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Lyme Historical Society Archives
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GUIDE
Lay Papers (1747-1916)

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: The Collection here involves two branches of the Lay family. The earlier material is that of Elisha Lay (1747-1839) and Stephen Lay (1787- 1865) who were farmers in the Meeting House Hill area. The later material belongs to Oliver Lay (1800-1876) and his family. Oliver Lay owned the woolen mill in Laysville (his account books are in the Connecticut Historical Society) and was a prominent figure in Lyme.

SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION: Stephen and Elisha are represented by a group of deeds; Oliver Lay by his legal papers. The bulk are of cases tried by Oliver Lay as Justice of the Peace 1835-1854, but there are also some Judge of Probate items, 1857-1866. Finally, there are some miscellaneous papers of his children, Mariette (1831-1899) and Daniel (1840-1916).

Lay Box

Folder	Items	Description	
1	1	Index	
2	1	Lay, John	Deed 1765, purchase of house and land in East Haddam
3	11	Lay, Elisha	Deeds
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5	1	Lay, Oliver	Lease
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7	1	Lay, Elisha	Letter
8	1	Lay, Stephen	Discharge
9	7	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace to 1840
10	24	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1841-45
11	14	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1846-49
12	12	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1850
13	31	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1851
14	38	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1852
15	20	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1853
16	14	Lay, Oliver	Justice of the Peace 1854
17	8	Tax Board, Lyme	1845-1846
18	13	Lay, Oliver	Judge of Probate, 1857-1866
19	3	Lay, Oliver	Notary Commissions, 1867-1871
20	9	Lay, Oliver	Misc. financial papers
21	2	Lay, Mariette I.	Papers

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22	15	Lay, Daniel	Cases
23	2	Lay, Daniel	Misc. papers

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