

Year	Description	Author	Recipient	Additional subject, description, info	Yale Significance
1719JosephWillard1714	<p>Joseph Willard, 1696-1723, Yale B.A. 1714. The alumni of Yale's first decades, who were primarily clergymen, appear to have led lives of quiet dedication in small New England settlements. But perhaps things were not as gently bucolic as they now seem. Consider the fate that befell Joseph Willard. His career got off to a modest start. Appointed pastor of the church in Swampfield (later Sunderland), Massachusetts, Willard was dismissed after three years, in 1721, for reasons not recorded. He began preaching in the newly settled township of Rutland, in the western part of the colony, where he was related to most of the landholders. Rutland, still considered vulnerable to Indian attack, chose Willard as its pastor but did not name a date for the installation ceremony until 1723. While awaiting this event, the minister joined a few citizens on a turkey-hunting expedition. In the woods they were caught in a surprise attack in which Willard and two others were killed and scalped. Two members of the party were carried off by the attackers. The 27-year-old clergyman was eulogized in two ceremonies in Rutland, and these sermons were published in Boston the following year. Survived by his widow and one child (a second was born after his death), Joseph Willard left a tidy estate valued at nearly 500 pounds. (Yale Alumni Magazine 300th profile)</p> <p>Willard's grandfather was the brother of Harvard President Samuel Willard (President 1701-1707).</p>	Joseph Willard (1714)	"Reverend & Dear Sir"	1 page, dated April 20, 1719 from Sunderland. The Letter is on laid paper and has some old glassine repairs but it is intact. See translation.	<p>Joseph Willard (Class of 1714), was named one of Yale's 30 most prominent graduates at the Tercentennial (Yale Alumni Magazine 2001), when Yale chose 1 person per decade for the 300th Anniversary.</p> <p>Only known signature by Willard that I've found. Yale library catalog has no entries for Joseph Willard.</p> <p>Please see Willard Biographical sketch, Yale Alumni Magazine (pdf files)</p>
1734OliverPartridge1730	<p>Early deed for land, estate and contents of a Hatfield Massachusetts home being left from a Samuel Cowles to his son Samuel Cowles that is dated 1734. This deed was likely written by Oliver Partridge for Samuel Cowles. It is signed Samuel Cowles in a handwriting that obviously doesn't match the rest of the document and then on the lower left it says "Signed, sealed and Dated, Oliver Partridge + Moses Grence" and when comparing the signatures of the three men it is obvious that the document matches the signature of Oliver Partridge (his d's are particularly unusual). Partridge was a fairly important figure. For the most part the deed is easily legible but as should be obvious in photos, paper is rough with losses around borders and the ink has bled through front and back. Much of the wax seal is missing. A nice early document though with interesting signs of the times like the fact that Mass is referred to as the "Province of Massachusetts Bay" and the date at the end of the deed is listed as being "in the eighth year of the reign of George the Second, King of Brittain".</p> <p>Oliver Partridge (1730), was a "member of the Colonial congress, born in Hatfield, Massachusetts, 13 June, 1712; died in Hadley, Massachusetts, 21 July, 1792. He was graduated at Yale in 1730, studied law, and became a successful practitioner at Hatfield. He was a delegate to the congress that was called by the British government to meet in Albany, New York, in June, 1754. In 1765 he was a delegate from Massachusetts to the congress that assembled in New York city to take action with regard to the stamp-act, and voted for the petition to the king, the memorial to parliament, and the bill of rights. In 1769-'74 he was judge of common pleas for Hampshire county. When hostilities with the mother country were impending he was at first opposed to revolution, but soon he embraced the American cause." See famousamericans.net.</p>	Oliver Partridge (1730)		Paper measures 11 x 7 1/2". (Please see jpeg images which are more detailed than photocopy).	Oliver Partridge (1730), part of 1765 Stamp Act. See Partridge's Yale Biographical Sketches entry (pdf)
1736PresidentTimothyCutler	<p>October 8, 1736. Timothy Cutler has written a letter to Cambridge University colleague (?President) regarding his son and which college he will choose to go to; Christopher Bridge a recent graduate of Harvard, enjoying some Madeira wine, the comments of Sir Isaac Newton and procurement of books from a fellow at Eton College. A treasure which mentions Harvard, Cambridge, Oxford, London, Eton College, many Cambridge professors and religious struggles in New England. Laments Languishing State of Religion in the Old and lack of Resident Bishop. Timothy Cutler graduated Harvard in 1701 at 17 years (year of Yale's Founding), became Yale's 3rd Rector (President) from 1719-22.</p> <p>Yale has minimal letters by Timothy Cutler (1722 and 1727 letters to Sir Francis Nicholson). Harvard does not appear to have an original letter by Cutler. Cutler was the son-in-law of Yale's 2nd President Samuel Andrew. (See "Resources on Yale's History" for Timothy Cutler's biography attached)</p>	Timothy Cutler	Sir Geflow Cambridge	8" x 12" single page with writing on both sides. (See also 1725 Timothy Cutler document found online for comparison)	3rd Yale President Timothy Cutler, removed from office by vote of Yale Trustees 1722 after Cutler gave an Anglican blessing. This 1736 document (14 years later) Cutler struggles with religion in the New England versus the Old World. "On many accounts we in New England should lament the Languishing State of Religion in Old." A transformational letter for Yale.

1744Trumble	December 31, 1744 indenture of Mary Welch, an 8 year old poor female whose father, Jonathan Welch of Lebanon, is deceased. Mary is to be a Maid Servant or Apprentice to David Lee (1674 - 1759) and his wife of Coventry, Connecticut, until she reached the age of 18. Document stipulates Mary's duties and the moral behavior by which she must abide. The document further stipulates the obligations of the Lee family to provide well for Mary, to teach her to read, sew, and to perform the tasks of a Maid Servant, which consisted of standard housekeeping tasks of the day.	David Lee, Ebenezer Gray (Gray signed twice), Teh--Robinson		Signed by David Lee, Ebenezer Gray (Revolutionary War veteran same regimen as Benedict Arnold). Mentions "Joseph Fowler, Gerthom Clark, and Jonathan Trumble". 7 1/2 " x 12 1/2 inches with raised wax red seal next to David Lee signature	Jonathan Trumble (Trumbull), Jonathan Lee (Class 1742, See Biographical Sketch pdf) is ordained priest and son of David Lee in document. Ebenezer Gray (Rev war hero) signed
1746JacobHeminway1704	Yale was chartered in October 1701, and in March 1702 Jacob Heminway entered under the tutorship of Abraham Pierson. Many years later, Heminway told Ezra Stiles, Yale's seventh president, that he "solus was all the College the first half-year." Heminway is known as the First Student of Yale College & this is a 1746 Quit Claim signed by Heminway and his second wife Sarah. Heminway and his wife quit claim to Sarah's first husband's estate. Jacob Heminway's elder brother is the direct ancestor of Ernest Hemingway. I have been able to locate only one Heminway document held at Yale, a December 1732 "Deed, manuscript, signed by Jacob Heminway, Joseph Whiting and Samuel Bishop, at New Haven." (See Jpeg images of 1732 document) This 1746 signature is only the 2nd known signature of Yale's First Son.	Jacob Heminway (Yale's First Student, Class 1704) and Sarah Heminway		Single page, writing crisp and clear, document fragile with a natural separation along the top 2 inch fold.	This is a transformational letter for the Yale archives. Only the 2nd known signature of Yale's First Son, Jacob Heminway (Class 1704).
1765JabezHuntington1741	To Joseph Talcott (Talcott) of Hartford Esq'r Treas'r (Treasurer) of ye Colony of Connecticut", seeking reimbursement for the Constable of Norwich, Connecticut for the expense of boarding a lame poor man (VAGRANT) for 14 days and then transporting him to the Constable at New London for his eventual return to New York. See Biographical sketch (pdf)	Jabez Huntington (1741), Member of Connecticut House of Assistants	Joseph Talent (Hartford)		Huntington one of 12 Yale grads to be General in Revolutionary War (1 of 2 Major Generals, Connecticut Militia)
1770Hutchinson1747	April 17, 1770 Grafton, MA church-going citizens have filed a complaint against the way and manner in which the Reverend Aaron Hutchinson (Yale 1747) treats the children and the elite members of the congregation; being negligent, improper and improfitable . . ."		Aaron Hutchinson (Yale 1747)	8" x 10"	Aaron Hutchinson (Yale 1747)
1773BackusHuntington1761	May 22, 1773, Isaac Backus of Middleborough, Massachusetts Bay Colony has sold to Elijah Backus of New London, Connecticut; two pieces of land by the Cranberry ponds in nearby Norwich, CT. Signed by Isaac Backus (leading Baptist Preacher of the day), Isaac Tracy, Richard Hide and Benjamin Huntington as registrar.	Isaac Backus (ratified 1788 Constitution) , Isaac Tracy, Richard Hale (Justice Peace ? Nathan Hale father), Benjamin Huntington Jr. Registrar (1736-1800)		8" x 12", double sided, splits along folds, paper faults, else in overall good condition.	Benjamin Huntington (Yale 1761), Continental Congress, represented Connecticut at 1789 First Congress of US. "Richard Hale Justice of Peace" (This MAY be Nathan Hale's father Deacon Richard Hale (1718-1802))

1775BenjaminStiles1740	January 25, 1775, Woodbury, Litchfield County, Ct. by Benjamin Stiles (1720-97) legislator, lawyer, Militia Officer, and owner of a slave who fought in the Revolutionary War, winning a merit badge. Also docketed and signed by Jonathan Mitchel, Constable of Woodbury. The document is a writ requesting the Sheriff, Deputy or any constable of Litchfield County to summon Israel Curtiss, Jr. of Woodbury to appear before Stiles at his dwelling house in Woodbury on Jan. 30, at 1 p.m. to answer to William Kenedy of Woodbury for nonpayment of a debt of five shillings. Stiles graduated Yale in 1740 and practiced law in Southbury. His sister, Mary, was married to Revolutionary War Colonel Benjamin Hinman. Stiles was appointed by the crown as the surveyor for Fairfield County in 1749, and later Litchfield County (after its formation) in 1752. From 1754-71 he served as Deputy to the Connecticut Assembly. In 1764 he was appointed a Captain of Militia. In 1775, the same year as this document, he was suspected of being too conservative in his views and was cited before the General Assembly for "Contempt of Government" the complaint charging him with having said that the "Three Colony Representatives in the Continental Congress were three good-for-nothing dogs, and no more fit for the place than his sick negro Jeff." No specific action was taken against him because his brother-in-law was Colonel Hinman, and he was also a friend of Ethan Allen (of Green Mountain Boys fame) and other patriots. Further, his son, Benjamin Stiles, Jr., (1756-1817) fought in the war as did his wife's slave, Jeffrey Brace. This was the "sick" Jeff mentioned above. Brace, captured in Africa at age 16 and shipped to America, had a few cruel masters before he was purchased by Benjamin's wife, Mary, in 1768. Prior to Mary's purchase, Brace, who was 6'3" and extremely strong, fought as an "enslaved sailor" in the French and Indian War, fighting mostly in Cuba. Mary taught Brace to read and write, and treated him as part of the family. He fought with the Continental Army for over 5 years, winning the Badge of Merit, which was rarely presented to blacks at the time. After the war he was honorably discharged and freed from slavery. He then returned to Woodbury where he lived with Benjamin Stiles Jr.. A year later Brace left and moved to Vermont, where slavery was illegal, got married, raised a family, changed his name back to its original African and eventually went blind. Brace's biography is recounted in a book first published in 1810 (and recently republished) entitled "The Blind African Slave, or memoirs of Boyrereau Brinch, nicknamed Jeffrey Brace." After the war Benjamin Stiles Sr. represented Southbury at a meeting held at Hartford, Jan. 3, 1788, for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution and he was later a State Auditor. Timely piece. Two weeks after this was written the British Parliament declared the colony of Massachusetts to be in a state of rebellion and 3 months later, the Revolutionary War began.	Benjamin Stiles (1740)		1 pg. autograph document signed	Benjamin Stiles 1740, Merit Badge Revolutionary War. Benjamin Stiles' brother is the great Yale President Ezra Stiles (1746). Benjamin Stiles part of 1788 ratification US Constitution
1778AbrahamDavenport	1778 Abraham Davenport, Selectman of Stamford, clothing for soldiers paid by Stamford and reimbursed by State of Connecticut. Wikipedia, "Abraham Davenport (1715 – November 20, 1789) was an American politician who served in the Connecticut Governor's Council during the American Revolution, and as a colonel in the Connecticut state militia. He is famous for his response to New England's Dark Day, which many feared was a sign that the Last Judgment was approaching."	Abraham Davenport	State of Connecticut	7 1/8" x 4 3/8"	Abraham Davenport, Connecticut colonial history, Timothy Dwight wrote about Davenport and the Dark Day affairs
1779HenryDaggett1775	1779 American Revolutionary War Document, signed by Continental Army Quartermaster and Yale President's son Henry Daggett (1775)	Henry Daggett (1775)		7 3/4" x 3"	Henry Daggett (1775), son of Yale President Naphtali Daggett (1748)
1783OliverWolcottJr1773	1783 Connecticut Revolutionary War pay voucher for Captain Roger Alden for 238 pounds signed by Oliver Wolcott Jr (1773), son of Wolcott Sr. (Signer US Declaration)	Oliver Wolcott Jr (1773)	Roger Alden and Pay-Table Office	6.5" x 8.5"	Oliver Wolcott Jr (1773, Nathan Hale classmate), son of US Signer Declaration

1785JohnSHobart1757	1785 original New York Supreme Court document, signed by Justice John Sloss Hobart (1757). Hobart had been an important political figure during and after the American Revolution, and briefly served as a U.S. Senator in 1798.	NY Justice John Sloss Hobart (1757)		Court order, 7 1/2" x 7"	
1788JonathanTrumbullJrDyer1740	Sept. 18, 1788 signed by TWO great patriots, Eliphalet Dyer and Jonathan Trumbull Jr. The two served together in the Continental Congress and were related through marriage this document allocates personal property between the two families. Trumbull Jr. "Administrator on the Estate of Col. Jos(eph) Trumbull ... Amelia Trumbull (who married Hezekiah Wyllys (1747-1827, Yale Class 1765) in 1785." Dyer will procure from Amelial Trumbull property from Joseph Trumbull estate. Amelia Dyer Trumbull Wyllys was the widow of Joseph Trumbull (1737-1778), brother of the artist Jonathan Trumbull Jr (1740-1809). Sons Jonathan Trumbull Sr., 16th Gov of Connecticut and namesake of Trumbull College.	Jonathan Trumbull Jr (twice) and Eliphalet Dyer (1740)		6 3/8" x 8"	Extraordinary Trumbull family signed document.
1790sAugustineTaylor1776	Augustine Taylor joined the Connecticut Continental Line as Second Lietutenant or Ensign of the Seventh Regiment, his commission date January 1, 1777. The Regiment joined Washington's army in PA, taking part on Oct 4th in the battle of Germantown. Doubtless Lt Taylor was there, as he was at Valley Forge during the winter of 1777-1778. Also present at the battle of Monmouth in 1778 where he suffered some permanent injury to his eyesight. June 20 1779 he received promotion to a First Lt. During the winter the regiment encamped on Monmouth Heights and Lt Taylor remained with it untiil his resignation June 25 1781. In 1812 he was appointed Major-General of the State Militia.	Augustine Taylor (1776)	State of Connecticut		
1794EnochWoodbridge1774	1794 Vermont Court Warrant Signed twice by Enoch Woodbridge (1774), Samuel Blodgett, and Joel Linsley. Enoch Woodbridge (1774) served in the American Revolution at Quebec, Bennington and Saratoga, and was Chief Justice of Vermont Supreme Court 1797-1800.	Enoch Woodbridge (1774)	Corwall, Vermont Town Clerk Office	Vermont, Court Order, 12" x 7.5",	Enoch Woodbridge (1774)
1794OliverWolcottJr1773	1794 US Treasury Comptroller Office. Acknowledgment of Customs payment received for Reverend Cutter Argus and Vouchers for Surveyors for ports of New London, Middleton & Stonington	Oliver Wolcott Jr (1773)		7 5/8" x 7 5/8"	Oliver Wolcott Jr (1773, Nathan Hale classmate), son of US Signer Declaration
1796JPor1776Wyllys1758	Scarce investment grade manuscript document signed, 1796 by JOHN PORTER (1757-1806) regarding the account of Samuel Wyllys (1739-1823). Porter, a 1776 Yale graduate, was Comptroller for Connecticut from 1793-1806. Wyllys led a regiment in the Siege of Boston. Fort Wyllys was named in his honor.	John Porter, Connecticut Comptroller (1776)	Samuel Wyllys (1758)		Two Yale Sons John Porter (1776) and Samuel Wyllys (1758)

1799HoraceHolley1803	December 26, 1799 Yale student Horace Holley accounting of expenses to father.	Horace Holley (1803), future President Transylvania University	Luther Holley	Cover has a straight line postmark and a manuscript rate marking. Cover has a straight line red PAID. Text of letter uses 2 pages of the 4 page piece. paper has numerous tears and cuts, and is missing a piece of the second sheet, which doesn't affect the letter. paper has staining and age yellowing. Paper has some second sheet dirtiness.	
1800HoraceHolley1803	December 3, 1800 Horace Holley to Father. Shares happiness and anxiety with father. dad is worried a Miss Mc will be a roadblock on his son's path to getting a solid education, and Horace does his best to put those fears to rest. "I never encouraged a thought ... than that refined, chaste and delicate friendship, which sometimes subsists to be between those, not united in the silken bonds of Hymn."	Horace Holley (1803), future President Transylvania University	Luther Holley	Cover has a straight line postmark and manuscript rate marking. Text of letter uses 2 pages of the 4 page piece. Paper has numerous tears and cuts, has staining and age yellowing.	
1800HoraceHolley1803	Letter was written by Horace Holley, a student at Yale College. Letter is dateline Yale College Feb. 9, 1800. Horace writes about how he has settled in back at school, how happy he is to be able to get an education that he can put to use later, wherever he may be, how appreciative he is for his parents giving him this opportunity. He talks about his class having gone through Virgil in Latin, the four Evangelists, with the acts of the apostles in Greek, and they were getting ready for an examination. Horace also writes that.....On the 22nd of February is to be the following attention paid to the memory of General George Washington. The committee of the town of New Haven (and others). If I have an opportunity, I will send up the funeral oration of the President, as it will undoubtedly be printed.	Horace Holley (1803), future President Transylvania University	Luther Holley	Vintage folded stampless cover and letter combination, that was written in and mailed from New Haven, Connecticut. Cover has a straight line postmark, of which one letter is weak but visible. Has a manuscript rate marking of 10. Text of letter uses 2 pages of the 4 page piece. Paper has a first sheet tear which impacts the letter. That the only tear I see. Paper has some staining and has yellowed from age.	Yale Student writes about February 22, 1800 New Haven memorial to US President Washington (2/22/1732 - 12/14/1799).
1802HoraceHolley1803	February 14, 1802 from Horace Holley (1803) to Father. Needs a coat, heard the blue birds sing. "I observe in the last papers that a majority of one in the Senate has passed the resolution to do away the Judiciary Act." Concern with Judicial Independence being compromised, "But surely they ought to have some very strong reasons, known at least to themselves, before they effect a complete destruction of Judicial Independence; and still more before they go directly in the very teeth of the Constitution, to one half the United States." Wow. Great discourse on the unconstitutionality of the bill. Mentions Philadelphia Congress, United States Gazette, "mourning for the death of our constitution."	Horace Holley (1803), future President Transylvania University	Luther Holley	folded stampless 15 " x 8 3/4". fragile folds. Cover has a straight line N.Haven Feb. 19 postmark. The picture brought some of the letters that are hard to see with the naked eye. In other words, the postmark looks better in picture than it actually is. Cover has a manuscript rate marking of 6. Text of letter uses 3 pages of the 4 page piece. Paper has some rough edges, serious middle foldline tears and edge tears. Paper has staining and has yellowed from age.	Yale Student writes passionately about the Judiciary Act, Constitution, and future of the young United States.

1802JamesHillhouse1773	James Hillhouse was described by Yale Archivist Judith Ann Schiff as one of the most important of Yale's architects and administrators. She writes, "From the 1780s to the 1830s, James Hillhouse, a man of astonishing vision and strength, helped Yale and New Haven develop in harmony." This 1802 Hillhouse letter to Honorable Jeremiah Wadsworth describes recent drought, delivery of peas, and Hillhouse's work on a road and his numerous companies.	James Hillhouse (1773)	Honorable Jeremiah Wadsworth, Hartford (Ct)	vintage folded stampless cover and letter combination that was written in and mailed from New Haven, Connecticut, and addressed to the Honorable Jeremiah Wadsworth, Hartford (Ct). Cover has a straight line N. Haven AP-5 postmark and a manuscript rate marking of 8. Cover has unidentifiable markings on back of cover Text of letter uses 1 page of the 4 page piece. paper has a couple of minor foldline cuts. Paper has some staining and yellowed from age. Letter is dated March 5	Hillhouse is a Yale Treasurer & US Senator, Class of 1773 with classmate Nathan Hale.
1804RevHaskell1790	October 25, 1804, Reverend Samuel Haskell (1790) has written to the Reverend Parker; regarding a harrowing sea voyage from the Long Island Sound, to Boston and then finally to Maine. It seems a gale wind kicked up as soon as they went to sea, masts and rigging were lost, they drifted out to sea; sailed back to land, made small sail journey to the final location. He states that his cabin is small and dirty, men and women, children crying, cattle lowing ... driven by the waves and tossed by the sea.	Rev Samuel Haskell (1790)		Total sheet 16 1/2" x 13 1/4", folded to 8 1/4" x 13 1/4" with writing on two pages, ink lightened, overall very good condition	
1810JohnDavenport1770	1810 hand-written letter between 2 Yale grads, US Congressman John Davenport (1770) to Connecticut Governor John Treadwell (1767) accepting his election to the 12th Congress of the U.S. Davenport a major in the Revolutionary War, lawyer and politician. He represented Connecticut, as a Federalist, in the 6th to 14th Congresses from 1799-1817.	John Davenport (1770)	Connecticut Gov John Treadwell (1767)	8" x 9 7/8"	Two distinguished Yale graduates & patriots, John Davenport (1770) and John Treadwell (1767)
1815FrederickBackus1813 MED1816	September 8, 1815, Yale medical student Frederick F Backus writes to his father, Azel Backus (President Hamilton College). This letter has superb medical content, describing in great detail the illness and death of a woman suffering from dysentery. Mentions William Tully (1785-1859, Yale 1806), an eminent New England physician & Yale professor 1829-1842.	Frederick F Backus (Yale 1813 BA, 1816 MD)	Azel Backus (1745-1816, Yale 1787), 1st President Hamilton College (1812-1816)	3 pgs letter, approx. 7-7/8" x 9-3/8"	a Yale BA and MD son to a Yale father, great medical content, Backus House at Hamilton College still stands.
1817AbrahamWinchellYale Harvard1818	March 8, 1817 from Yale student Abraham Winchell. "I write to inform you I am going to Boston and may not return to this place to stay again very soon. I think some of trying to finish my studies at Harvard College Cambridge." Details books, financials of possible other former student. Then writes, "As to College I have not much to say. Matters remain much the same. It is not yet known whether P Davis + Dr. Porter will accept of their appointments in College. HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEAST From HISTORY OF DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, James H. Smith, 1882, Chapter XXI. "Abraham (Winchell) was a lawyer of some prominence. He was educated at Yale, studying there in 1815-'17, and at Harvard College. He studied law for three years under General James TALMADGE, of Poughkeepsie, and settled in his native town, but seems not to have made any great efforts to secure a large practice. He was remarkably well read in law, and would have made an excellent judge. He possessed a calm judicial mind, regulated at all times by the keenest sense of justice and the purest principals of morality. He died in Dryden, N. Y., April 4, 1843."	Abraham Winchell (Yale student 1818, Harvard grad 1818)	Isaac Bind, Cecil County Maryland	16" x 10" folded, dark ink on fragile paper.	A Yale student writes of leaving to go to Harvard, and remarks on the then vacant Yale President being offered to 2 people, Henry Davis (BA 1801) and Dr. Porter. Yale President Timothy Dwight IV died January 11, 1817 and Jeremiah Day was appointed April 22, 1817.

1825WilliamSullivant1823	William Starling Sullivant (1803-1873) was a US bryologist. He was the son of Lucas Sullivan - founder of Columbus, Ohio - and Sarah Starling. . Yale Class 1823. Became the leading expert on mosses and liverworts of his time. Many bryophyte species he discovered carry the abbreviation Sulliv. after their Latin name. The document is an agreement for the sale of land - a portion of a tract patented by his father, Lucas - to a William W. Haines. Size 8" by 12" on wove, watermarked, rag-content paper; age toned, many small holes along folds, overall fair to good condition.	William Sullivant (1823) and William W Haines		7 3/4" x 12 1/2", wove, watermarked, rag-content paper; age toned, many small holes along folds, overall fair to good condition.	By1870s, Sullivant the foremost bryologist in the United States. His peers honored Sullivant by electing him to the National Academy of Sciences in 1872. They also named a newly discovered moss, Sullivantia Ohioensis, in his honor.
1827SutherlandDouglas1822	1827 by Sutherland Douglas (Yale 1822, 1804-1831) to "my dear parents." Letter is 1-month before his wedding (fiance "meets my feelings perfectly"), offered full Rector in Georgetown, "satisfied with my preaching." Great content on ministry, getting elected, friends in the District. Footnotes on being offered Rectorship of St. John's Church. Sutherland attended Andover Seminary, married daughter of Seth P Staples (one of the founders of Yale Law School). Preached temporarily in Georgetown, D.C; then about one year in Rochester, NY, which he left Aug, 1829. Lost his only child, a son in 1830; visited Europe on account of declining health in 1830; died in London May 6, 1831, aged 26. Scarce letter as Sutherland Douglas died very young.	Sutherland Douglas (1822)	Alanson Douglas	16" x 10" folded	Connection to Mrs Samuel Miller who made a contribution of \$10,000 to Yale, in 1872, to found the Douglas Fellowship, as a memorial to her brothers, Sutherland Douglas (1822) and George H Douglas (1828).
1827ThomasHubbard1799	1827 letter from Thomas Hubbard (1799), Clerk of Supreme Court, Utica, NY. Hubbard a Congressman, one of founders Hamilton College and Utica Academy.	D Buel, Jr.	Thomas H Hubbard (1799), Utica, NY	16" x 9 3/4" folded, stampless	
1828JoshuaTEaton1830	November 1828 Yale student letter about 20 dollars, trunk shipped via Lady Washington to Long Wharf. Respects to family and friends	Joshua T Eaton (1830)	Lawson Buckminster , Framingham MA	16" x 10" folded, writing on 2 pages (7 3/4" x 9 3/4")	Minister for 25 years. In 1880, reported to class notes that he still had visions in the night of being unprepared for a Yale exam!
1829ThomasCoit1821	Letter from Thomas W. Coit (1821) to St Peters Church, Salem, March 16. 1829. Coit resigns from St. Peters Church and accepts the Rectorship of Christ Church, Cambridge. Extraordinary 1-page letter.	Thomas W. Coit (1821)		8" x 9 7/8". See also 1885 NY Times obit, "among the foremost scholars of the Episcopal Church and was the author of several able works in defense of its doctrines and position." Left his library to Berkeley Divinity School where he was also lecturer on ecclesiastical history.	
1831BennettBronson1797	Bennett Bronson (1797) writes to Rev Leonard Bacon in New Haven. "The Church & Society in this place have given the Rev'd Joel R. Arnold a call to settle with them in the Gospel Ministry. Mr. Arnold has accepted the call and the fourth Wednesday of instant January is appointed for the Installation."	Bennett Bronson (1797)	Leonard Bacon	This folded lettersheet / stampless letter has a circular date stamp for WATERBURY CT, a matching PAID and a 6 cent rate, and is addressed to Rev'd Leonard Bacon, New Haven, and is a one page letter written by Bennet Bronson. The headline is Waterbury, January 10th, 1831.	

1831ChaunceyGoodrich1837	January 16, 1831. Superb letter by Chauncey Goodrich as a student at the Ellington School in Connecticut. "Gannet has been expelled and two new scholars arrived yesterday." Class news content excellent. He details the names, hometowns and room numbers of his classmates. Chauncey Goodrich was later a part of the Theological Department of Yale College, the Trinitarian Congregational church in Malden, Mass., Congregational church in Watertown, Conn., and then a resident of New Haven. He is the grandson of Noah Webster and engaged chiefly in literary labors, especially in connection with the revised edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. He also prepared and read before the New Haven Colony Historical Society. The roster includes Donald Grant Mitchell (Yale 1841), Levi Ives and many future graduates of the Ellington School who attended Yale.	Chauncey Goodrich (1837)	Edward Ellsworth, Farmington CT	16" x 9 3/4" folded, stampless	Yale Manuscripts and Archives has Goodrich Family Papers. descendants of Elizur Goodrich (1734-1797), Goodrich family and Chauncey Goodrich with connections to Webster Dictionary (Chauncey's father (Yale 1810) married Noah Webster's daughter).
1835JeremiahDay1795	August 4, 1835, Yale President Jeremiah Day gives sincere gratitude "for the highly valued present which you have lately made to the Trumbull Gallery" and important and repeated favors to the College. President of Yale from 1817 to October 1846, this letter written by a man associated with Yale for 69 years.	Yale President Jeremiah Day ("J Day")	Hon Stephen	7 1/2" x 10 "	Yale President Jeremiah Day (1817-1846)
1836FooteToHubbard1799	1836 Letter Judge ET Foote Jamestown NY to Thomas Hubbard (1799). Hubbard a Congressman, one of founders Hamilton College and Utica Academy. Foote delivered 1864 inaugural address to Connecticut Homeopathic Medical Society. Foote says he has sent Hubbard \$200 to settle a difficulty with 135 acres of land he had been supervising for him, became involved with a man named Van Vliet who has taken advantage of him.	Judge Elial Todd Foote	Thomas H Hubbard (1799), Utica, NY	7 1/2" x 12 1/2" wove paper, folded as cover, with Jamestown cancel.	Thomas Hubbard (1799) and genealogy of Elial Foote (Connecticut Homeopathic connection)
1839SamuelALaw1792	Letter addressed to Samuel A Law (1792). Law studied under Simeone Baldwin and in Yale bio is credited with influencing a large immigration of New Englanders to his home in Meredith, NY. Postmaster of village, owned many farms, judge common pleas and professor of religion.	S. Meylert	Samuel A Law (1792)	16" x 10" folded	
1842OliverHubbard1828	Detailed 3+ page stampless folded letter, March 2, 1842 by O.P.H. (Oliver P. Hubbard) a prominent early YALE COLLEGE Professor of Natural History and later Professor of Chemistry and Pharmacy Dartmouth College. Hubbard writes his wife in care of famous Professor Benjamin Silliman. Hubbard writes extensively about his class work, funny part about missing final recitation because his alarm clock malfunctioned, so the next night was one of "disturbed sleep" since he was afraid it would happen again, talks extensively about other professors, classes, much chatter - a Dartmouth and Yale history content superb. Also talks about Professor Bailey's work in natural sciences at Dartmouth - naming different types of fossils, where they were found, research projects etc....	Oliver P Hubbard (1828)	Faith Hubbard (Hubbard's wife & great Yale Chemist Benjamin Silliman's daughter)	16" x 10" folded, postmark red Hanover, NH circular date stamp with an 18 3/4 cent manuscript rate mark. Letter fully intact and in good shape - couple minor archival tape repairs.	Oliver P Hubbard (1828)

1846HezekiahGRogers1831	Hezekiah Gold Rogers (Yale BA 1831 MA 1850, 1811-1882) was the 1st US Ambassador to Italy (Charge de affairs at the court of the Turin Kingdom). This remarkable 1846 letter is by HG Rogers' father Edward Rogers. The father writes, "Within a short period after he arrived at his place of destination, he became dangerously sick with the fever of the country and totally deranged." Father recounts his illness with many descriptors- "derangement ... extremely excitable jealous ... often seems to lack judgment ... actuated by succession of passions." Application to have son admitted to asylum. (Of note HG Rogers was same class as Yale President Noah Porter 1831. Father US Congressman Rogers online sources and official US Congress biography lists Williams College 1809 and attended Yale College.)	US Congressman Edward Rogers (Yale College studied law) (Father of Ambassador HG Rogers)	Thomas H Hubbard (1799), Utica, NY (likely same recipient as 1836Footet Hubbard letter above), in absence of Dr. Amariah Brigham Superintendent State Asylum.	16" x 10" folded, handwritten blue ink. Document includes a full typed translation of Edward Rogers letter.	This is a 1st person Congressman Father's Account of a promising politician's tragic career. Articles have been written about this story & see Harold Langley's article, "The Tragic Career of HG Rogers, Pennsylvania Politician and Jacksonian Democrat." Langley writes, "His was a saga of bright beginnings and of somber conclusions."
1846JeremiahDay1795	March 23, 1846 1-page invitation for General Associations Committee on Psalms and Hymns at the home of Yale President Jeremiah Day. President of Yale from 1817 to October 1846, this letter written in his last Presidents year of a man associated with Yale for 69 years.	Yale President Jeremiah Day ("J Day")		7 1/2" x 8 1/4 "	Yale President Jeremiah Day (1817-1846)
1847DanielNoyes1840	March 22, 1847, Yale Tutor Daniel Parish Noyes (1840) wants to come home for summer to farm, speak with Yale President, preached last Sunday in the North Church.	Daniel P Noyes (1840)	Daniel Noyes (?Yale 1812), Byfield Mass		Noyes later Pastor of Wilmington Mass church
1848GeorgeSelden1786 and BenjaminEly1786	Letter about uncle George Selden (1786) to classmate Benjamin Ely (1786). "He went to what is now called Illinois and was taken prisoner by the Indians and carried captive into what is now Kentucky. He became a great man among the Indians and was a Sachem or King over the tribe that had carried him away as captive." He remained among the Indians until 1793 and returned to his original home. He went to Virginia and began his practice as a doctor., He is not sure where he learned this knowledge but among the Indians. He married and then moved back to Kentucky to practice medicine., he had five children when he died in 1817 being only 54 yrs old.	Samuel Selden	Benjamin Ely (1786)	8" x 13", 2 pages	George Selden (1786), superb genealogy, capture by Indians. Selden's mother Elizabeth Ely was the recipient Benjamin Ely's (1786) aunt.
1850OrinFowler1814	A very interesting 4 page handwritten letter from Massachusetts House of Representative ORIN FOWLER to Captain JOHN SANFORD Regarding a claim by Sanford that his father's sloop SALLY was taken for the service of the United States Navy in 1800. It reads, "The case of the sloop Sally, Thomas Sanford master which is alleged by your father, was taken for service of the United States in May 1800; has occupied my attention from my first arrival at Washington: but without success. I have searched with great care those offices where the papers you spoke of would be most likely to be found but can find no trace of them and without them can of course accomplish no valuable purpose." Describes other letters written including "an application to the Hon John M Clayton, the Secretary of State, on this subject hoping he could provide information, he replies,"	Orin Fowler (1814) US House (3/4/1849-9/3/1852)	Captain John Sanford	Letter not dated but must be between dates of US Secretary of State John M Clayton's term (3/8/1849 - 7/22/1850)	Orin Fowler (Yale 1814) and US Secretary of State Clayton (Yale 1815). 1850 Fowler letter offers detailed work and follow-up to help a family which helped the US Navy in 1800, 50 years later!
1852EDSalisbury1832	Autograph letter signed, Edward E. Salisbury, Oct. 23, 1852, New Haven, to N. F. Graves, Syracuse, New York. Letter content regarding a piece of property. "Being utterly ignorant on the subject ..." Salisbury seeks advice on the property. Salisbury Professor of Sanskrit and Arabic, Yale, 1843-54. Founder of the American Oriental Society.	Edward E Salisbury (1832)	NF Graves	8" x 10", 1 page	Salisbury as Yale Professor, Orientalist

1857PresidentTheodoreWoolsey1820	1857 Handwritten thank you note from Yale President Woolsey to author W. Alfred Jones Esq "The Corporation of Yale College ... grateful acknowledgments for your gift to the Library of this Institution of a copy of your work entitled "Characters and Criticisms."	Yale President Theodore Woolsey (1820)	W. Alfred Jones	7 3/4" x 3 3/4"	Yale President Theodore Woolsey
1858WilliamHAnderson1859	July 11, 1858 Anderson writes about Regatta, New London "Yale sent over two boats and only and they took the first and second prizes. Old Yale is the place in her nominative case where students grow so thrifty. Going to Bowdoin for DKE Convention "a Glorious Society"	William H Anderson (1859)	SG Haley, Hanover NH	1 page, 2 sided, 6 1/4 " x 8"	Harvard-Yale Crew race started 1852, this describes 1858 race, annual since 1859.
1858WilliamHAnderson1859	June 4, 1858 Anderson writes to Haley. "I have significant Secret Society business which requires a great deal of writing and is considerable." Gives news and examination schedule for Senior, Junior, Sophomores, French, Astronomy, Freshmen excited about elections in societies, Freshman PowWow and boat clubs. Ten splendid boats for regatta. "This is the time to be in college here. It is magnificent."	William H Anderson (1859)	SG Haley, Hanover NH	Folded, 3 sided writing, 15 1/2 " x 9 7/8"	Superb Yale student life content.
1861CharlesClarke1809	A very interesting legal agreement to purchase property at the Erie Basin in the City of Buffalo for the cost of \$12,000 in bonds of the Tonawanda Coal Company. The purchasers are Charles Ezra Clarke (1809).				
1864EJPhelps	10 letters from 1864-1869 from EJ Phelps to George W Harman regarding legal matters. Edward J. Phelps (1822 - 1900), Middlebury College, studied law at Yale. Second comptroller of the United States Treasury from 1851 to 1853, 1880 Democratic candidate for governor of Vermont. Phelps was a founder of the American Bar Association (ABA) and served as its president in 1880-1881. After his tenure as president of the ABA, Phelps taught law at Yale University as the Kent Professor of Law until his death. He served as minister to Great Britain from 1885 to 1889. Namesake for Wolf's Head Secret Society holding company, Phelps Trust Association.	Edward J Phelps (Yale Law), from Burlington	George Washington Harman (1812-1898), accomplished Vermont lawyer, judge, article on Benedict Arnold.		Namesake for Phelps Trust Association (Wolfs Head Secret Society). Founder American Bar Association, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Great Britain, 1885

1867HoraceBushnell1827	<p>Horace Bushnell (Yale 1827, 1802-1876) was an American Congregational clergyman and theologian. He attended Yale College where he roomed with future magazinist Nathaniel Parker Willis.[1] Willis credited Bushnell with teaching him the proper technique for sharpening a razor.[2] After graduating in 1827, he was literary editor of the New York Journal of Commerce from 1828-1829, and in 1829 became a tutor at Yale. Here he initially studied law, but in 1831 he entered the theology department of Yale College. In May, 1833 Bushnell was ordained pastor of the North Congregational church in Hartford, Connecticut. He married Mary Apthorp in 1833 and the couple had three children. Bushnell remained in Hartford until 1859 when, due to extended poor health he resigned his pastorate . While in California in 1856, for the restoration of his health, he took an active interest in the organization, at Oakland, of the College of California (chartered in 1855 and merged with the University of California in 1869), the presidency of which he declined. As a preacher, Dr Bushnell was very effective. Though not a dramatic orator, he was original, thoughtful and impressive in the pulpit. His theological position may be said to have been one of qualified revolt against the Calvinistic orthodoxy of his day.</p> <p>This 1867 letter Bushnell thanks GB Bacon for sending his sermon for the Psalms and church plan. "What is worship but the fire and flame of hearts burning in the sense of God? ... Let us have a guard here and not sell out the pulpit too cheaply." The church order plan "meets my ideal better than anything I have seen." Super religious content and viewpoints,</p>	Horace Bushnell	GB Bacon	10 1/2" x 8" folded	Superb theological content by an eminent Yale grad & theologian. The 1st public park in the US is named Bushnell Park for Hartford's most loved citizen and theologian (Also Horace Bushnell Memorial Hall in Hartford). Bushnell earned 4 Yale degrees over 10 years.
1869ARMerriam1872	1869 (4 page) and 1870 (11 page) Yale College student letters by Alexander Ross Merriam (1872). Merriam mentioned in July 1870 NY Times articles on best speakers in class. Clergyman later with Hartford Theological Seminary. "A congenial charm is a great aid."	Alexander Ross Merriam (1872)		Multiple Student letters, "hardest term of the whole year." Greek Tragedy under Prof Packard, Cicero with Tutor Peck "A fine man in every sense of the word." (Tracy Peck letters in Goel Collection at Yale). Prof Newton, "extremely hard and blind ... great difficulty expressing himself." Misfortune in the Prize debates, course at Scientific school, Beethoven Society concert.	Yale student letters, Beethoven Society
1870PresidentTheodoreWoolsey1820	October 1870 Handwritten note on Yale College stationery. Yale President Woolsey to author Rev. Dr. Lawrence, "the price is incorrect - why take it. I'm all submission, what you'd have it make it. ... I will hand the letter to Dr. Porter." Yale President Woolsey references next Yale President Noah Porter in responding to Dr. Rev Lawrence.	Yale President Theodore Woolsey (1820)	Rev Dr. Lawrence	5" x 8"	October 1870 letter by Yale President Theodore Woolsey 1846-1871, mentions next Yale President Noah Porter 1871-1886
1871BenjaminSillimanJr1837	Professor Benjamin Silliman the chemist worked closely with his father Benjamin Silliman at Yale and and himself was instrument in developing the oil industry. This 1871 letter to US Congressman Potter mentions a conversation with former US Congressman & Attorney General Caleb Cushing (Harvard 1817) in Washington and praises his recent remarks on Judicial Independence and the Limitations of Legislative Power. "The grandest, finest and most conclusive speech ever delivered on the subject." "I think my dear Sir, that you and John Quincy Adams have taught legislatures the limit of their power - each case with a boldness, dignity, learning + logic which were irresistible."	Benjamin Silliman Jr (1837)	US Congressman Platt Potter	10" x 8" folded, writing on 4 sides, beautiful black ink. very good.	Silliman Family is synonymous with Yale (Silliman College). This would join a Silliman poem which I donated to Yale in 2008.
1873NoahPorter1831	Concerning an article he is writing. In part: "The main part of my article is done. I had hoped to send it to you & get it off my hand before going to Boston. But I have been ---- & perplexed to get together my authorities & now must go to Boston or Andover for some of them..."	Noah Porter	Noah Porter's brother	No date listed, but mentions Saturday June 7 (so 1851, 1856, 1862, 1873)	Noah Porter, Yale President 1861-1876.

1885NoahPorter1831	Yale College stationery. Yale President Noah Porter writes to friend who learned he was about to retire. "Of course I cannot help growing old & many of the cares & some of the annoyances of my office are very wearing & constant. But I am most thankful & happy to know that from the students I have had great & almost unmixed pleasure. I do not propose to leave them but continue to teach them for the present....And it may be that I shall be agile enough to take a tramp with yourself in which I shall not expect to outdo you! But do not suppose that I have no pangs at parting...let me thank you for your cordial sympathy."	Noah Porter	Mrs. Huntington	5"x8", 2pp. octavo. Ink on school letterhead.	Noah Porter, Yale President 1871-1886.
1887TheodoreWDwightLaw1845	"I have read with great interest and profit your very valuable pamphlet against Secret Sessions of the United States Senate. It is timely, its treatment of the subject is thorough and complete and its arguments are conclusive." Superb content in which Dwight commends Eaton's arguments which will be to the great advantage of the nation and the Senate itself. Superb content. (Theodore Dwight Hamilton College 1840, studied law at Yale, admitted bar 1845)	Theodore W Dwight, as Warden of Columbia College Law School 33 years, (retired 1891)	Honorable Dorman B Eaton	5 1/4" x 8 1/4" on Columbia College Law School stationery.	Theodore W Dwight is the grandson of Yale President Timothy Dwight IV (1752-1817), and the cousin of 2 Yale Presidents (Theodore Dwight Woolsey and Timothy Dwight)
1890TimothyDwight1849	Yale President Timothy Dwight (One of 2 Yale Presidents named Timothy Dwight) "Let me express the hope that the results of the action of the Council may be in the highest degree for the welfare of the Church ..."	Yale President Timothy Dwight (Yale 1849, 1828-1916)	Committee of Plymouth Church and Society	5"x8", 1 page, writing on both sides	Yale President Timothy Dwight during term. Joins a few other Timothy Dwight letters in the Goel Collection at Yale.
1898PresidentWilliamHTaft1878	An 1898 letter on US Court of Appeals stationery (Judge's Chambers) by then-future US President William Howard Taft (Yale Class of 1878). Taft writes to a fellow Skull & Bones member and mentions 2 other members of Skull & Bones (and 1 member of Scroll & Key) in this last paragraph of a 2-page letter. Three Yale College graduates have become US Presidents (Taft, GHW and GW Bush), and they and their fathers were all members of Skull & Bones (Alphonso Taft 1833, one of the 15 founders of Skull & Bones, and Prescott Sheldon Bush 1917.) Letter is signed "Yours in the Bones, Wm H Taft" (This signature salutation & connection to Skull & Bones was MISSED by the Heritage Auctions. This is a key signature between 2 members of Skull & Bones and on a US Government stationery). HERITAGE AUCTION DESCRIPTION: William H. Taft Autograph Letter Signed "Wm H. Taft". Two pages, 5" x 8", December 18, 1898, to Dr. Fred K. Percy, on "United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit" letterhead. Taft was the only president to also serve as a chief justice. He began his public legal career in 1890 when he was appointed to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which he held until 1900. In this letter, Taft thanks Dr. Percy for his "very warm invitation to attend the Boston Yale Dinner", but his "court will be holding its regular session and it would be out of the question" for him to attend. Taft's alma mater was Yale University. Toned; fine.	William Howard Taft (Yale 1878), future US President and longtime Yale Trustee	Fred Percy (Yale Skull & Bones 1878) (mentions also Alfred Lawrence Ripley 1878 - Member of Scroll & Key who gave 500 German books to Yale in 1898 (forming the nucleus of the Seminary Library of the German Dept) and was elected a Yale Corporation Fellow in 1899. Served for 34 years.)	Two pages, 5" x 8"	William Howard Taft 27th President of the United States, 1st Yale to be US President, states in letter, "I do not doubt that night under the eaves of her ancient evening, Yale's spirit burns brightly in the breasts of her sons ..."

1908HarvardEliotTRRoosevelt	Remarkable account of Yale vs Harvard crew battle which struck the White House Cabinet Room!. President Roosevelt's son asked the Prez to intervene with Harvard President Eliot to save 2 crew classmates from taking books from the Harvard Library. Made the front page of the NY Times. "Pres. Eliot has won a triumph, according to the papers, in his lesson to the President on honor. I should hardly think Teddy would again interfere with Harvard discipline."	Helen Holbrook	Mrs. Sawyer		Yale-Harvard Crew Race 1908, 2 Harvard crew mates suspended, White House Roosevelt intervenes, Yale Taft chuckles at Cabinet meeting. Affair document in NY Times.
1912PresidentWHTaft1878	December 9, 1912. 27th US President William Howard Taft (Yale 1878), venerable Yale man and Yale Corporation Trustee while also serving as US President. Lame-duck and recently defeated President Taft writes to Bishop William A Leonard about the worthiness of prominent Ohio Bishop Boyd Vincent for an honorary Yale degree. "I agree with you with Bishop Vincent ought to have the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Yale and I shall be very glad to do everything I can to bring it about." Vincent awarded Yale degree in 1913.	27th US President WH Taft	Bishop William A Leonard	5 1/2" x 7 5/8", "The White House Washington" stationery, some loss of paper along the upper left margin and a 1/2 inch strip of toning or dirt along the right side. Signature gorgeous.	US President Taft loved Yale, multi-generational Yale family, and insisted on staying on the Yale Corporation while US President. Superb.