffin as Creator, 1885-1900
2	31	Materials Used by Chaffin, Undated
2	32	Various Creators, 1889-1900

Subseries 6.4: Williams Family Materials, 1889-1894

Box	Folder	Description
2	33	Josiah Drummond Letters, 1889-1894

Subseries 6.5: Miscellaneous, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
2	34	Haywards and Williams Families Lists and Letters, Undated

Series 7: Personal Correspondence, 1807-1931

Subseries 7.1: Elijah Hayward as Creator, 1841-1864

Box	Folder	Description
3	35	Elijah Hayward Letters, 1841-1864

Subseries 7.2: George Washington Hunt as Creator, 1876-1878

Box	Folder	Description
3	36	George Washington Hunt Letters, 1876-1878

Subseries 7.3: Miscellaneous Senders to Elijah Hayward, 1836-1863

Box	Folder	Description
3	37	Various Letters, 1836-863

Subseries 7.4: Miscellaneous Creators, 1807-1931

Box	Folder	Description
3	38	Various Letters and Senders, 1807-1931

Series 8: Photographs, Undated

Subseries 8.1: Ansel Hayward House, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	39	Long Shots of Ansel Hayward House, Undated

Subseries 8.2: Farm Photos, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	40	Extreme Long Shots of Unidentified Farm Land, Undated

Subseries 8.3: George Washington Hayward House, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	41	Multiple Angle and Camera Shots of George Washington Hayward House, Undated

Subseries 8.4: George Washington Hayward House Interior, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	42	Multiple Angle and Camera Shots of the Interior of the George Washington Hayward House, Undated

Subseries 8.5: Hayward Family Photos and Portraits, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	43	Formal Portraits and Family Photos of the Hayward Family in Black and White, Undated

Subseries 8.6: Miscellaneous Hayward Homes, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	44	Various Angles and Shots of Different Hayward Homes, Undated

Subseries 8.7: Miscellaneous Homes, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	45	Various Angles and Shots of Homes and Landscapes in the Area, Undated

Series 9: Poetry, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
3	46	Poems, Undated

Series 10: Wills and Estate Documents, 1757-1916

Subseries 10.1: George Farrar Materials, 1755-1759

Box	Folder	Description
3	47	Receipts of the George Farrar Estate, 1757-1759
3	48	Will and Various Estate Documents, 1757-1759
3	49	Miscellaneous Receipts, 1755-1759

Subseries 10.2: Joseph Hayward Will and Estate Documents, 1795-1844

Box	Folder	Description
3	50	Will, Various Estate Documents and Receipts, 1795-1844

Subseries 10.3: Lydia Hayward Estate Documents, 1844-1845

Box	Folder	Description
3	51	Estate Documents and Receipts, 1844-1845

Subseries 10.4: Miscellaneous Estates, 1760-1916

Box	Folder	Description
3	52	Edward and E.R. Hayward Estate Inventories, 1760-1916
3	53	George Washington Hayward Will, 1869
3	54	Estates of Various Others, 1881-1910

Series 11: Miscellaneous, Undated

Box	Folder	Description
4	55	Pictures, Notebooks, Letters, Speeches, Undated