The Beard Family Manuscript Collection

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Introduction
The Beards were a prominent family in Norwalk in the second half of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

Martha Beard whose husband died on the passage to America emigrated from England in 1639 with six children. From these Beards of Milford descended the Beards of Norwalk.

Algernon E. Beard built a house on Flax Road in Norwalk in 1842. This house called “Rockcliffe” was the grandest of the Greek Revival houses in the city.

A. E. Beard was a wholesale distributor of shoes which he purchased from independent local craftsmen and sold along the Atlantic coast from Boston to Richmond. By 1839 he also began buying and selling hats. Algernon Beard dealt heavily in furs as well, selling them to hat makers and thus making money on both ends of the transaction. By 1840 beaver fur-felt hats had gone out of fashion, as men of means came to prefer silk top hats, but when the Hungarian patriot and reformer Louis Kossuth visited the USA, fur-felt hats became popular once more.
Algernon Beard was also one the major shareholders of the Norwalk Lock Company which had been founded in 1856 and became a prominent business in the city. In the 1860s a new large enterprise appeared in the city: Norwalk Iron Works Company which manufactured mining equipment, steel pumps and later air and gas compressors. It was the sister firm of the Norwalk Lock Company, and Algernon Beard was among its principal stockholders and directors.

A. E. Beard also served for years as chairman of the board of relief (an organization involved not with the welfare of the poor, but with the tax-reduction campaign).

In 1863 Algernon Beard founded the First National Bank of South Norwalk and served as its first president.

A. E. Beard retired with a substantial fortune at the age of 56. He died in 1871.

Algernon E. Beard had married Mary Esther Mallory, and they had four children: Augustus Field, Edward, Harriet E. and Isabella Beard. After Mrs. Beard’s father had died in 1848, her mother lived with Mary Esther and Algernon Beard. Their elder son inherited the property of his mother’s uncle John Mallory in 1896.

A. E. Beard was also the guardian of the children of his brother William O. Beard: William S., George K., Frederick A., Edward and Charlotte Beard. William O. Beard had taken over the hat company after A. E. Beard’s retirement, but apparently business didn’t go well for him, and when he died in 1861, he left his widow, Julia Beard, and five children in strained circumstances; that’s why his brother and later his nephews paid many of his children’s bills, from boarding school fees to bills from the shopkeepers.

Dr. Augustus Field Beard was born in Norwalk on May 11, 1833. He graduated from Yale in 1857 and from the Union Theological Seminary in 1860. He was the pastor of two churches in Maine and one in Syracuse in 1860-1883 and of the American Church in Paris in 1883-1886. In 1886-1903 A. F. Beard was the corresponding secretary of the American Missionary Association and its honorary secretary and editor of American Missionary in 1903-1928. He wrote The Crusade of Brotherhood (1909) and Life of John Frederick Oberlin (1909). When he had retired, he returned to Norwalk and lived in East Avenue. He died on Dec. 22, 1934.

Augustus Field Beard was married twice. He married Eliza Payson Goddard on Aug. 19, 1861, and they had a daughter, Eliza Isabel (Lily) Beard. The first Mrs. A. F. Beard died on Jan. 27, 1863, and it was Augustus Beard’s siblings Edward and Harriet Beard who were raising his eldest daughter from then on. On Jan. 2, 1865 A. F. Beard married Annie Deming, and they eventually had five daughters: Annie Beatrice (d. 1927), Mary Esther (d. 1920), Harriet Elizabeth, Emma Patten and Ethel Forrest (d. 1880). A. F. Beard’s second wife died on Dec. 25, 1918. He was survived by his brother Edward and three daughters: Eliza Isabel (Lily) Beard (b. 1861 or 1862, d. June 1961) who continued living in her grandfather’s house after her aunt’s and uncle’s deaths, Harriet Elizabeth Beard (b. 1881 or 1882, d. June 1961) and Emma Patten Beard (b. 1878 or 1879, d. June 20, 1963), a librarian at the New York City library and author of children’s books.
Edward Beard was born on Sept. 14, 1837. He was the president of the South Norwalk Savings Bank in 1930-1936. He was also the president of the Norwalk Iron Works for several years. He lived in the house his father had built. Edward Beard died on Aug. 26, 1936. He left the bulk of his estate and his house to his niece Eliza Isabel Beard, since he had no family of his own.

Isabella Beard married James Nall, originally from Detroit. They had three children: Edwin B. Nall, Louie A. Nall and Mary W. Nall who married George Candler.

Harriet E. Beard lived with her brother Edward. She died on April 6, by 1894. The two of them raised their niece Eliza Isabel Beard who continued living at Rockville throughout her life.

Scope and Content Note
The Beard Family Manuscript Collection at the Norwalk Public Library is housed in four file boxes. It contains their legal and financial papers, their correspondence, their receipts for various payments and articles about them in the local newspapers.

Box 1 contains newspaper articles about the Beards, correspondence about the fate of Rockcliffe after the death of Eliza Isabel Beard and the Beards’ legal and financial papers.

Boxes 2 and 3 contain the receipts of the Beard family members for various payments.

Box 4 contains the Beards’ correspondence.

Description of the Collection

Box 1

*Articles about the Beards and correspondence about the fate of Rockcliffe, in chronological order*

*Folder 1: 1920-1934*

“Loving Cup” presented to Augustus F. Beard on his 75th birthday by the American Missionary Association, unknown publication, May 11, 1908.

“The Story of the Amistad” by to Augustus F. Beard, published by the American Missionary Association in 1916 or 1901.

“Dr. Beard’s Anniversary: Fifteen Years as Pastor of the Park Avenue Church in Bridgeport” about Rev. Gerald H. Beard, *The Norwalk Hour*, April 26, 1920.

“The Inheritance of Years: Address at the 75th Anniversary of the American Missionary Association” by honorary secretary Augustus Field Beard, the Association, 1921.
“Local Centenarians Meet: Rev. Augustus F. Beard, D. D., 101 years of age, called on Miss Jane E. Bennett yesterday to extend his felicitations upon her attaining her 100th birthday,” *The Norwalk Hour*, June 15, 1922.


“Miss Beard Badly Injured in Attempt to Board Trolley” about an accident which befell the daughter of Rev. Augustus F. Beard, Elizabeth Beard, 45, an instructor at Princeton, in Danbury where she was waiting for a South Norwalk bound trolley car with her sister, Patten Beard: she was hospitalized in a critical condition with a fractured skull, after having been struck and dragged by a truck for over 80 feet, *The Norwalk Hour*, July 5, 1927.

“Man Who Struck Miss Beard Fined” about the offender in the accident above, *The Norwalk Hour*, Jan. 28, 1928.

“To Lecture at Normal School” about Patten Beard’s visit to Normal School in Bridgeport, *The Norwalk Hour*, Feb. 10, 1928.

“Negro Educator’s Work Described” about Rev. Augustus F. Beard’s speech about Booker T. Washington, the founder of the Tuskegee Institute, at the Norwalk Congregational Church, *The Norwalk Hour*, Jan. 21, 1929.

“Rev. Dr. Beard is Oldest Clergyman,” *The Norwalk Hour*, May 9, 1930.

“Children Hear Patten Beard”: an author of many children’s books, Patten Beard spoke to 200 kids at the South Norwalk Public Library on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of Children’s book Week in America, *The Norwalk Hour*, Jan. 21, 1931.

“School Officials Honor Miss Beard” about Patten Beard’s attendance as a guest of honor at the annual luncheon of the School Gardening Association in New York where a copy of her book *Adventures in Dish Gardening* was given as a prize in the dish gardening schools’ contests, *The Norwalk Hour*, May 11, 1931.

“Bankers are Better Today” about Edward Beard, 93, president of the South Norwalk Savings Bank, and Charles E. Hoyt, secretary and treasurer of the South Norwalk Trust Company, *The Norwalk Hour*, June 26, 1931.

“Creating American Dish Gardens to Represent Woodland or Seashore Scenes is Good Summer Fun, Says Writer: Patten Beard has Written a Book to Tell How It’s Done,” *The Norwalk Hour*, July 2, 1931.


“Rev. Dr. Beard in His Study,” *The Norwalk Hour*, May 12, 1933.
“Sunday, May 14, 1933 Morning Service on the Green, the First Congregational Church of South Norwalk, uniting with the First Congregational Church of Norwalk, on the Green,” which mentions the sermon “The Mystery of Faith and Life” by Rev. Augustus F. Beard, D. D. in its programs and says that the offering that day will be devoted to the Beard Endowment Fund, the income of which is used for scholarships for worthy young men and women.

“Cutting the Birthday Cake” about Rev. Augustus F. Beard celebrating his 100th birthday, The Norwalk Hour, May 15, 1933.


“‘Absurdly Well,’ Says Dr. Beard, 100 Thursday,” unknown publication, May, 1933.

“Miss Beard, Girl Scout, Passes Away” about the death of Miss Mary Caroline Beard, second cousin of Rev. Augustus F. Beard and Edward Beard, at the age of 81 (She was the originator of the name Girl Scouts of America), The Norwalk Hour, Aug. 14, 1933.

“Dr. Beard Celebrates Another Anniversary” about the 50th anniversary since Rev. Augustus F. Beard became the pastor of the Church of the American Chapel in Paris, The Norwalk Hour, Jan. 26, 1934.

“Two Books Carry Title” about a new book published with the same title, What Happened After, as Patten Beard’s book published in 1929 (and serialized before that in 1922), The Norwalk Hour, May 9, 1934.

“What’s Happening Now to What Happened After” about the controversy starting after Patten Beard saw a review of the new book in The Norwalk Hour and took objection to the title, even though there was nothing in common between the two books; the new author, Mrs. Sonia Daugherty of Weston, who claimed she’d never heard of the other book said she’d change the title, The Norwalk Hour, May 10, 1934.

“Seeks Book Copyright” about Sonya Daugherty wishing to use the title What Happened After after all because she found out that Patten Beard’s book was titled What Happened After Stories, and so it wasn’t the same, and Patten Beard’s continued objections because she believed there was a conflict of interest and that the new book would injure her book, The Norwalk Hour, May 11, 1934.


“Mayor Calls Dr. Beard an ‘Outstanding Citizen,’” The Norwalk Hour, Dec. 22, 1934.

“In Failing Health for Several Weeks; Funeral Monday,” The Norwalk Hour, Dec. 22, 1934.


Yale University Obituary Record of Augustus Field Beard.


Folder 2: 1935-1970


“To Demolish East Ave. Home, 100-Year-Old Landmark” about plans to tear down a house which had been owned by members of the Beard family, among others, The Norwalk Hour, Aug. 15, 1936.

“Dan Beard is Paid Honor; Pioneer Boy Scout Leader” written on the occasion of Daniel Carter Beard’s 88th birthday (He was the national Scout commissioner, illustrator of animals and wildlife and author of many books for boys), The Norwalk Hour, June 1938. (Daniel Beard was second cousin of Augustus and Edward Beard.)

“The People’s Forum,” letter to the editor from Daniel Carter Beard who thanks him for his kind words, but mentions that he’d made him 5 years younger, along with the original letter, The Norwalk Hour, June 15, 1938.

“ Inspiring Sermon on Mysteries of Faith and Life: Reprint [of] Late Dr. Beard’s Stimulating Talk Given After His 100th Birthday,” The Norwalk Hour, Jan. 15, 1941.

“Miss Mary Beard Dies; Was Nursing Educator,” obituary of Mary Beard who died the day before at the age of 70 (she’d been the director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service in 1938-1944), The Norwalk Hour, Dec. 5, 1946.

“Private Services Held for Dr. Beard,” an obituary of Dr. Charles Austin Beard who’d written about 30 books on US history many of which had become standard texts in American colleges (he was 73), The Norwalk Hour, Sept. 2, 1948.

“Carriage House on Beard Estate Razed by Flames” about a fire on the estate of the late Edward Beard (his niece Eliza I. Beard who was living there wasn’t harmed), The Norwalk Hour, March 26, 1955.

Letter from Irving C. Jennings, son of Charlotte Beard and grandson of William O. Beard, to John R. Cuneo about Jennings’ ancestors, which accompanied two photographs not included in this file, Dec. 11, 1961. The letter was written on the stationery of the Nash Engineering Co. in South Norwalk, CT.

Letter from Ralph C. Bloom to attorney John F. Lyons with a copy of the above article, expressing an interest in buying some photographs, books and other items of local historical interest from the Beard estate, and mentioning that there are at least six other people interested in purchasing the residue of the estate, March 15, 1962.

Letter from Ralph C. Bloom to judge John Allen O’Connor with a copy of the above article, expressing an interest in buying some photographs, books and other items of local historical interest from the Beard estate, and mentioning that there are at least six other people interested in purchasing the residue of the estate, March 15, 1962.


Letter from attorneys Keene & Lyons to Mrs. Kate DeSaussure, giving her permission to remove furniture and personal items from the residence of the late Eliza I. Beard for safe keeping, March 27, 1962.

“Fire Destroys Beard Residence; Traffic is Tied Up During Blaze” about the subsequent fate of Rockcliffe, The Norwalk Hour, July 6, 1962.

Letter from Mrs. Kate DeSaussure to Mr. J. Nall Candler, apparently a grandson of Isabella Nall, née Beard, sister of Augustus and Edward Beard, about what had happened with the house, Jan. 17, 1963.

Letter from Mr. J. Nall Candler to Mrs. Kate DeSaussure, Feb. 1, 1963.

“Miss Patten Beard, Noted Author, Dies,” The Norwalk Hour, June 20, 1963.


“City Eyes Beard Estate for Relocation Housing” about the city’s plans to seek state funds to purchase the former Beard estate to build replacement housing for the structures the city planned to raze under the redevelopment and urban renewal plan in South Norwalk (it was estimated that at least 110 housing units could be constructed on the site), The Norwalk Hour, Jan. 27, 1969.

“Commissioned – James H. Beard, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Beard of Westport, CT has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force,” The Norwalk Hour, Jan. 11, 1969.

“HSDA [the Norwalk Housing Site Development Agency] Purchases Beard Property; 94 Units Slated,” The Norwalk Hour, Jan. 4, 1970.


“Beard Land under Option to City as Housing Site,” The Norwalk Hour, July 21, 1970.

“Zullo [Mayor of Norwalk] Defends Site Cost from NTL [Norwalk Taxpayers’ League] Charge” (the state’s money covered two thirds of the land’s price), The Norwalk Hour, Sept. 2, 1970.

“Mr. Beard is Merely Involved Technically” about the legal action of Thomas I. Raymond who had bought up the notes and mortgages of Mr. Randall, against Edward Beard, *The Norwalk Hour*, date unknown.

“Lock Company Receivership,” *The Norwalk Hour*, July 1, year unknown.

“Prominent Norwalk Citizen Passes Away: Ebenezer Hill, Head of the Norwalk Iron Works, and President of the National Bank of Norwalk, Died in Danbury, This Morning [at age 65],” *The Norwalk Hour*, date unknown.

“Norwalk Company Born in 1868: Workers in Old Days Preferred Cool Factory to Homes on Sundays,” *The Sentinel*, date unknown.

**Folder 3**

25 sheets with copies of the photographs of the Beard House and two portraits of A. F. Beard, the originals of which are in the photographic files of the Norwalk History Room.

**Legal and financial papers**

**Folder 4: 1831-1879**

Nov. 11, 1831, Algernon E. Beard bought land in Norwalk from Holmes Sanders for $300.00 (deed).

Feb. 10, 1832, letter from Z. K. Hawley to A. E. Beard about a business transaction.

Feb. 27, 1837, Judge Stephen Smith appointed James Quinbard and Algernon E. Beard appraisers of the estate of A. A. N. (court form, filled and signed by the judge).

1841, note on unidentified person’s taxes.

April 18, 1859, letter from W. J. Graw to W. G. Beard, regarding a sold lot that the two of them and George Raymond had rights to.

Oct. 23, 1861, letter from A. E. Beard, as the executor of his late brother W. O. Beard’s estate, to the interested parties.

Jan. 23, 1863, letter from A. E. Beard to John H. Prentice, regarding some business transaction between the writer’s late brother W. O. Beard and “Miss Patten of Philadelphia” that the latter knew nothing about.


Nov. 16, 1867, letter from Augustus Mallory to his uncle Edwin, asking him if the writer would receive the deed on his farm before the addressee would be “through administrating” on the writer’s father’s estate.

March 1868, A. E. Beard’s U.S. internal revenue tax form.

June 29, 1868, receipt for Mallory Estate’s tax to the U.S. internal revenue.

Jan. 1, 1869, a list of money paid to William, Eddie, Lottie, George and Fred Beard.

Aug. 24, 1869, A. E. Beard’s handwritten list of bonds in possession of various members of his family.

Sept. 6, 1869, Oliver J. Burt signed a promissory note, promising to pay back Austin Myers $6,000 with interest within eleven years (bond).

June 22, 1870, Ebenezer Hill, B. F. Libby and H. H. Elwell, directors of the Norwalk Lock Co., expressed their sorrow at the loss of Algernon E. Beard and sympathy to his family (handwritten statement and partial page with handwritten minutes of the meeting of the company at which this statement was created).

March 23, 1871, William S. Beard’s written statement that he had received all belonging to him from his late guardian [Algernon] Edward Beard and had examined his guardian’s accounts relating to their relationship and was satisfied with them; he thereby released his late guardian and his late guardian’s heirs and executors and estate from any further claims.

May 6, 1871, letter from W. S. Beard that he had received from [Algernon] Edward Beard a check of the Norwalk Lock Co. for $1,200.00.

Aug. 27, 1872, a list of the expenses of the estate of Millard and Webb.

Sept. 19, 1873, George K. Beard’s written statement that he had received all belonging to him from his late guardian [Algernon] Edward Beard and had examined his guardian’s accounts relating to their relationship and was satisfied with them; he thereby released his late guardian and his late guardian’s heirs and executors and estate from any further claims.


Feb. 24, 1875, note from George E. Waring, agricultural engineer to Edward Beard that R. H. Rickard of Stamford, CT, had a registered Jersey bull, and the writer enclosed “circular of instructions as requested.” (See item above)

Undated broadsheet, “Thorough-Bred Jersey-Alderney Cattle Owned by A. D. Newell, M.D., ’Clifton Stock Farm,’ New Brunswick, N.H.”
July 13 – Sept. 27, 1877, an unidentified person’s commercial traveler’s memorandum and expense book.

Nov. 13, 1877, petition from the Norwalk Savings Society to the Superior Court of the Fairfield County, asking it to collect from Gilbert H. Campbell $1500 that he owned them with interest. The case was complicated by the fact that Campbell mortgaged the land he had used as security against this loan to Henry B. Downs who in his turn assigned this mortgage to Edward Beard. Therefore William Randel Smith, as the attorney for the Norwalk Savings Society, asked the court to determine which part of the dept should be paid to it by each of the three men. Following the petition, William Randel Smith, now as the justice of the peace, commands the sheriff of the Fairfield County or the Constable of Norwalk to summon Gilbert H. Campbell, Henry B. Downs and Edward Beard to appear before the court.

Dec. 8, 1877, William S. Beard’s written statement that he had received all belonging to him from his late guardian [Algernon] Edward Beard and had examined his guardian’s accounts relating to their relationship and is satisfied with them; he thereby released his late guardian and his late guardian’s heirs and executors and estate from any further claims. In addition to the earlier such statement, this one also enumerates a quarter of the property that had belonged to the late brother Frederick A. Beard the properties that William S. Beard now received.

1878, a fragment of somebody’s written statement that he/she had received from Mary K. Mallory and Edward Beard, the executors of the will of Alfred Mallory of Norwalk, the silverware and the furniture bequeathed to him/her.

Jan. 1, 1878, Edward Beard was to pay Woodward & Perry $110.25 for legal services (bill).

May 28, 1878, letter from H. T. Morgan & Co. to Mr. E. Beard that they had sold for him some bonds for $4,185.00 and enclose the check for this sum, minus $5.00 in brokers’ fees. There’s a note on this letter by Edward W. S. Beard that on May 31, 1878, he received from Edward Beard the above sum ($4,180.00).

June 28, 1879, letter from attorney Louis J. Blake to Mr. E. Beard accompanying a check for $10.00 out of the $50.00 the author owned to the addressee, with the promise to do all he can to make speedy payment of the rest.

Folder 5: 1880-1916

Edward Beard’s receipts for the city tax to the City of Norwalk for 1880, 1884, 1890, 1891, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1920.

June 4, 1880, Mr. Day, trustee of the Norwalk Lock Co., received $150.00 from Edward Beard in trust to be loaned to the Co. Note by E. Beard says, “Paid, May 1885.”

Jan. 11, 1881, Edward Beard deeded to Charles E. and Maretta A. Doly two parcels of land in South Norwalk for $1 (quit claim deed).
April 13, 1882, George L. Kirk and Ella L. Wilson applied to the minister Alfred F. Beard to solemnize their marriage (affidavit).

July 20, 1883, letter from Drexel Morgan & Co. to the National Bank of Norwalk asking it to pay $23.90 in fees for the account of A. F. Beard.


Sept. 1885, Edward Beard paid $54.00 to Jacob M. Layton for insurance for London and Norwich Union for three years.

1885-1886, an unidentified person’s list of sums received and paid.

June 1, 1888, E. Beard paid Perry & Perry $28.33 for legal services (receipt).

Edward Beard’s receipts for the South Norwalk Union School District tax for 1887, 1890, 1893, 1894.

1891, notes on the Beards’ investments, handwritten on the Norwalk Lock Co. stationary.

Jan. 8, 1891, Notice from Jacobus Layton of Beard & Elwell to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cox to vacate specified properties in Norwalk.

July 20, 1891, deed of sale of 1.25 acres of land in Norwalk, CT to Eliza I. Beard from Augustus F. Beard, Edward Beard, and the spouses James and Isabella F. Hall for the sum of $1.

July 30, 1891, the Lockwood Mfg. Co. deeded to Edward Beard and Jessie Elwell a parcel of land in South Norwalk for $1 (warranty deed).

Edward Beard’s receipts for the library fund tax for 1893, 1894.

1895, list Edward Beard’s assets for taxation purposes (written on an official form, but without a signature – apparently a draft).

Dec. 13, 1895, Frank A. Ferris and Barak G. Coles, trustees under the will of John J. Cape received $10,000.00 from Edward Beard for the proceeds of the sale of homestead (receipt).

Dec. 10, 1896, letter from Jacob W. Manning to Edward Beard that they had discovered the missing package of one dozen roses they had neglected to send to the addressee, had made the proper deduction in his account and would be glad to send him the missing goods, together with the other items he had ordered.

Dec. 29, 1896 and Jan. 9, 1896, letters from Bird & Bradley, counselors at law, to Augustus F. Beard that his daughter Eliza did not have any existing rights in the estate of the recently deceased John Goddard of Cape Elizabeth.
Aug. 8, 1897, Edward Beard paid $69.00 to Jacob M. Layton for insurance for London and Norwich Union for three years.

June 24, 1903, letter from George R. Barnum, Acting Secretary of the Norwalk Lock Co. to several of its stockholders, 2 p.

June 24, 1903, Edward Beard and Ebenezer Hill informed the addressee on behalf of Norwalk Lock Co.’s Committee of Stockholders that since he/she had deposited his/her company stock with the Committee on March 25, 1902 under a certain agreement which had been abandoned, he/she is invited to receive his/her stock back (last page of a typed letter).

July 6, 1903, unfilled form for the stockholders of the Norwalk Lock Co. to have their subscription transferred to “the new preferred stock of the Company.”

Nov. 10, 1906, mortgage deed, Miner D. Randall to Edward Beard.

Nov, 10, 1906, mortgage note, Miner D. Randall.

Dec. 21, 1906, Edward Beard had a telephone line extended to his house and a telephone and a transmitter provided to him by the Southern New England Telephone Co., and agreed to pay them $5 a year for local telephone service, plus whatever amount was due for out-of-town service by their rates (exchange contract).

May 1, 1914, mortgage deed, Miner D. Randall to Edward Beard.

March 4, 1916, Charles E. and Annie F. Seymour deeded to Edward Beard a parcel of land in South Norwalk for $1 (warranty deed).

March 23, 1915, letter from G. Henderson to Edward Beard, regarding some mortgage.

May 13, 1915, memorandum by Edward Beard that he had met M. D. Randall on Garner Street at his request and went over his claim that he had a right to a certain piece of high ground there, with details of their discussion.

July 24, 1915, letter from A. Beatrice Beard to “dear Marquis.”

Dec. 9, 1916, copy of the will of Edward Beard.

Folder 6: 1917-1958

Jan. 23, 1917, Frank B. Gurry wrote to Edward Beard in response to his inquiry about the names and place of birth of Gurry’s maternal relatives who had also borne the last name Beard.

June 26, 1918, letter from the assistant cashier from the National Bank of Norwalk to Mr. E. Beard that they return the note of Miner D. Randall of $250.00 having received a renewal for the same amount. A note for $200.00 from Randall to Edward Beard dated March 21, 1918 is enclosed.
June 24, 1921, Edward Beard’s fire insurance on his property from the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd. was to expire, and he was offered to renew his policy for the next three years for $2,525 (policy).

Nov. 23, 1923, letter with proofs from the chairman of the Business Committee of the South Norwalk Congregational Church to his fellow members asking them for donations because the church was facing a deficit of $2,900 “as usual,” this time because of necessary repairs to the church building.

March 11, 1926, Sun Insurance Office insured the property of Edward Beard for three years for the sum of $2,760 (policy).

Feb. 14, 1928, card that accompanied a check for Edward Beard’s dividend on his holdings of stock in the Norwalk Lock Co.

Jan. 1, 1929, two handwritten statements by Edward Beard that the furniture, pictures and whatever belonged to his house and its surroundings were the property of his niece Eliza I. Beard and had been hers since her aunt Harriet’s death.

July 17, 1932, a letter from the National Fire Insurance Co. of Harford, Conn. to Patten Beard that their insurance on furniture in the amount of $2000 was about to expire and that a premium payment of $4.20 was due.

Jan. 20, 1934, a typed statement that the foundling picked up on the Beard Estate in Flax Hill road on Aug. 16, 1932 had been placed at the home of Nellie Bondy of 62 Clinton Ave by Catholic welfare officials who’d given the child “the surnames John Robert.”

Aug. 28-29, 1936, Eliza Beard’s notes about Edward Beard’s funeral.

Oct., 1951, map of the subdivision prepared for Eliza I. Beard.

Draft of Eliza I. Beard’s will, pre-1958 (2 p.)

Handwritten list which shows who owned how many shares of some stock, together with the values of these shares with some mid-19th century dates.

Letter from John Mason Brown to A. F. Beard, informing him that he had been elected into the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity.

Handwritten statement detailing the money the late William O. Beard’s will’s executor A. E. Beard had to pay out of his estate.

Handwritten lists by [Algernon] Edward Beard on the money received by William O. Beard’s children upon their father’s death and the writer’s expenses on the children’s boarding schools.

Handwritten statement describing the dealings between the Norwalk school district and A. E. Beard regarding a lot near Beard’s property.
Undated balance sheet of the estate of Thomas G. Hanpunch.

Undated balance sheet of the Beard family.

Undated list of sums gained and spent in buying and selling bonds.

Undated list of money sums to several people.

Empty envelope that used to contain Edward Beard’s mortgage on Rock Ridge.

Undated note on Convertible Debenture Bonds.

Undated hand-drawn map with a note: “Red line was the proposed cut right through Frank Nash barn and the little house back of the school house – Nothing hoggish about this?”

Undated 6 sheets with four lists of 19th century editions of various books: “school books,” “religious books,” “records and history,” and “copy” which seems to be a list of miscellaneous books.

Undated list of miscellaneous items owned by an estate, such as furniture, books, jewelry, candlesticks, etc. (2 pages)

Undated list of miscellaneous items owned by an estate, such as furniture, books, jewelry, candlesticks, etc., which shows who got what (4 p.)

Undated scrap of paper with pencil note stating, “We would consider this land well sold at the assessment. If it were ours, we would not refuse $1 ½ for a forth.”

Folder 7: Papers related to the fund-raising fair which started the South Norwalk Library on May 16, 1881

Subscription for the South Norwalk Library and Free Reading Room Corp. Fair.

Sheet with drafts of two speeches.

Three sheets (21X14) with lists of items sold at the fair.

One sheet (31X20) with lists of items sold at the fair.

Five sheets (31x39) with lists of the fair’s profits and expenses. Two of them have the name “Beard” on them, and Edward Beard seems to have been the treasurer of the fair.

Folder 8: Checks of Edward Beard

3 personal checks for 1881.

52 personal checks for 1883-1884, including 7 to the Norwalk Lock Co.

1 personal check for 1891.
April 6, 1895, list of checks charged to Edward Beard’s account.

12 personal checks for 1895.

1 personal check, 1889.

Folder 9: Utility receipts of Edward Beard

13 receipts from the Norwalk Gas Light Co., 1885-1898.

11 receipts from the City of Norwalk for water, 1885-1886, 1894-1898.

1885, notice from the Southern New England Telephone Co. about new rates.

14 receipts from the Southern New England Telephone Co. for regular service, 1885, 1891-1898.

2 receipts from the Southern New England Telephone Co. for long distance calls, 1894.

April 20, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Percy E. Ferris, electric and gas contractor, $15.75.

Folder 10: Dog papers of Edward Beard

Feb. 7 & 16, 1903, letters from Maplemont Stock Farm to Mr. E. Beard about the collie dogs Colonel and Shan they were sending him, with their pedigrees attached. Photograph of a collie, likely the one mentioned in these letters, as the picture that Edward Beard sent to the farm, requesting a dog like the one in the photo (apparently of his late dog).

May 27, 1890, dog licenses of collies Clio, Major General, Don Pedro.

May 28, 1892, dog license of collie Major General.

July 21, 1893, dog licenses of collies Clio, Major General.

June 14, 1901, dog license of terrier Trim.

April 30, 1909, dog licenses of collies Shan MacQuirk, Colonel, Captain.

April 29, 1912, dog licenses of collies Captain, Colonel, Shan MacQuirk, Togo.

April 22, 1914, dog licenses of collies Captain, Togo.

April 25, 1922, dog licenses of collies Donald, Prince.

April 28, 1924, dog license of collie Donald.

April 24, 1925, dog license of collie Donald.

April 28, 1927, dog license of collie Donald.
April 4, 1928, dog license of collie Donald.

Folder 11: Checks of Eliza I. Beard

36 personal checks written by Eliza I. Beard (one in 1935, one in 1945, the rest in 1942-1943) to various individuals and companies.

Box 2

Receipts of the Beard Estate

Folder 1: 1829

Jan. 14, 1829, Beard and Raymond paid Lewis Mallory & Son $69.21; A. E. Beard paid Lewis MacCory Hou $69.38.

March 12, 1829, Mr. A. E. Beard paid Sylvester Pier $112.42 for two kettles.

March 13, 1829, Charles Postlez paid Mr. A. Waerd $7.00.

Oct. 1829, W. A. Beard paid Charles Baker $30.00 for a table.


Oct. 13, 1829, A. E. Beard paid Purdy & Betts, dealers in dry goods and carpeting, $34.31.

Oct. 29, 1829, E. Beard paid Dr. Uriah Seymour $54.34 for carting services.

Nov. 11, 1829, Mrs. Beard paid D. A. Mumford $3.68 for groceries.

Folder 2: 1830s

April 11, 1838, A. Beard paid Dr. Emery Bissell $18.50 for medical services to his child.

Oct. 29, 1839, A. E. Beard paid Dr. Emery Bissell $2.50 for medical services to his children.

Folder 3: 1840s

Oct. 19, 1840, receipt from E. White & Son for A. E. Beard for $329.75.

Dec. 22, 1840, receipt from A. A. M. White for A. E. Beard for $714.75.

May 28, 1841, receipt from A. White 7 Son for A. E. Beard for $436.25.

April 1, 1847, A. E. Beard paid S. Charles Mallory $68.25 for board.

Folder 4: 1850s

Aug. 17, 1854, Mr. A. E. Beard paid Dr. H. I. J. H. Kidney $115.25 to paint his house.

Aug. 28, 1854, A. E. Beard paid Union Hall $20.00 for board for 5 days for 2 people.

April 23, 1859, E. I. Beard paid Henry Pond $7.00 to balance the account of Augustus F. Beard.

Folder 5: 1860-1867

July 8, 1861, Mr. William O. Beard paid S. Chapman $616.00 for creams, medicines, magazines, sewing articles and $212.00 in cash for telegraphing.

Oct. 7, 1862, a handwritten list of funeral expenses.

Sept. 1867, [Algernon] Edward Beard paid Dr. Edward Olmstead $30.50 for the tuition of his ward Fred Beard.

Dec. 27, 1867, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $64.87 for shoes for William, Eddie, Lottie, George and Fred.

Folder 6: 1868

Jan. 15, 1868, Mr. Beard paid the Gimstick brothers $28.50 for clothes.

Jan. 18, 1868, Mrs. W. O. Beard paid D. Dayton $48.50 for clothes.

March 21, 1868, Mrs. Julia Beard paid F. S. Lyon, principal of the South Norwalk Union School, $3.00 for tuition for George.

April 25, 1868, [Algernon] E. Beard paid Dr. Edward Olmstead $31.50 for the tuition of his ward Frederic Beard.

June 29, 1868, W. O. Beard paid the 4th District of Conn. $10.55 in taxes.

Sept. 1, 1868, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $64.00 for shoes for William, Eddie, Lottie, George and Fred.

Nov. 2, 1868, the Beard brothers paid Knapp & Dickerman $87.43 for clothes and assorted articles for Lottie, Eddie, George and Will.

Nov. 10, 1868, Mrs. Beard paid G. H. Benedict $12.00 for giving Lottie instruction on the piano.

Nov. 30, 1868, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $63.22 for shoes for William, Eddie, Lottie, George and Fred.
Dec. 1, 1868, the Beard brothers paid Knapp & Dickerman $87.43 for clothes and assorted articles for Lottie, Fred and George.

Dec. 1, 1868, Mrs. Beard’s bill for $34.50 from the Comstock Brothers for clothes.

Dec. 1, 1868, Mrs. Beard paid E. Gusowski $87.00 for clothes for Edward, William, Fred and George.

Dec. 22, 1868, Edward Beard paid George A. Perkins $156.55 for the tuition of his wards Fred A. Beard and George K. Beard.

Dec. 31, 1868, Mrs. Julia Beard paid physician and surgeon Dr. M. B. Pardee $12.00.

Folder 7: 1869

Jan. 1, 1869, Mrs. W. O. Beard paid W. H. Swords $176.15 for clothes.

Jan. 27, 1869, Mrs. Beard paid E. E. Palmer $3.50 for her daughter’s tuition.

March 15, 1869, Mrs. Julia Beard paid physician and surgeon Dr. M. B. Pardee $22.50.

June 1, 1869, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $42.46 for shoes for William, Eddie, Lottie, George and Fred.

July 1, 1869, unidentified person paid Rendall & Hart $18.00 for the dental work for George and Frederick.


Sept. 1, 1869, the Beard brothers paid Knapp & Dickerman $53.56 for groceries and clothes accessories.

Sept. 24, 1869, Mrs. William O. Beard paid W. H. Swords $110.50 for clothes.

Nov. 5, 1869, E. W. Beard paid J. C. Fitch principal of Boys’ Boarding School, $8.00 for one month’s tuition.

Dec. 1869, Mrs. E. Beard paid A. Sands $1.79 for school supplies.

Folder 8: 1870-1871

March 13, 1870, Mr. [Algernon] E. Beard paid J. C. Fitch, principal of Boys’ Boarding School, $8.00.

March 25, 1870, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $16.17 for shoes for Eddie, Lottie and Fred.

April 19, 1870, Mr. [Algernon] E. Beard paid J. C. Fitch, principal of Boys’ Boarding School, $10.00.

May 24, 1870, Mr. [Algernon] E. Beard paid J. C. Fitch, principal of Boys’ Boarding School, $8.00.
June 27, 1870, an unidentified person paid A. Swords $2.56 for school supplies for Frederick, George and Eddie Beard.

July 1, 1870, the Beard brothers paid Knapp & Dickerman, dealers in groceries, cutlery, house furnishing goods, etc., $68.91 for an assortment of articles.

July 4, 1870, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $28.00 for shoes for Eddie, Lottie and George.

Oct. 31, 1870, Mrs. William Beard paid Dr. W. H. Swords $58.00 for clothes.

Nov. 10, 1870, Mr. George K. Beard paid A. D. Rockwell, M.D. and George M. Beard, M.D. $21.00.


Folder 9: 1872

Jan. 1, 1872, Fred Beard paid physician and surgeon Dr. M. B. Pardee $2.50.

Jan. 1, 1872, Eddie Beard paid M. B. Pardee, M.D. $1.50.

Feb. 27, 1872, Mrs. Beard paid L. P. Hoote $2.50 for a hat.

April 1, 1872, Edward Beard paid A. Swords $1.55 and $2.80 for office supplies.

April 10, 1872, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $20.72 for shoes for Eddie and Lottie.

April 18, 1872, the Beard brothers paid A. Dickerman & Son, dealers in laces, embroideries, ribbons, etc., $18.18 for an assortment of articles.

April 26, 1872, Miss Lottie Beard paid Juliette Hogan $10.05 for tuition.

June 1, 1872, George Beard paid physician and surgeon Dr. M. B. Pardee $10.25.

July 1, 1872, Mrs. Beard’s bill for $19.95 from the Comstock Brothers for clothes.

July 5, 1872, Miss Lottie Beard paid Juliette Hogan $11.00 for tuition.

Aug. 1, 1872, the Beard brothers paid Alfred Knapp, dealer in groceries, cutlery, house furnishing goods, etc., $4.40 for an assortment of articles.

Aug. 5, 1872, Mr. E. Beard paid Dr. W. H. Swords $114.25 for clothes.

Aug. 27, 1872, Mrs. Beard paid Mrs. J. A. Judd $10.18 for a hat for Lottie.

Sept. 15, 1872, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $47.25 for shoes for Eddie, Lottie and George.

Oct. 1, 1872, George K. Beard paid $3.10 to A. Dickerson & Son, dealers in dry goods.
Oct. 1, 1872, the Beard brothers paid A. Dickerman & Son $42.91 for clothes accessories.

Oct. 19, 1872, Mr. E. Beard paid J. C. Fitch, principal of Boys' Boarding School, $145.34.


Nov. 15, 1872, Edward Beard paid William H. Duncan $199.66 for an iron fence in the cemetery.

Nov. 22, 1872, Miss Lottie Beard paid Juliette Hogan $11.00 for tuition.

Dec. 31, 1872, Mr. E. Beard paid J. C. Fitch, principal of Hillside School for Boys, $140.86.

Folder 10: 1873

Jan. 1873, the Beard brothers paid A. Dickerman & Son, dealers in laces, embroideries, ribbons, etc., $83.89 for an assortment of articles.

Jan. 1, 1873, Mrs. Beard paid the Comstock Brothers $44.35 for clothes.

Jan. 7, 1873, Mrs. William A. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $44.80 for shoes for Eddie, Lottie and George.

Feb. 14, 1873, Miss Lottie Beard paid Juliette Hogan $16.00 for tuition.

Feb. 22, 1873, Master Eddie Beard paid M. B. Pardee, M.D. $5.25.

April 1, 1873, the Beard brothers paid A. Dickerman & Son, dealers in laces, embroideries, ribbons, etc., $14.01 for an assortment of articles.

April 1, 1873, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $38.45 for shoes for Eddie, Lottie and George.

April 30, 1873, Mr. E. Beard paid J. C. Fitch, principal of Hillside School for Boys, $15.89.

May 13, 1873, Edward Beard paid G. H. Benedict $16.15 for tuition on the piano for Lottie Beard and sheet music.

June 28, 1873, Mrs. William O. Beard paid Brown & Stevens $18.87 for shoes for Eddie and Lottie.

July 1, 1873, Mrs. Beard paid the Comstock Brothers $35.75 for clothes for Eddie and George.

July 1, 1873, the Beard brothers paid A. Dickerman & Son, dealers in laces, embroideries, ribbons, etc., $39.98 for an assortment of articles.

July 12, 1873, Miss L. Beard paid Miss L. Hanlenhek $4.20 for two hats.

Aug. 5, 1873, Edward Beard paid W. H. Swords $68.00 for clothes.

Sept. 17, 1873, Mallory & Douglas paid 34.59 to an unspecified entity to have a draft returned to them.
Dec. 31, 1873, the Beard brothers paid Alfred Knapp $3.40 for a blacking brush and a knife for Eddie.

**Folder 11: 1874-1879**

March 12, 1874, 2 copies of Edward Beard’s bill from Mr. Millard in the amount of $3,764.58.

Jan. 1, 1875, Mr. E. Beard paid S. H. Hopkins, owner of a stable, $8.00.

May 1, 1876, Mallory and Downs paid John H. Ferris $453.39 for coal.

1878, George Beard paid W. H. Swords $118.50 for clothes.

Sept. 1, 1879, Edward Beard paid $1,100 to Edward A. Beard who acknowledged it with a receipt.

**Folder 12: 1880-1883**

April 21, 1881, E. Beard paid John H. Tims $100.00 as the first installment for the schooner “Eva L. Ferris.”

June 1881, Edward Beard paid John H. Tims $175.00, as the second installment for the schooner “Eva L. Ferris.”

Nov. 7, 1881, Edward Beard paid John H. Tims $350.00, as the fifth and last installment for the schooner “Eva L. Ferris.”

Dec. 1, 1881, letter from John H. Ferris to E. Beard that the schooner “Eva L. Ferris” of which Beard was 1/32 owner was now completed, and so Ferris was handing Beard an account of its construction. Ferris informed Beard that there was a balance of $98.88 which had been paid by Captain St. John, so that the vessel was now paid for in full, and Ferris, as the agent, had all the receipts in his possession.

June 30, 1883, A. F. Beard received $23.90 wired to him in Paris.

Oct. 1, 1883, Mr. E. Beard paid sexton of Norwalk Cemetery P. W. Bates $6.00.

Oct. 2, 1883, Edward Beard paid Norwalk Lock Co. $34.00.

**Folder 13: 1884**

Jan. 4, 1884, Mr. E. Beard paid T. B. Guyer & Son $12.18 for groceries.

Jan. 10, 1884, Edward Beard paid the Safe Deposit Co. of New York $35.00 for the renewal of the lease of a safe in a burglar and fire-proof vault.

Dec. 31, 1884, E. Beard paid E. Chasmar $13.45 for animal feed.

**Folder 14: 1885**

Jan. 9, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid Henry Tilly $6.10 for horse equipment.
Feb. 17, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid John Bouton, upholsterer, $22.75.

Feb. 24, 1885, E. Beard paid E. Chasmar $11.40 for animal feed.

April 1, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $7.08 for groceries.

April 18, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid Henry Tilly $50.35 for horse equipment.

May 1, 1885, E. Beard paid E. Chasmar $28.80 for animal feed.

Sept. 1885, an unidentified person paid the South Norwalk Post Office $40.00 to rent box no. 547 for three months.

June 26, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid W. H. Sloane, dealer in carpets and upholstery, $88.40.

June 30, 1885, E. Beard paid New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. $30.00 for transportation of merchandise.

July 1, 1885, Mrs. E. Beard paid Henry Schnell $132.15 for art supplies.

July 1, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid F. Hayes $72.61 for groceries.

July 1, 1885, E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt $52.07 for building materials and labor.

July 1, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $13.37 for groceries.

July 2, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid John H. Ferris $13.42, $45,69 (XXX) for coal and building materials.

July 3, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid John H. Smith, florist, $18.00.

July 3, 1885, E. Beard paid E. Chasmar $32.30 for animal feed.

Sept. 2, 1885, Edward Beard paid one third of the annual rent on pew no. 15 in the Congregational Church in the amount of $21.67.

Sept. 23, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid Henry Tilly $50.00 for a horse cart.

Sept. 25, 1885, William Beard paid William McCormack $8.50 for shoes.

Oct., 1885, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $7.50 for treating himself, Miss Lilly and his servant.

Oct. 1, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid sexton of Norwalk Cemetery P. W. Bates $6.00.


Oct. 5, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid T. B. Guyer & Son $15.45 for groceries.

Oct. 8, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid F. A. Ferris 7 Co. $5.40 for groceries.
Oct. 17, 1885, E. Beard paid H. E. Bodwell $6.03 for paper.

Nov. 5, 1885, Mr. E. Beard paid F. Hayes $44.79 for groceries.

**Folder 15: 1886**

June 29, 1886, an unidentified person paid Maison de Luxe $38.40 for stationary.

June 30, 1886, Mr. E. Beard paid Jonathan R. Powell $60.00 for a coat.

Aug. 1, 1886, the Congregational Church paid the South Norwalk Sentinel $2.00 for envelopes and cards about a mission in France.

Oct. 1, 1886, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $20.94 for groceries.

Oct. 1, 1886, Mrs. E. Beard paid sexton of Norwalk Cemetery P. W. Bates $8.00.

Oct. 6, 1886, Hitchings & Co. asked Mr. E. Beard to acknowledge the receipt of $144.83 by him the day before.


Dec. 1886, an unidentified person paid the South Norwalk Post Office $40.00 to rent box no. 547 for three months.

Dec. 1, 1886, Edward Beard paid the Comstock Brothers $0.75.

Dec. 7, 1886, E. Beard paid Acker, Merrall & Condit $2.80.

**Folder 16: 1887**

Jan. 1, 1887, Edward Beard paid W. C. Quintard, dealer in hardware goods, $2.50.


Jan. 11, 1887, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash $25.18 for plumbing services.

Jan. 11, 1887, Edward Beard paid the Safe Deposit Co. of New York $35.00 for the renewal of the lease of a safe in a burglar-proof vault.


March 5, 1887, Edward Beard paid Francis Hendricks $35.00 for two frames.

March 12, 1887, Mr. E. Beard paid William A. Hendrick $5.00.

March 19, 1887, E. Beard paid H. E. Bodwell $7.90 for 41 issues of Tribune.
July 6, 1887, Mr. E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt & Son, carpenters and jobbers, $50.60.


Nov. 26, 1887, Mr. E. Beard paid Norwalk Pottery Co. $4.55 for 5 pots.

Dec. 19, 1887, Miss Harriet E. Beard gave the Congregational Church of South Norwalk $250.00 in payment of the one eighth part of the subscription to the new Church Building Fund.

**Folder 17: 1888-1889**

March 23, 1888, Mr. E. Beard paid the California Vintage Co. $5.50.

May 1, 1888, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $9.92 for groceries.

May 4, 1888, Mr. E. Beard paid F. A. Ferris 7 Co. $5.40 for groceries.


June 26, 1888, Mr. E. Beard paid William A. Finch $3.50 for mowing grass.


**Folder 18: 1890**

Jan. 31, 1890, Edward Beard paid G. S. North $10.00 “to 49 dogs.” There’s a note on the receipt, by North, “$10. All gone to the dogs.”

June 2, 1890, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $11.41 for groceries.

Aug. 6, 1890, Edward Beard paid Holmes Keeler $43.05.

Aug. 30, 1890, Edward Beard paid J. R. Raymond, contractor & builder, $311.00.

Nov. 20, 1890, Mr. E. Beard paid W. A. Finch $4.50 for a day of ploughing by one man and team.

Dec. 1, 1890, Mr. E. Beard paid J. T. Prowitt $417.18 and $279.10 for paint and labor.

Dec. 1, 1890, Edward Beard paid Raymond Brothers $10.00 for plumbing services.


Dec. 23, 1890, Mr. Edward Beard paid George C. Flint Co. $47.00 for a bureau.

Dec. 30, 1890, Mr. E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt $19.30 for carpenting materials and labor.

Dec. 31, 1890, Mr. E. Beard paid Jonathan R. Powell $65.00 for a suit.
Dec. 31, 1890, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $1.75.

Folder 19-20: 1891

Jan. 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $43.50 for treating Miss Lilly.

Jan. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $7.01 for groceries.

Jan. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $36.80 for groceries.

Jan. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid druggist R. H. Plaisted $0.20.

Jan. 2, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $8.32 for groceries.


Jan. 5, 1891, Mr. E. Beard donated the Congregational Church of South Norwalk $500.00 for the New Church Building Fund.

Jan. 6, 1891, Edward Beard paid druggist I. G. Gregory $3.50.

Jan. 12, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid F. A. Ferris & Co. $3.95 for groceries.

Jan. 14, 1891, Edward Beard paid the Safe Deposit Co. of New York $35.00 for the renewal of the lease of a safe in a burglar and fire-proof vault.

Jan. 19, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid C. H. Ferris & Co. $1.70 for groceries.

Jan. 26, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Old Well Cigar Co. $7.00 for 3 bales of tobacco stems and 100 cigars.

Feb. 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid the Jones & Hotchkiss Co., purveyors of plumbing and roofing services, $1.50.

Feb. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $24.80 for groceries.

Feb. 2, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $17.19 for groceries.

Feb. 2, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid J. T. Prowitt $334.33 for paint and labor.


Feb. 4, 1891, Edward Beard paid J. & G. T. Lycett $10.95 for stoneware.

Feb. 9, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid the Keep Mfg. Co. $11.50 for 6 custom shirts.

Feb. 24, 1891, Edward Beard paid L. H. Decker, dealer in wall papers, mixed paints, etc., $1.57.

March 2, 1891, E. Beard paid Hatch, Bailey & Co., lumber yard and steam mill, $18.00.
March 2, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $24.12 for groceries.

March 2, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $12.31 for groceries.

March 4, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $10.96 for groceries.

March 5, 1891, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $9.02 for plumbing services and various odd jobs.

March 7, 1891, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $30.00.

March 14, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Pitcher & Manda $8.95 for flower seeds.

March 29, 1891, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $12.55 for animal feed.

April 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $15.35 for animal feed.

April 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $7.97 for groceries.

April 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.74 for groceries.

April 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid the Congregational Church of South Norwalk his pew rent in the amount of $30.25.

April 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid John H. Ferris $320.96 for building materials.

April 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $15.05 for groceries.

April 2, 1891, Edward Beard paid J. T. Prowit, dealer in hardware, carriage parts, oils, glass, etc., $37.50.

April 3, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid $33.88 to Fred Hayes for meat.

April 8, 1891, Norwalk Lock Co. paid Gilbert & Bennett Mfg. Co. $18.18.

April 10, 1891, Miss E. I. Beard paid E. J. Denning & Co. $17.33 for linoleum.

April 13, 1891, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $16.95.

April 17, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt’s Sons $45.00 for plants.

April 23, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt’s Sons $47.00 for plants.

April 25, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt’s Sons $2.00 for plants.

April 27, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid William A. Finch $8.10 for one man and team for two days.

April 28, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid C. S. James $35.00.

May 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $12.00 for groceries.
May 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $20.99 for groceries.

May 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $18.62 for groceries.

May 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Ferd Hayes $33.88 for groceries.

May 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $21.65 for animal feed.

May 4, 1891, Edward Beard paid Beatty's Ivory Starch $4.10 for groceries.

May 9, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt & Son, carpenter and builder, $12.51.

May 12, 1891, Edward Beard paid W. C. Quintard, dealer in hardware goods, $2.26.

May 12, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Siebrecht & Wadley, seedmen and nurserymen, $71.00.

May 21, 1891, Mr. Beard paid the Hartman manufacturing Co. $2.74 for tree guards for the Norwalk Lock Co.

May 21, 1891, E. Beard paid Boston Woven Hose Co. $22.05.

May 22, 1891, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $0.60.

May 25, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Siebrecht & Wadley, seedmen and nurserymen, $225.25.

June 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid L. H. Decker, dealer in wall papers, mixed paints, etc., $8.27.

June 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $3.36 for groceries.

June 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $12.00 for animal feed.

June 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $8.94 for plumbing services and various odd jobs.

June 1, 1891, Mr. Edward Beard paid Raymond Bros. $41.23 for building materials and animal feed.

June 2, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $26.34 for groceries.

June 6, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $13.59 for groceries.

June 6, 1891, E. Beard paid H. E. Bodwell $7.03 for paper.

June 6, 1891, Edward Beard paid Raymond's Grocery $3.00.

June 9, 1891, Mr. Beard paid Hartman Mfg. Co. $3.74.

June 9, 1891, Mrs. E. I. Beard paid E. J. Denning & Co. $11.78.

June 12, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Dr. F. S. Lyon $12.00 for geraniums for church.
June 17, 1891, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $5.20 for repairing a washing machine.

July 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $13.63 for groceries.

July 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $6.00

July 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jonathan R. Powell $70.00 for a suit.

July 1, 1891, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $25.50 for treating Miss Lilly.

July 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $13.51 for groceries.

July 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $14.87 for grains.

July 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $7.53 for groceries.

July 2, 1891, Edward Beard paid William H. Meeker & Co. $49.35 for plumbing services.

July 16, 1891, Eliza I. Beard’s receipt from Dr. Samuel E. Rusk for $20.25 for two weeks’ board.

July 21, 1891, Beard paid the Congregational Church of South Norwalk his pew rent in the amount of $30.25.

Aug. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $11.66 for groceries.

Aug. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Moore & Harman $7.35 for groceries.


Sept. 1, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $15.14 for groceries.

Sept. 15, 1891, Mr. E. Beard paid Whitman Saddle Co. $32.00.

Sept. 30, 1891, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $17.66 for groceries.


Dec. 13, 1891, G. R. Barnum paid H. H. Mayhew Co., manufacturers of hardware and mechanic’s tools, $1.00.

Feb. 20, 1893, Mr. E. Beard paid John H. Smith, florist, $20.00.

April 8, 1893, Mr. E. Beard donated $2.00 to the Christian Aid to Employment Society.

Folder 21-22: 1893-1894

June 21, 1893, Mr. E. Beard paid John Bouton, upholsterer, $10.50.

Dec. 1, 1893, Henry Hoffman paid Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. $3.62 for tea spoons.
Jan. 13, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Henry Tilly $29.13 for various odd jobs.

Jan. 15, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hitchings & Co., purveyors in heating and ventilating apparatuses, $17.76.

Jan. 25, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hitchings & Co., purveyors of green house heating and ventilation apparatus, $3.30.

March 19, 1894, Mr. E. Beard bought of the Old Well Cigar Co. for $2.25.

March 22, 1894, Edward Beard paid William MacLuhas $6.50 for fixing his horses’ shoes.

April 12, 1894, William Fraser paid florist Thorwald Jensen $4.50.

April 14, 1894, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $14.90.

April 25, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid W. H. Sloane, dealer in carpets and upholstery, $176.04.

May 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $13.18 for groceries.

May 1, 1894, Mrs. E. G. Beard paid H. O. Neill & Co., dealers in millinery goods, hosier and trimmings, $1.52.

May 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $18.30 for groceries.

May 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid E. E. Gorhan $32.86 for wallpaper and labor.

May 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hatch, Bailey & Co., dealers in lumber, $25.55.

May 4, 1894, E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt, carpenter and builder, $79.12.

May 5, 1894, Edward Beard paid W. S. Sturtevant $0.50 for a shovel.

May 5, 1894, Edward Beard paid Peter Shields $39.10 for building materials and labor.

May 9, 1894, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $2.55 for groceries.

May 10, 1894, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $5.20 for plumbing services and various odd jobs.

May 12, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid George C. Flint Co. $102.00 for chairs.

May 12, 1894, Edward Beard paid O. D. Newman $1.50 for painting his fountain.

May 15, 1894, Norwalk Lock Co. paid the Columbia Rubber Works Co. $9.58.

May 17, 1894, Norwalk Lock Co. paid the Columbia Rubber Works Co. $3.02.
May 18, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid A. Orlich, jeweler, $4.50.

May 29, 1894, E. Beard paid E. P. H. Capron, dealer in engines, boilers, water wheels, etc., $2.25.

May 31, 1894, Edward Beard paid Albin Malmo $26.43 for groceries.

June 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $12.27 for groceries.

June 1, 1894, Mrs. E. G. Beard paid H. O. Neill & Co., dealers in millinery goods, hosier and trimmings, $3.97.

June 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $14.85 for groceries.

June 1, 1894, E. I. Beard paid Hilton, Hughes & Co. $13.02 for cloth.

June 2, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid John Bouton, upholsterer, $8.25.

June 3, 1894, E. Beard paid D. S. Davenport $9.44 for groceries.

June 4, 1894, Mr. Beard paid Acker, Merrall & Condit $3.40.

June 11, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid William R. Pitt, purveyor of composite iron works, $73.00.

June 14, 1894, Edward Beard paid William McQuhae $7.25 for horse shoeing.

June 15, 1894, Miss E. I. Beard paid $3.97 to H. O. Neill & Co., dealers in millinery goods.

June 16, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $29.81 to cover the traveling credit of 150 franks that A. B. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

June 16, 1894, Miss E. I. Beard paid $7.95 to Lord & Taylor, dealers in dry goods.

June 18, 1894, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $12.90 for groceries.

June 22, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $29.81 to cover the traveling credit of 150 franks that A. B. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

June 27, 1894, Mr. Beard paid Arthur C. Wheeler $2.00.

June 29, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $19.91 to cover the traveling credit of 100 franks that A. B. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

July 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid John H. Ferris $304.36 for coal and building materials.

July 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid J. McKay, florist, $6.00.

July 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $9.30 for animal feed.
July 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $19.00.

July 2, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Tredwell & Slote $4.50 for clothes.

July 2, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid the Congregational Church of South Norwalk his pew rent in the amount of $23.75.

July 2, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $25.42 for groceries.

July 2, 1894, Edward Beard paid Nash & VanScoy $10.38 for plumbing services and various odd jobs.

July 2, 1894, E. I. Beard paid Hilton, Hughes & Co. $10.63 for cloth.

July 2, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid druggist R. H. Plaisted $0.95 for alcohol and Paris green.

July 2, 1894, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash $2.50 for a box of oranges.

July 5, 1894, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $15.26 for groceries.

July 7, 1894, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $75.00 for treating Miss Lilly Beard.

July 8, 1894, Miss Beard paid Miss K. Hoffman $68.79.

July 12, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $10.15 for groceries.

July 14, 1894, E. Beard paid O. L. Bassett, dealer in ornamental and zinc work, $236.00.

July 16, 1894, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $21.28 for animal feed.

July 17, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $39.71 to cover the traveling credit of 200 franks that A. B. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

July 20, 1894, an unidentified person paid Lord & Taylor, dealers in dry goods, $4.50.

July 20, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid P. H. Dwyer $3.10 for horse equipment.

July 25, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid $4.00 for a half a year subscription to The Country Gentleman.

July 27, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $50.10 to cover the traveling credit of 252.50 franks that A. F. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

Aug. 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $9.28 for groceries.

Aug. 9, 1894, Edward Beard paid William McQuhae $5.00 for horse shoeing.

Aug. 9, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $39.71 to cover the traveling credit of 200 franks that A. B. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.
Aug. 31, 1894, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $39.96 to cover the traveling credit of 202 franks that A. F. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

Oct. 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $1.05 for repairing a hose.

Oct. 27, 1894, William E. Beard paid the Norwalk Elm Tree Inoculation Co. $7.00.

Nov. 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid Raymond Brothers $39.02 for fertilizer.

Nov. 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid J. R. Raymond, contractor & builder, $15.89.

Nov. 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid J. McKay, florist, $1.50.

Nov. 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $12.24 for groceries.

Nov. 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Nash & VanScoy $33.09 for plumbing services and various odd jobs.


Nov. 15, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $11.95 for groceries.

Nov. 15, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $13.06 for groceries.

Nov. 16, 1894, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Cemetery Association $4.00 for the care of lot for that year.

Nov. 20, 1894, E. Beard paid C. A. Nichols $18.00 for volumes 1-3 of History for Ready Reference.

Nov. 24, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid George I. Keeler $25.64 for ice.

Nov. 26, 1894, Edward Beard paid F. J. Curtis $8.00 for an oil heater.


Dec. 1, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.79 for groceries.

Dec. 1, 1894, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $6.60 for animal feed.

Dec. 12, 1894, Edward Beard paid William McQuhae $11.20 for horse shoeing.

Dec. 12, 1894, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $22.29 for animal feed.

Dec. 17, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $13.67 for groceries.

Dec. 22, 1894, Mrs. Beard paid A. J. Borst, manufacturer of picture frames, $7.10.

Dec. 27, 1894, Mr. E. Beard paid carpenters R. M. Hoyt & Son $23.58.

Dec. 27, 1894, Mr. E. Beard gave $10.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

Dec 31, 1894, Edward Beard paid Albin Malmo $40.77 for groceries.

Dec. 31, 1894, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $16.50.

Box 3

Folders 1-3: 1895

Jan. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Nash & VanScoy $19.23 for plumbing services and various odd jobs.

Jan. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $10.81 for groceries.

Jan. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $17.50 for groceries.

Jan. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid P. H. Dwyer $2.00 for horse equipment.


Jan. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.29 for groceries.


Jan. 15, 1895, E. Beard paid Hoffman $18.60 for making a cabinet and the wood.

Jan. 16, 1895, Edward Beard paid veterinary surgeon Harry E. Bates $4.00.

Jan. 26, Mr. E. Beard paid W. H. Sloane, dealer in carpets and upholstery, $8.80 (and $14.19 by check on the 22nd.)

Jan. 29, 1895, E. Beard paid Archer & Pancoast Co. $30.00 for a lantern.


Feb. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $13.37 for groceries.

Feb. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $7.46 for groceries.

Feb. 4, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid A. Dickerman & Son, dealers in dry goods and carpets, $5.10.

Feb. 9, 1895, Edward Beard paid W. S. Sturtevant $3.85.
Feb. 14, 1895, Norwalk Lock Co. paid the Adams & Westlake Co. $0.88 for 6 sets of couplugs.

Feb. 15, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $8.28 for groceries.

Feb. 15, 1895, Edward Beard paid Percy E. Ferris $31.50 for wiring for fixture and annunciator and an extra burner in bath.

Feb. 19, 1895, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $0.95.

Feb. 27, 1895, Congregational Church of South Norwalk paid Lauder & Dunlop $6.90 for printing calendars.

Feb. 27, 1895, A. F. Beard gave $2.00 to the Christian Aid to Employment Society.

Feb. 28, 1895, National Bank of Norwalk, CT paid Drexel, Morgan & Co. $49.56 to cover the traveling credit of 250 franks that A. B. Beard had drawn, plus commission and interest.

March 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt & Son, carpenters, $7.05.

March 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $10.27 for groceries.

March 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $20.67 for groceries.

March 5, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid the Water Gardens $3.25 for aquatic plants.

March 16, 1895, E. A. Beard paid Peter Shields $3.45 for building materials and labor.

March 20, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $12.96 for groceries.

March 30, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid California Vintage Co. $16.75 for groceries.

April 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid John H. Ferris $265.01 for coal and building materials.

April 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $12.40 for animal feed.

April 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $37.45 for groceries.

April 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $14.41 for groceries.

April 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $37.50 for treating Miss Beard.

April 4, 1895, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $4.00.


April 6, 1895, E. Beard paid H. E. Bodwell $9.10 for paper.

April 7, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $26.40 for plumbing services.
April 8, 1895, Edward Beard gave $12.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

April 11, 1895, Edward Beard paid G. S. North $2.00 for 12 photographs.

April 20, 1895, E. Beard paid Columbia Refrigerator Co. $29.25.

April 22, 1895, Stewart Ceramic Co. billed Mr. E. Beard for $68.00.

April 25, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $18.22 for groceries.

April 26, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid John H. Smith, florist, $3.20.

April 27, 1895, Edward Beard paid William MacLuhans $7.00 for fixing his horses' shoes.

May 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $17.31 for groceries.

May 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $77.83 for plumbing services.

May 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid mason W. H. Smith $2.85.

May 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $9.12 for groceries.

May 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $6.00

May 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.36 for groceries.

May 3, 1895, E. Beard paid J. T. Prowitt Co. for lead, paint, wallpaper and labor $102.97.

May 7, 1895, Edward Beard paid Pitcher & Manda nurseries $9.00.

May 8, 1895, Miss E. I. Beard paid Arnold, Constable & Co. $21.55 for cloth.

May 8, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Pitcher & Manda $0.25 for poppy seeds.

May 11, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt $58.41 for carpentry materials and labor.

May 17, 1895, E. Beard paid C. A. Nichols $6.00 for volume 5 of History for Ready Reference.

May 15, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Pitcher & Manda $2.35 for flower seeds.

May 16, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Crofoot & Rose $9.70 for oats and wheat.


May 27, 1895, E. Beard paid J. Creery & Co. an undisclosed amount of money.

May 27, 1895, E. Beard paid W. & J. Sloane an undisclosed amount of money.
May 31, 1895, Edward Beard paid M. J. McNerney $4.85 for repairing his horse equipment.

May 31, 1895, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $9.65 for animal feed.

June 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $13.68 for groceries.

June 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $11.10 for groceries.

June 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $34.29 for groceries.

June 1, 1895, E. I. Beard paid Hilton, Hughes & Co. $96.50.

June 1, 1895, E. I. Beard paid Hilton, Hughes & Co. $100.70 and $4.20 for cloth and clothes.

June 19, 1895, E. Beard paid druggists Kesson & Robbins $13.95 for juice and ice-cream.

June 24, 1895, Mr. E. Beard gave $12.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

June 28, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid W. H. Sloane, dealer in carpets and upholstery, $46.61.

July 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.71 for groceries.

July 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $9.28 for groceries.

July 1, 1895, Mrs. Beard paid $7.60 to A. Orlich, jeweler.

July 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory. M.D, $7.00 for treating Miss Beard.

July 1, 1895, E. I. Beard paid Hilton, Hughes & Co. $39.83 for cloth and clothes.

July 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $139.60 for plumbing services.

July 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid J. McKay, florist, $3.00.

July 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $12.00 and $19.50.

July 10, 1895, Miss E. I. Beard paid dressmaker Mrs. J. Anderson $24.65.

July 17, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid McKesson & Robbins $13.95.

July 18, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $14.97 for groceries.

July 18, 1895, E. Beard paid Chadborn & Coldwell Mfg. Co. $0.48.

July 19, 1895, Norwalk Locks Co. paid W. & B. Douglas, manufacturers of patent pumps, hydraulic rams, etc., $0.63.

July 24, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid the Keep Mfg. Co. $10.00 for 6 custom shirts.
July 27, 1895, Edward Beard paid Peter Henderson, seedsman and florist, $30.00.

July 27, 1895, Edward Beard paid W. S. Sturtevant $0.25 for 2 cups and saucers.

July 31, 1895, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $9.40 for animal feed.

Aug. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid F. H. Nash & Brother $148.69 for plumbing services.

Aug. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $18.35 for groceries.

Aug. 1, 1895, E. Beard paid Hatch, Bailey & Co., lumber yard and steam mill, $1.66.

Aug. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.00 for groceries.

Aug. 5, 1895, Edward Beard paid P. L. Guigue, florist, $4.00.

Aug. 5, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid W. A. Finch $8.63 for ploughing for three days by one man and team.

Aug. 6, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Robert G. Hanford, florist, $2.00.

Aug. 10, 1895, Mr. Beard paid E. P. H. Capron $2.00 for cleaning carpets and tapestries.

Aug. 24, 1895, Mr. E. Beard gave $8.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

Aug. 30, 1895, Edward Beard paid W. S. Sturtevant $2.50 for a short air rifle.

Aug. 31, 1895, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $1.30 for animal feed.

Sept. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $40.76 for groceries.


Sept. 3, 1895, Edward Beard paid A. Dickerman & Son $5.48 for matting.

Sept. 16, 1895, Henry E. Bates paid David Roberge $2.00 for hoof expander.

Sept. 19, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $33.86 for groceries.

Sept. 30, 1895, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $8.60 for animal feed.

Oct. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid R. M. Hoyt, carpenter and builder, $23.67.


Oct. 1, 1895 Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $19.18 for groceries.

Oct. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Raymond Brothers $8.20 for plumbing services.

Oct. 19, 1895, E. Beard paid Peter Shields $41.00 for building materials and labor.

Oct. 20, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Peter Shields $10.00 for fixing and painting the conservatory.

Oct. 21, 1895, Mr. E. Beard gave $8.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

Oct. 23, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hitchings & Co., purveyors in heating and ventilating apparatuses, $2.85.


Oct. 30, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.03 for groceries.


Oct. 31, 1895, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $5.10 for animal feed.

Nov. 1, 1895, E. Beard paid Hatch, Bailey & Co., lumber yard and steam mill, $9.18.

Nov. 1, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $14.68 for groceries.

Nov. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid Alden Solmans, owner of a stable, $8.00.

Nov. 1, 1895, Edward Beard paid M. J. McNerney $7.50 for repairing horse equipment.

Nov. 6, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $34.20 for groceries.

Nov. 13, 1895, Mr. Beard paid James Smith $4.00 for plowing.

Nov. 26, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid carpenters R. M. Hoyt & Son $12.39.

Nov. 27, 1895, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $11.92 for groceries.

Nov. 30, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Alfred Bridgeman $2.40 for seeds.

Nov. 30, 1895, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $7.90 for animal feed.

Dec. 2, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid W. H. Smith, mason, $14.15.

Dec. 2, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $24.13 for groceries.

Dec. 3, 1895, Norwalk Lock Co. received a blank book from D. S. Walton for free.

Dec. 4, 1895, Edward Beard paid A. Bach $10.50 for 7 loads of crushed stone.

Dec. 5, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Old Well Cigar Co. $1.50 for a bale of tobacco stems.
Dec. 11, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hackett, Carhart & Co. $65.00 for two coats and a vest.


Dec. 13, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $10.07 for groceries.

Dec. 14, 1895, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Cemetery Association $4.00 for the care of lot for that year.

Dec. 17, 1895, William L. Porter paid Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co. $4.25 for knives.

Dec. 19, 1895, Mr. E. Beard paid James Lycett $2.88 for stoneware.

Dec. 19, 1895, Edward Beard paid W. MacLuhas $9.60 for fixing his horses’ shoes.

Dec. 28, 1895, Edward Beard paid O. D. Newman, purveyor of paints, oil, varnishes, etc., $1.70.


Dec. 31, 1895, Edward Beard paid Albin Malmo $27.28 for groceries.


Folder 4: 1896

Jan. 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid J. H. Wilson $30.88 for ice.

Jan. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $8.61 for groceries.

Jan. 1, 1896, Edward Beard paid M. J. McNerney $2.30 for repairing horse equipment.


Jan. 2, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid John H. Smith, florist, $1.25.


Jan. 15, 1896, Mr. Edward Beard owes Dr. Percy E. Ferris, electrical contractor, $9.00.

Jan. 24, 1896, Norwalk Lock Co. paid Robert Murray $0.45.

Jan. 27, 1896, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $41.28 for groceries.

Feb. 1, 1896, Edward Beard paid Raymond Brothers $3.05 for fertilizer.

Feb. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $12.89 for groceries.

Feb. 7, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid carpenters R. M. Hoyt & Son $9.72.
Feb. 9, 1896, E. Beard paid Hatch, Bailey & Co., lumber yard and steam mill, $1.84.

Feb. 12, 1896, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $4.68 for groceries.


Feb. 11, 1896, Mr. E. Beard gave $6.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.


Oct. 19, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Smith & Miller $2.50 for an oak cabinet.


Oct. 28, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob W. Manning $43.69 for plants.

Oct. 30, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt’s Sons $36.64 for plants.


Nov. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $18.99 for groceries.

Nov. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $19.66 for groceries.

Nov. 2, 1896, Edward Beard paid F. H. Nash $23.53 for plumbing services.


Nov. 11, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid J. M. Thorburn $12.00 for seeds.

Nov. 11, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt’s Sons $36.75 for plants.


Nov. 16, 1896, El. Beard of the Norwalk Lock Co. paid the Tribune Association $5.00 as part of their contract amount.

Nov. 18, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Wayside Farm $11.75 for cider and potatoes.

Nov. 20, 1896, E. Beard paid Barstow Stove Co. $12.00 for a heater.

Nov. 21, 1896, charge memorandum for Miss E. I. Beard from H. O’Neill & Co., importers and dealers in laces, trimmings, cloaks & costumes for an assortment of articles.

Nov. 24, 1896, Mrs. Beard paid F. A. Lane, owner of a railroad restaurant, $0.40 for dessert.
Nov. 27, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt’s Sons $9.00 for plants.


Dec. 1, 1896, Edward Beard paid Raymond Brothers $16.50 for a load of sand and six loads of manure.

Dec. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $33.30 for groceries.

Dec. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $33.08 for groceries.


Dec. 1, 1896, Edward Beard paid M. J. McNerney $2.95 for repairing horse equipment.

Dec. 1, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid J. H. Wilson $23.06 for ice.

Dec. 3, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid the Tribune Association $5.00 for part of his contract with them on account of the Norwalk Lock Co.

Dec. 5, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid J. M. Thorburn $15.75 for seeds.

Dec. 15, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid J. M. Thorburn $6.00 for seeds.


Dec. 19, 1896, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Pottery Co. $2.22 for 11 pots.


Dec. 24, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid carpenters R. M. Hoyt & Son $17.47.

Dec. 29, 1896, Mr. E. Beard paid J. H. Wilson $1.65 for ice.

Dec. 31, 1896, Edward Beard paid Albin Malmo $20.84 for groceries.

Dec. 31, 1896, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $1.00 for animal feed.

Folder 5: 1897


Jan. 1, 1897, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $9.00 for treating Miss Eliza.

Jan. 1, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $15.62 for groceries.

Jan. 2, 1897, Edward Beard paid Nash & Van Scoy $51.54 for plumbing services.

Jan. 2, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid the Congregational Church of South Norwalk his pew rent in the amount of $18.75.

Jan. 5, 1897, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Pottery Co. $1.00 for 3 pots.

Jan. 6, 1897, Mr. Beard paid the Norwalk Cemetery Association $3.00 for the care of plot in the previous year.

Jan. 6, 1897, Mr. E. O. Beard paid the Norwalk Cemetery Association $4.00 for the care of lot for the previous year.

Jan. 8, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Robert G. Hanford, florist, $2.25.

Jan. 14, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid J. O. Jennings $18.00 for papering rooms.

Jan. 20, 1897, Edward Beard paid L. C. Wrisley & Co. $8.00 for the work on his chimney.

Jan. 30, 1897 Edward Beard paid Albin Malmo $23.93 for groceries.


Feb. 1, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $21.37 for groceries.

Feb. 1, 1897, Edward Beard paid Raymond Brothers $24.75 for two loads of manure, building materials and labor.

Feb. 1, 1897, Mr. E. Beard gave $6.00 to the Hungarian Mission of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

Feb. 6, 1897, Edward Beard paid Charles E. Seymour $17.15 for groceries.

Feb. 6, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $8.53 and $15.34 for groceries.

Feb. 13, 1897, E. Beard paid H. E. Bodwell $7.80 for stationary.


Feb. 25, 1897, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Pottery Co. $0.96 for 2 pots.

Feb. 27, 1897, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $1.90 for animal feed.

Feb. 27, 1897, Edward Beard paid W. MacLuhas $8.25 for fixing his horses’ shoes.

March 1, 1897, Edward Beard paid M. J. McNerney $1.55 for repairing horse equipment.

March 1, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $7.02 for groceries.
March 1, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $13.19 for groceries.

March 16, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid George Fairchild $35.35.

March 19, 1897, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Pottery Co. $1.68 for 7 pots.

March 31, 1897, Edward Beard paid Albin Malmo $9.96 for groceries.

April 1, 1897, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $14.00 for treating Miss Beard.

April 1, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid the Congregational Church of South Norwalk his pew rent in the amount of $18.75.

April 2, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid Robert G. Hanford, florist, $10.00.

April 17, 1897, Mr. E. Beard paid J. H. Wilson $8.50 for ice.

April 21, 1897, Edward Beard paid L. C. Wrisley & Co. $50.00 for the work on his chimney.

Folder 6: 1898

May 6, 1898, Eliza I. Beard paid $28.20 to Lord & Taylor, dealers in dry goods.


June 1, 1898, Edward Beard paid horse shoer John Lycett $3.60.

June 6, 1898, Eliza I. Beard paid $31.20 to Lord & Taylor, dealers in dry goods.

June 22, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $40.89 for groceries.

June 23, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid C. L. James $4.25 for two loads of manure and labor.

June 30, 1898, Edward Beard paid Manuel T. Hatch $2.56 for animal feed.

July 1, 1898, Edward Beard paid John H. Ferris $195.84 for building materials.

July 1, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Harry E. Bates $8.50 for medicine.

July 1, 1898, Edward Beard paid J. M. Gregory, M.D. $99.50 for treating Dr. Hitchcock.

July 2, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Hunt & Zeluff $11.30 and $11.16 for groceries.

July 9, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Jacob Schaub $48.09 for groceries.

July 2, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Old Well Laundry $0.40.

July 9, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Old Well Laundry $0.32.
July 16, 1898, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $16.49 for groceries.

July 18, 1898, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $16.93 for groceries.

July 18, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid carpenters R. M. Hoyt & Son $2.24.

July 19, 1898, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $18.49 for groceries.

July 21, 1898, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $18.56 for groceries.

July 23, 1898, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $22.95 for groceries.


July 26, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Robert G. Hanford, florist, $4.65.

July 28, 1898, Edward Beard paid nurse Mrs. Helen V. Brown $111.80 for attendance from June 8 to July 20.

July 29, 1898, Edward Beard paid Samuel Comstock Jr. $24.43 for groceries.

Aug. 1, 1898, Edward Beard paid W. S. Sturtevant $1.50 for preserving two kettles.

Aug. 15, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid Old Well Laundry $0.74.

Sept. 29, 1898, Mr. E. Beard paid E. E. Gorham $9.75 for paints and painting.

March 6, 1899, Mr. E. Beard paid Peter Shields $13.60 for building materials and labor.

April 26, 1899, Mr. E. Beard paid Stephen Hoyt's Sons $7.50 for plants.

**Folder 7: 1900-1919**

June 9, 1900, Mr. E. Beard, treasurer of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, acknowledged the receipt of $358.64 from the First Congregational Church of South Norwalk.

Dec. 29, 1905, Edward Beard paid Joseph B. Rider $6.00 for work on his West St. property.

Aug. 9, 1910, the Congregational Church at South Norwalk donated $50.55 to the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

July 29, 1912, Edward Beard paid J. M. Layton $61.50 for property insurance for three years.

Aug. 6, 1912, Edward Beard paid Raymond & Son $1.08 for 3 dog stools.

Dec. 30, 1918, Roland A. Platt received his watch and chain from Eliza I. Beard.

**Folder 8: 1920-1939**
July 13, 1920, Edward Beard paid the Norwalk Cemetery Association $4.00 for the care of lot.

May 3, 1921, Edwin Beard paid John Mallory $7.63 for shoes for his horses.

Sept. 1, 1921, Miss Beard paid J. E. Kaisu $10.65 for paint and labor.

Jan. 22, 1935, Miss E. Beard paid William J. Ungvary, plumber, $47.46.

Sept. 23, 1936, Miss E. Beard paid William J. Ungvary, plumber, $113.52.

Sept. 28, 1936 Eliza Beard paid Dr. Andrew Beers $45.50 for painting and papering two rooms.

Nov. 2, 1936, Eliza I. Beard’s receipt from Dr. Andrew Beers for $9.50 for handyman services.

Nov. 16, 1936, E. Beard paid William J. Ungvary $168.45 for building materials and labor.

Dec. 1, 1937, Eliza I. Beard’s bill from the Water Dept. of the Second Taxing District of Norwalk in the amount of $4.34.

June 7, 1937, Miss E. Beard paid William J. Ungvary, plumber, $99.61.

June 1, 1939, Eliza I. Beard’s bill from the Water Dept. of the 2nd taxing District of Norwalk, CT in the amount of $12.60 for water supply at her premises from June 1, 1939 to Dec. 1, 1939.

Folder 9: 1940-1960

Jan. 29, 1942, Eliza I. Beard paid James McCutcheon & Co. $3.00 for lace.

April 29, 1944, Eliza I. Beard paid the Sputh Norwalk Savings Bank $4.80 for renting a box in their safe deposit vault for a year.

July 3, 1957, Miss E. Beard’s bill from Devine Bros., Inc for coal in the amount of $325.75.

Aug. 27, 1957, Miss E. Beard’s bill from Devine Bros., Inc for coal in the amount of $56.00.

April 7, 1959, Miss E. Beard’s bill from Devine Bros., Inc for coal in the amount of $325.25.

May 8, 1959, Miss E. Beard’s bill from Devine Bros., Inc for coal in the amount of $353.00.

Sept. 2, 1960, letter from J. C. Westerman, office manager of the Conn. Light and Power, to Eliza I. Beard that he had received her letter and would look over her account and contact her next week, preferably meeting her in person.

Two of Eliza I. Beard’s undated notifications from the National Bank of Norwalk that they had charged her $0.50 and $0.75 for their services.

Folder 10: Undated Receipts
Undated receipt from A. Dickerman & Son, dealers in laces, embroideries, ribbons, etc., to G. K. Beard for $24.60 for an assortment of articles.

Undated receipt from Juliette Hogan for Miss Lottie Beard for $5.40 for tuition.

Undated receipt from Miss H. M. Cooley for Miss Lottie Beard for $7.14 for making her two dresses.

Undated receipt from Miss H. M. Cooley for Miss Lottie Beard for $5.68 for making her a hat.

Undated receipt from Moore & Harman for Mr. E. Beard $74.05 for groceries.

Undated bill for Ed. Beard from South Norwalk Steam Laundry for $1.52.

Undated receipt for Miss Beard from Alpse Barbin for $7.00 for a costume.

Undated receipt from W. A. Finch for Mr. E. Beard for $9.00 for three days of work by one man and team.

Undated receipt from John McLuhas for Mr. E. Beard for $3.12 for fixing his horses’ shoes.

Undated receipt for an unidentified person who paid $2.31 to French Restaurant.

Folder 11: Photocopies of some of the receipts from the other folders

Folders 12-13: Miscellaneous

Folder 12

June 28, 1834, a card that certifies that Edwin L. Beard was at the head of his class and consequently merited a penny.

July 4, 1882, saloon passenger list for steamship Alaska, going from New York to Liverpool.

Dec. 18, 1885, invitation to attend the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Congregational Church of South Norwalk.

Aug. 21, 1886, handwritten festival program for the birthday of Mrs. Greeven.

Jan. 14, 1902, program of the second recital at the South Norwalk Congregational Church.

Sept. 20, 1910, invitation to attend a recital by the mezzo-soprano Olga Burgtorf at the Shorehauen Inn by the invitation of the Woman’s Club.

June 29, 1912, prescription from distemper from O. Bassett.

1919-1920, annual program of the men’s club of the South Norwalk Congregational Church.
Aug. 26, 1936, the South Norwalk Savings Bank’s card announcing the death of its president Edward Beard, 3 copies.

July 26, 1944, announcement by Mr. and Mrs. Danielson Brooks of the marriage of their sister Miss Mary Elizabeth Pennell to Rev. William Spencer Beard, conducted in the Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Harford.


“The Guide,” a poem by E. Patten Beard, a typed manuscript.

“Gypsies,” a poem by E. Patten Beard, a typed manuscript.

“The Passing Years,” a sermon by the Rev. Augustus F. Beard delivered at the First Congregational Church of Norwalk, CT on May 15, on the occasion of his 94th birthday, 2 pages from The American Missionary.

Handwritten page with “selections for singing” in church.

Folder 13

Three sheets with snippets with handwritten receipts glued on to them.

Watercolor painting of three women walking in the street by a church.

Drawing book with various designs.

Two handwritten pages with genealogical notes.

Handwritten list of people.

Five handwritten pages with observations of a sick person.

Announcement of lectures and stories by Miss Dotha Stone Pinneo in Norwalk.

Photograph of a man and a woman sitting on a bench at an overlook, ca. 1860s.

Handwritten recipe for a “white mask.”

Handwritten recipe for cleaning clothes.

Invitation to a piano recital by Edward Baxter Perry.

Invitation to attend various meetings at an unidentified church.

Photograph of students of some girls’ school

Ink drawing of a church service.
Small fan with the students’ anthem handwritten on the other side.

Cover from Cook’s British Tours coupons.

Program of the concert given on behalf of the British and American schools in Paris.

Handwritten poem, apparently by Miss Puss Goddard, copied from a newspaper.

Invocation to vote “on the school question.”

Typed and filled out form in which Clara E. Seymour proposes the membership of Miss Mary B. Ferry in the Woman’s Club of Norwalk and Sarah L. Stevens and Dotha Stone Pinneo endorse this proposal.

Torn old photograph of Edward Beard’s house, Rockcliffe.

Black-and-white negative of several people sitting by the fountain at Edward Beard’s house, Rockcliffe.

List of officers and life members of the South Norwalk Library and Reading Room Corp.

Handwritten composition by Mary Goddard about “Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.”

Scrap of paper with a handwritten stanza.

List of a girl’s expenses between August and October, apparently in a boarding school, written for her family, no year given.

**Box 4**

*Beard Family Correspondence*

**Folder 1: 1840-1859**

June 2, 1840, letter to “Edward” and “Hattie” from their brother “James.”


Feb. 10, 1853, letter from Harriet Beard in South Norwalk to her unnamed brother.

Feb. 28, 1953, letter from Edward Beard in East Hampton to his brother Augustus F. Beard.

March 1, 1853, letter from A. E. Beard in South Norwalk to his son, likely Augustus F. Beard.


Jan. 23, 1854, letter from Henry M. Seymour in Newark, NY to his friend Augustus F. Beard.

April 26, 1854, letter from “Jim” in Philadelphia to his unnamed cousin.

July 10, 1854, letter from A. E. Beard in South Norwalk to Augustus F. Beard.

Dec. 6, 1854, letter from Edward Beard in South Norwalk to his brother Augustus F. Beard.

Oct. 11, 1854, letter from Edward Beard in East Hampton to his brother Augustus F. Beard.

Dec. 29, 1856, letter from “Mary” in Danbury to her cousin.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard in Yale to Algernon E. Beard about his expenses.

Feb. 2, 1857, letter from H. McKeely in Honesdale to G.

April 15, 1857, letter from Edwin Hall in Auburn to Augustus F. Beard about the Auburn Theology Seminary.


April 16, 1858, letter from Isabella Beard in South Norwalk to Augustus F. Beard.

Oct. 11, 1858, letter from Harriet Beard in South Norwalk to Edward Beard.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Folder 2: 1860s

Jan. 3, 1861, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Algernon E. Beard.

Aug. 19, 1861, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Algernon E. Beard.

Aug. 28, 1862, letter from Algernon E. Beard in South Norwalk to Augustus F. Beard and Eliza Beard (A. F. Beard’s first wife).

June 29, 1861 or 1862, letter from Isabella Beard to Augustus F. Beard.

Nov. 14, 1862, letter from Eliza Beard (A. F. Beard’s first wife) in Portland to Edward Beard, in which she mentions that her husband “was in the removal of Gen. McClellan,” which she regrets.

April 16, 1863, letter from Mary J. Goddard in Cape Elizabeth to Miss Beard.

June 26, 1863, letter from Edward Beard in South Norwalk to Augustus F. Beard.

June 29, 1863, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Bath to Edward Beard, in which he says that should he follow his wife, he wishes Harriet Beard to raise his daughter as her own and Edward Beard to be the child’s guardian.

1963 or 1964, letter from Edward Beard to Augustus F. Beard.
Feb. 21, 1864, letter from M. B. Garnie to Augustus F. Beard, asking him if he’d preach that day, and if so, where and when.

March 20, 1864, letter from Isabella Beard in Grove Hall to Augustus F. Beard.

May 30, 1864, letter from H. B. Hanford in Harrisburg to Algernon E. Beard.

June 19, 1865, letter from Annie Beard (A. F. Beard’s second wife) in Rockliffe in South Norwalk, apparently to her husband.

July 6, 1866, letter from Edward Beard in New York to Harriet Beard.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Harriet Beard.

June 19, 1869, letter from Algernon E. Beard in South Norwalk to George W. Nash about the Homestead estate.

July 26, 1868, letter from “Mary” in Grove Hall to Harriet Beard.

Dec. 25, 1868, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Bath, ME to Edward Beard.

Nov. 24, 1867, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Bath, ME to Eliza Beard (his eldest daughter).

Folder 3: 1870s

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Undated letter from Annie Beatrice Beard (Augustus F. Beard’s second daughter) to her half-sister Eliza Beard.

Aug. 28, 1872, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard about her studies.

Sept. 25, 1873, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Syracuse to Eliza Beard about her studies.


Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Harriet Beard about his eldest daughter.

March 14, 1876, letter from A. C. Snowden in South Norwalk to Edward Beard.

June 17-21, 1876, letter from William M. Bishop to Edward Beard.

July 12, 1877, letter from “Mary” to Eliza Beard.

July 24, 1877, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Belfast to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 1, 1878, letter from Mary Esther Beard in Syracuse (A. F. Beard’s third daughter) to Eliza Beard.
Jan. 4, 1879, letter from Kate S. Mallory in Philadelphia to Edward Beard.

March 17, 1879, letter from Harriet Beard to Eliza Beard.

Sept. 29, 1879, letter from Kate S. Mallory in Glen’s Falls to Edward Beard.

Dec. 23, 1879, letter from “Louizie” in Danbury to Eliza Beard.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Folder 4: 1880-1884

May 11, 1880, letter from Eliza Beard’s roommate from Jordan, N.Y. to her.

May 30, 1880, letter from Mary Esther Beard in Syracuse to Eliza Beard.

July 5, 1880, letter from Kate S. Mallory in Glen’s Falls to Edward Beard.

Sept. 11, 1881, letter from Eliza Beard’s school friend from Fleming to her.

Oct. 17, 1881, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Syracuse to Eliza Beard about her studies.

Dec. 16, 1881, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Syracuse to Edward Beard.

Dec. 26, 1881, letters from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard and Eliza Beard.

May 3, 1882, letter from Eliza Beard’s friend to her.

Undated letter from Annie Duming Beard to Harriet Beard.

Nov. 13, 1882, letter from Milly D. Nivers to Dr. Beard.

Jan. 10, 1883, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard that his move to France had been settled.

March 23, 1883, letter from Mary Esther Beard to Harriet Beard.

Aug. 8, 1883, letter from “Kittie” in Deerfield, MA to Eliza Beard.

May 12, 1884, letter from Augustus F. Beard in France to Edward Beard.

Sept. 17, 1884, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Oct. 16, 1884, letter from Mary Esther Beard in Geneva to Harriet Beard.

Nov. 6, 1884, letter from Mary Esther Beard in Geneva to Eliza Beard.

Folder 5: 1885-1889

Feb. 25, 1885, letter from Thomas Yeatman in Paris to Augustus F. Beard, sent by him with his note to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 12, 1885, letter from Edward Beard in Jersey where he stayed with Dr. and Mrs. Augustus F. Beard to Harriet Beard (Eliza Beard apparently also was in Europe at that time).

Aug. 21, 1885, letter from “Dave” to Edward Beard on the Norwalk Lock Co. stationery.

Sept. 8, 1885, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Paris to Harriet Beard.

Oct. 23, 1885, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard and Harriet Beard.

May 20, 1886, letter from Mary Esther Beard in Paris to Augustus F. Beard about the visit of Eliza Beard and Harriet Beard (Isabella and James Nall were going to join them.)

June 20, 1886, letter from Mary Esther Beard in Paris to Edward Beard (Eliza Beard, Harriet Beard and Isabella and James Nall were in Paris; A. F. Beard had just set sail for Paris.)

July 27, 1886, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Paris to Edward Beard about A. F. Beard’s financial affairs and mentioning the plan for all of them to undertake a trip to Germany.

Aug. 12, 1886, letter from Edward Beard in South Norwalk to Eliza Beard in Europe.

Sept. 10, 1886, letter from M. L. Dimlar at Springfield, Mass. to Eliza Beard in Germany (Harriet Beard had returned to the US).

Nov. 26, 1886, letter from Edward Beard in South Norwalk to Eliza Beard in Europe (He had just returned from a trip to the South with A. F. Beard who was still in America).


Jan. 20, 1887, letter from B. Beveilland to an unnamed woman.

June 5, 1887, letter from Erin E. Lamput in Paris to an unidentified friend in America.

June 30, 1887, letter from Ethel D. Woodward in New York to Eliza Beard in Europe (A. F. Beard was still in America).

Undated letter from Erin Esther Lamput in Paris to an unidentified friend (“Here I am settled…”).

Aug. 31, 1887, letter from Erin Esther Lamput in Pultneyville, NY to an unidentified friend in Rochester, NY.
Undated letter from Erin Esther Lamput in Pultneyville, NY to an unidentified friend in Norwalk (“Your postal was received yesterday…”)

Nov. 6, 1887, letter from Erin Esther Lamput in Rochester, NY to an unidentified friend.

March 8, 1888, letter from Edward S. Hall, principal of the South Norwalk Union Schools, to Miss Beard.

Jan. 3, 1888, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Paris to Edward Beard, thanking him for the check he’d sent him.


Nov. 9, 1889, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Paris to Edward Beard about his traveling plans.

Dec. 10, 1889, letter from “Bessie” in Carmel to Eliza Beard in South Norwalk.

Dec. 25, 1889, note from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard on the Norwalk Lock Co. stationery that “this is good for one sewing machine,” but no sum is mentioned.

Folder 6: 1890s

Sept. 4, 1890, letter from Augustus F. Beard in Paris to Eliza Beard in America.

July 18, 1891, letter from A. B. Wovenham on the stationery of the Norwalk’s Court of Probate to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 29, 1892, letter from Augustus F. Beard in New Hampshire to Eliza Beard.

Sept. 19, 1892, letter from Isabella Nall in Detroit to Edward Beard.

April 4, 1894, letter from Anna L. Biddle in South Manchester, CT to Eliza Beard, on the occasion of the anniversary of Harriet Beard’s death.

June 8-10, 1894, letter from Annie Beatrice Beard to Eliza Beard.

July 13, 1894, letter from B. B. (Annie Beatrice Beard?) to “dearest beloveds” – apparently her family.

July 25, 1894, letter of introduction from the Department of State in Washington for Miss Cornelia C. Pringle, cousin of the US consul in Guatemala.


Feb. 8, 1896, card from the Daughters of the American Revolution to Miss Eliza I. Beard informing her that her application for membership in that organization had been accepted.

April 5, 1896, letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard, on the occasion of the anniversary of Harriet Beard’s death, also expressing hope that the addressee’s musicals were a great success.
July 14, 1896, letter from Edward Beard in South Norwalk to Eliza Beard.

April 4, 1897, letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 10, 1897, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard in Boston.

April 27, 1898, letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

June 19, 1898, letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 5, 1898, letter from Mary E. Beard to Mrs. Lockwood (photocopy, the original is with the Julia B. Lockwood papers at the NPL History Room.).

Aug. 13, 1898, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 19, 1898, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

“Calendar for 1899 with Patty’s love”

Folder 7: 1900-1904

Aug. 2, 1900, letter from Edwin B. Nall in Detroit (son of Isabella and James Nall) to Edward Beard.

Dec. 4, 1900, letter from “Clara” to Eliza Beard.

April 30, 1901, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard about Mary’s condition, with Eliza Beard’s note.

May 16, 1901, letter from Harriet Elizabeth to Eliza Beard about Mary’s mental illness.

Undated letter from Eliza Beard to Augustus F. Beard in the envelope with a note, “for my father in case of further trouble from 179 – otherwise burn unopened” about a quarrel between herself and her stepmother and Patten Beard regarding Mary’s condition. Apparently it became known to the public, and Mrs. Beard believed her brother-in-law or stepdaughter to be responsible. Eliza Beard was offended by such suspicions, but Mrs. Beard refused to reconcile and kept insisting that nothing is wrong with Mary, and that Eliza and her uncle had been mistaken.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard about Mary’s condition.

Undated letter from Harriet Elizabeth Beard to Eliza Beard.

June 29, 1901, letter from M. Pringle Green to Eliza Beard.

Dec. 18, 1901, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.


Nov. 10, 1902, letter from Louis Starr in New York to Eliza Beard.
Sept. 21, 1903, letter from Patten Beard, in Norwalk with the entire family, to Polly (Mary Esther Beard) at Vassar.

March 18, 1904, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Aug. 6, 1904, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Dec. 30, 1904, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Folder 8: 1905-1909

Feb. 24, 1905, letter from Dora Andrews to Eliza Beard.


Aug. 19, 1905, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard (A. F. Beard also was in America).

Aug. 21, 1905, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Nov. 26, 1905, letter from K. S. Mallory to Edward Beard.

June 23, 1905, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard, asking him to help him out due to expenses for Mary.

April 6, 1907, letter from Kate D. Spalding to Eliza Beard.

Summer, 1907, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Sept. 18, 1907, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Dec. 14, 1909, telegram from Dr. E. McEvan to Edward Beard that Mrs. Mallory died.

Dec. 15, 1909, telegram from Dr. E. McEvan to Edward Beard about Mrs. Mallory’s funeral arrangements.

Dec. 15, 1909, another telegram from Dr. E. McEvan to Edward Beard about Mrs. Mallory’s funeral arrangements.

Folder 9: 1910-1912

Jan. 1910, letter from three men on behalf of the Congregational Church of South Norwalk to Edward Beard upon his resignation from the position of deacon of said church.

Feb. 3, 1910, letter from Dr. E. McEvan to Edward Beard.

Sept. 28, 1910, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard about his research in their family’s genealogy.
Jan. 5, 1911, unsigned card to Miss Mary E. Beard with notes on the Beard family genealogy.


March 6, 1911, letter to Polly (Mary Esther Beard) from Patten Beard.

Undated letter from Bessie (Harriet Elizabeth Beard) to her mother.

May 24, 1911, letters to Mary Esther Beard from Patten Beard and two from her mother.

Nov. 23, 1922, letter from Bessie (Harriet Elizabeth Beard) to Molly (Mary Esther Beard).

Feb. 19, 1912, unsigned letter to Miss Beard.

1912, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard about the condition of his daughter Harriet Elizabeth and his and his daughters’ financial situation.

Dec., 1912, Christmas greetings from “Lydia” to Edward and Eliza Beard.

Folder 10: 1913-1919

July 13, 1913, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 11, 1913, letter from Eliza Beard to Mrs. Lundborg with condolences.

1913, letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.


Sept. 19, 1914, letter from Sussie Raiz to Miss Beard.


July 9, 1915, letter from “Stephen” to his cousin “Annie”

Nov. 17, 1915, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Dec. 21, 1915, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard about his financial problems.


July 10, 1916, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard about his financial problems.
Nov. 20, 1917, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.


Jan. 23, 1918, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Feb. 2, 1918, letter from Lewis Katona in prison to Eliza Beard.

March 11, 1918, partial letter to Miss Beard.

June 21, 1918, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard about his financial problems.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward and Eliza Beard about his financial problems.

Undated letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard about his finances.

Sept. 22, 1918, letter from “José” in Lisbon to “Anne.”

May 17, 1919, letter from “Julia” to “Mary.”

Nov. 5, 1919, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Nov. 9, 1919, letter from Lewis Katona in prison to Eliza Beard.

Folder 11: 1920-1955

April 27, 1920, letter from Mary Esther Beard to Edward Beard.

Nov. 12, 1920, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 21, 1922, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Feb. 1, 1926, letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

June 19, 1927, letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

May 14, 1927, letter from Augustus F. Beard to the editor of the Norwalk Hour.

Oct. 1, 1934, photograph of Lewis Katona who was then in San Francisco.


Dec. 21, 1936, letter from Patten Beard to Eliza Beard.

June 30, 1939, letter from Florence Bright Hunt to her cousin Eliza Beard.

Nov. 7, 1944, letter from “Bud” in England to Eliza Beard.

June 13, 1948, letter from Louise Candler to her cousin Eliza Beard.
June 13, 1948, letter from Louise Candler to her cousin Patten Beard.

Oct. 10, 1949, letter from “P.B.” to Eliza Beard.

Aug. 13, 1952, letter from Patten Beard to Grace Sanders at the Norwalk Hour.

Nov. 25, 1955, letter from Patten Beard to Mr. Sweeney, editor of the Norwalk Hour.

Folder 12: Undated Correspondence 1

New Year card from Edward Beard to unidentified persons.

New Year card from Carrie E. Frye to an unidentified person.

Easter card from Mrs. Edward St. John to “dear friend.”

Christmas card from Mary Own M. Peakh to an unidentified person.

Thank you card for expression of condolences from the family of Mrs. Lizzy Grose Maynard.

Notification for Mrs. Isabella F. Beard about “Mrs. Charles Mallory, ceremony.”

Card of Prof. A. la Lande from Bridgeport, Conn., with note “called on you yesterday.”

Three photographs on one sheet of paper of a woman with a note, “affectionately yours” and the ending cut off.

Letter from Rofflow G. Blackmer, editor of the Social Record Association, to an unknown woman, asking for information about her family for inclusion in the current issue of said publication.

Letter from Julia E. Beard to Edward Beard asking him to pay for her daughter Lottie’s French lessons.

Letter from Julia E. Beard to Edward Beard asking him to pay a $25 bill for her children.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard that Mary Esther beard was offered a position teaching French.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Folder 13: Undated Correspondence 2

Christmas card from Freida Bassen to Miss Beard.

Christmas card from Mrs. George L. Gray to an unidentified person.

Note from Mrs. Shelton from the Women’s Club of Norwalk to Eliza Beard.

Thank you note from Miss Sally Sherwood Betts to Eliza Beard for her condolences and flowers.
Invitation to attend a Christmas party at Flax Hill House to an unidentified person.

Note to Miss Beard that she is not the writers’ sister-in-law, but sister.

Note, “Mr. Edward learns to rein No. 3”

Note from a father to an unidentified person.

Invitation to attend a meeting of the Women’s Club to an unidentified person.

Letter to “Friend Beard” from his old classmate W. G. Smith.

Letter from F. Taylor to Miss Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Folder 14: Undated Correspondence 3

Letter from Isabella Beard Nall to her brother.

Letter from Isabella Beard Nall to her brother.

Letter from Mary Esther Beard to Annie Deming Beard.

Letter from “H.T.T.” to Miss Beard.

Letter from Annie Deming Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Patten Beard to Eliza Beard about her inconvenient working hours.

Undated letter from Patten Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from “Taylor” to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Harriet Elizabeth Beard to Annie Deming Beard.

Letter from an unsigned author to “M. E. Polly B.”

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward and Eliza Beard.

Letter from Patten Beard to Mary Esther Beard.

Letter from Annie Deming Beard to Polly (Mary Esther Beard).

Folder 15: Undated Correspondence 4

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.
Copy of the letter from Eliza Beard to Patten Beard made by the author.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Mary Esther Beard from Hartford to Annie Beatrice Beard about Mary’s ox Bonnie who seemed to have died during her absence.

Letter from “Judith R.” to Eliza Beard.

Letter from “Julia” to her father.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward and Eliza Beard.

Letter from Annie Deming Beard to “Polly” (Mary Esther Beard) about Algernon Edwin Beard’s death and funeral.

Letter from Mary Esther Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Mary Esther Beard in Litchfield, CT to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Mary Esther Beard in Litchfield, CT to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Harriet Beard.

Letter from Isabella Nall to her brother.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Patten Beard to Eliza Beard about her landlord who wouldn’t fix anything or have it done.

Folder 16: Undated Correspondence 5

Letter from Annie Beatrice Beard in Paris to her mother and sisters.

Letter from Isabella Beard Nall to Augustus F. Beard.

Letter from Harriet Elizabeth Beard to Mary Esther Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Isabella Beard Nall to Augustus F. Beard.

Letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.
Letter from Edward Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from S. Buttner to Miss Beard, following the author’s mother’s death.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Algernon E. Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Annie Deming Beard to Polly (Mary Esther Beard).

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Edward Beard to Augustus F. Beard.

Letter from Julia E. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from Annie Deming Beard to Mary Esther Beard.

Letter from Edward Beard to Augustus F. Beard.

Letter from Eliza Beard to Augustus F. Beard.

Letter to “Laurie B.” from her mother.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Julia B. Lockwood (photocopy, the original is with the Julia B. Lockwood papers at the NPL History Room.)

Christmas and New Year card from Margaret McChure to Miss Beard.

Folder 17: Partial Undated Letters

Letter from Mary Esther Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Mary Esther Beard to an unidentified person.

Letter from an unidentified person to Edward Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Two drafts of a letter from an unidentified person to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Harriet Beard to her niece.

Letter from “Mary Chester” to her cousin Eliza Beard.
Letter from an unidentified person to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Bonnie Doon to an unidentified person.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to an unidentified person.

Letter from Edmund J. Atlers at the Auburn Theological Seminary to Augustus F. Beard.

Letter from Augustus F. Beard to Edward Beard.

Letter from “Kitty B.” to Eliza Beard.

Letter from an unidentified person to A. Beatine.

Letter from “linz” to an unidentified person.

Letter from an unidentified person to Miss Beard.

Letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

Letter from Anna L. Biddle to Eliza Beard.

Two letters to and from unidentified persons.

Folder 18: Cartes de Visite and Empty Envelopes