

# WATKINSON FAMILY PAPERS

## Background

### Origin and Nature of the Collection

The Watkinson Family Papers combine manuscripts and other materials from a number of sources. First there are manuscripts, photocopies of manuscripts, and photographs that Marian G. M. Clarke assembled and used for her *David Watkinson's Library: One Hundred years in Hartford, Connecticut, 1866-1966* (Hartford, CT: Trinity College Press, 1966). The provenance for these was never recorded and have not been marked to indicate provenance. The large group of papers pertaining to John Revell Watkinson, ca. 2,500 pieces, purchased in November of 1981 (A1 in the Watkinson Accession Book), inaugurated formal accessioning for Watkinson manuscripts. Other important individual items for which there is a secure provenance were donated by Mrs. Nicholas Palloti (A2), Robert E. Todd (A25), Robert Watkinson Gray III (A26 & A27), and Mary H. French, courtesy of Stanley G. French (A68).

### Brief Account of the Family of Samuel Watkinson, Sr., Just Before and Just After Coming to the United States

Samuel Watkinson, Sr. (1745-1816) was born in Sible Hedingham, Essex, England and married Sarah Blair (1743-1819) of Giffordland Dalry, Ayshire, Scotland on 1766. The couple settled in Lavenham, Suffolk, England, where their 12 children were born: Mary Watkinson Perkins (1769-1840), Sarah Watkinson Pledger (1770-1830), John Revell Watkinson (1772-1850), Samuel Watkinson, Jr. (1773-1798), Elisabeth Watkinson Collins (1775-1828), Richard Watkinson (1776-1798), David Watkinson (1778-1857), William Watkinson (1779-1852), Anne Watkinson Wells (1781-1836), Edward Watkinson (1783-1859), Jane Watkinson Gill (1785-1859), and Robert Watkinson (1786-1867). Samuel Watkinson, Sr. was a master woolcomber, and the family was wealthy. During the time of the French Revolution, Toryism made it difficult for the Watkinsons as members of a nonconformist church, who were looked upon as the friends of liberty, to continue to live in England. In 1795, the whole family immigrated to the United States and settled in Middletown, Connecticut. The male family members soon became active in business. Samuel, Jr., Richard, David, and William left Middletown and ended up working in New York City, when yellow fever broke out in the Middle Atlantic States in 1798. All four were stricken and Samuel, Jr. and Richard died, while David and William able to recover. See also the unpublished genealogical studies connected with the Watkinson Family Papers for information of later generations of the Watkinson Family.

**DAVID WATKINSON (1778-1857). 2 Boxes.**

David settled in Hartford and married Olive Hudson (1781-1849), daughter of Hartford printer, Barzillai Hudson. There David became a partner with his brothers William and Edward. In 1819, he took as a partner with Ezra Clark and in 1835 with his nephew Alfred Gill and Ezra Clark, Jr. Besides running a successful general wholesale business, David became active in other business ventures in Hartford and Connecticut, including banking, insurance, and transportation projects. He and Olive were also very devoted to philanthropic activities. David was involved in the founding of Trinity College, the Wadsworth Atheneum, and Hartford Hospital, and what was the predecessor of the Hartford Public Library. He also was active in what are today the Institute for Living and the American School for the Deaf. Both he and Olive Watkinson worked on behalf of the city's orphanages, and Olive was also involved in the Widow's Society.

David and Olive had no children, and she predeceased him. When David died in 1857, he left the largest estate ever probated in city up to that date. His generous philanthropic benefactions went to the newly founded Hartford Hospital, the city's orphanages, the establishment of Watkinson Farm School (today's Watkinson School), the establishment of the Watkinson Prisoners' Aid Society (its endowment today contributing to the support of Connecticut Halfway Houses), and the establishment of the Watkinson Library. For more information on David Watkinson, see Marian G. M. Clarke's *David Watkinson's Library: One Hundred years in Hartford, Connecticut, 1866-1966* (Hartford, CT: Trinity College Press, 1966) and Janet Siskind's *Rum and axes: the rise of a Connecticut merchant family, 1795-1850*. (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002).

Box 1: David Watkinson: Correspondence and Business Records:

Folder 1: Letters from David Watkinson

To William Meeking and Samuel Meeking, Jr.:

To WM: 14 June 1827. 1 p. on 1 l.

To WM: 11 July 1827. 1 p. on 2 conjug. l.

To WM: 16 Nov. 1831. 2 p. on 1 l.

To SM: 21 April 1842. 4 p. on 2 conjug. l.

To: Mrs. Robert (Maria) Watkinson 13 Sept. 1853.

Folder 2: Letters from David Watkinson to Henry Barnard with regard to the founding the Watkinson Farm School:

22 Aug. 1855. 1 p. on 1 l.

29 Aug. 18[55]. 2 p.

3 Sept. 1855. 1 p. on 2 conjug. l.

10 Sept. 1855. 2 p. on 1 l.

15 Sept. 1855. 2 p. on 1 l.

Memos regarding the founding of the Watkinson Farm School:

[Barnard, Henry]. "Memo re interview with Prof. Camp." 1 p. on 1 l.

Memo on the property to donated for the School.

Memo on key details with regard to founding the School.

Folder 3: Letter of David Watkinson to Henry Barnard: 13 Sept. 1855. Copy.  
[Originals property of New York University]  
Letter of David Watkinson to Ezra Clark. 7 Feb. 1850. Photostat.

Folder 4: Letters written by David Watkinson in England & Hartford. Copies  
[Originals property of Mrs. Knowles]

Folder 5: Letters to David Watkinson. Copies [Originals property of Mrs.  
Knowles]

Folder 6-7: Financial Records of David Watkinson, 1803-1804: from the John  
Revell Watkinson Collection

Folder 8: Financial Records of David Watkinson: Union Company

Folder 9: Financial Records of David Watkinson & Co.

Folder 10: Deeds, etc.: 1858-1869: George M. Bartholomew, Executor

Box 2: David Watkinson: Charities, Olivia Watkinson, David Watkinson's Ledger

Folder 1: Charities: Hartford Hospital

Folder 2: Hartford Orphan Asylum & Female Benevolent Society+ Child &  
Family Services=Village for Families and Children

Folder 3: Watkinson Prisoners' Aid Society=Connecticut Halfway House

Folder 4: Watkinson Farm School

Folder 5: Photograph of Ezra Clark, Jr., Business Partner of David Watkinson

Folder 6: Olivia Watkinson's Journal of Trip to England, 1819-1820

Folder 7: Olivia Watkinson's Journal of Trip to England, 1819-1820 [photocopy]

Folder 8: Olivia Watkinson: 3 Letters (1826, 1830, 1844) to Miss Meeking?  
Copies [Originals property of Mrs. Knowles]

Folder 9: "Cash & Bill Book & Ledger, No. 3, January 1838" [- Jan. 1850]

**JOHN REVELL WATKINSON (1772-1836). 15 Boxes.**

John Revell Watkinson settled in Middletown and married Hannah Hubbard (d. 1850). His principle business activities were focused on the production of woolen textiles (Pameacha Manufacturing Company) and the production of textile equipment (Sanseer Manufacturing Co.). For more information on John Revell Watkinson, see Jennifer Ellen Young's *John Revell Watkinson, 1772-1836: a study in early industrial development, Middletown, Connecticut*. Senior thesis. (Middletown, Ct.: Wesleyan University, 1979).

Box 1: Correspondence, 1799-1810

Folder 1: Docketed business letters received: 1799-1800, 1802-1803

- a. 1799: From William Blodget (13 May), Elijah Hubbard (12 February), Adam Stanton (23 Aug. 1799).
- b. 1800: From Mason & Smedes (21 July), Patric Munn (10 July), Phillips & Ludlum (11 July—2 letters), 1802: From David Watkinson (23 Nov.).
- c. 1803: From Samuel S. & A. Clark (23 March), Stebbin & Goodrich (27 May), Stebbins & Goodrich (14 June).

Folder 2: Docketed business letters received: 1806

- a. From: D. Alden (9 June), Francis Boot (5 May), Coburn & Gill (19 May), Dunlap & Grant (23 April), Abraham Herring & Son (26 June), Samuel Huggins (3 July), William Leffingwell (3 April), Mason & Smedes (24 June), Stephen B. Munn (19 August), Joseph Perkins (24 Oct.), Henry W. & L. Phillips (28 June).
- b. From: W. & G. Post (22 July), Rich & Dickerman (7 May), Russel & Griswold (19 Dec.), Thomas Sanford (15 & 19 Aug. on same sheet to Elijah Hubbard), Stebbins & Goodrich (19 July), Noah Talcott (28 April, 26 July, 18 Aug., 12 Nov.), Tudor Woodbridge (30 June).

Folder 3: Docketed business letters received: 1807

- a. From: Coit & Edwards (5 Feb., 18 Feb.), Cornthwait & Yarnell (4 Dec.), John J. Duryee (9 Oct.), Capt. William Harris (21 March), Benjamin Hoppen & Son (20 Suly, 20 Sept.), Elijah Hubbard, Jun. (28 Sept.).
- b. From: Mason & Smedes (13 July, 21 Dec.), John Mowatt, Jun. (20 May), Israel Munson (16 Feb., 12 March, 16 May, 9 June, 30 July, Park & Goff (5 March), Andrew & Jo[seph] Perkins (20 June), Henry Redfield (7 June).
- c. From: Russel & Griswold (6 Feb., 28 Feb., 17 April, June, 10 July, 24 July, 16 Sept., 18 Sept. 29 Sept., 3 Oct., 8 Oct., 21 Oct., 14 Nov.) + copy of letter to Isaiah Williams (13 Nov.).
- d. From: Thomas Sandford (7 Aug.), John Warder & Sons (Jan.), Watkinsons & Co., Hartford (17 April, 2 Dec., 10 Dec. [W.W.]), James H. Wells (17 Aug., 24 Aug.)

Folder 4: Docketed business letters received: 1808-1809

- a. 1808: From: Hall & Hull (18 Jan.), Russel & Griswold (1 Jan.), incomplete letter without author (17 Jan.)
- b. 1809 (*note*: in second half of year, Watkinson & Hubbard is also included at times as addressee): From: Julius L. Dunning (17 Feb.), Elias Gallup (30 Aug.), Oliver Gallup (23 Feb.), Hall & Hull (30 July, 1 Aug., 23 Dec., 29 Dec.), Joseph Hubbard (21 June).
- c. 1809: From John Mason for Mason & Smedes (2 Feb.), Meigs & Talcott (23 Nov., 12 Dec.), Leonard Pulcifer (29 April, 6 Aug.), Andrew & Joseph Perkins (27 Feb.), Henry W. & L. Phillips (7 March), Israel Riley (11 May), Watkinson & Co. (21 July, 22 Dec.)

Folder 5: Docketed business letters addressed to Watkinson & Hubbard: 1810

(*Note*: some in this group are addressed to JRW alone)

- a. From: David Allens (13 Feb.), Daniel Buck (19 Oct., 24 Oct.), P. J. Butler for R. Bunce & Co. (10 Oct.), Harry Champion (2 Nov.), Durkin & Henderson (14 Feb.), Martin Ellsworth (21 Feb.), Joseph Frith, Jun. (1 Sept.), Hall & Hull & Co. (4 Jan., 12 Jan., 10 April, 11 July), 20 July), Oliver Hastings (29 Oct.), Joseph Hubbard (5 Jan., 31 Jan., 2 Dec.).
- b. From: John Lovelands (23 March, 4 May, 9 May, 20 May, 1 June, 17 Aug., 23 Nov.), Sylvester Mathers (12 Aug.), Meigs & Talcott (2 April), Jon[athan] Pratt (30 March), S. Pulsifer & Co. (10 March, 19 March, 1 Nov., 2 May, 13 May)
- c. From: Benjamin Strong (18 Sept., 20 July, 31 Dec.), D. H. & J. B. Sumner (20 May), George M. Talbot (2 June), Moses J. A. Wilcox (7 June 1810, 15 July), James Whitelaw (20 Aug.)

Folder 6: Docketed letters to JRW from his brothers and misc. items: 1810

- a. From: David Watkinson (30 May [proposes founding of Hartford Insurance Co.], 20 July), Edward Watkinson (3 Oct.), William Watkinson (25 March, 25 April, 3 May, 10 May, 18 May, 21 May, 2 July, 21 July), Watkinson & Co. (16 Jan.), Watkinson, Hall & Burton (1 Oct., 20 Oct.). Also copy of a letter to Cousin Robert Watkinson in England.
- b. Miscellaneous: Includes a bill, an authorization to pay William Johnson by William Southmayd, authorization to “let the boy have one pint of rum” by Noyes Roberts, Capt. Enoch Hubbards’ account with the Sloop Industry, the original label for 1810 letters, a scrape of a letter.
- c. Samples of wool.

Box 2: Docketed correspondence, 1811-1826

Folder 1: Docketed business letters received: 1811

- a. From: Joseph Hubbard to Watkinson & Hubbard (4 Jan.)
- b. Copy of letter of JRW to William Watkinson (18 Feb.)
- c. Promissory notes of James Bedlow & Robert Montgomerie collected on St. Croix, [Virgin Islands] by Joseph Hubbard (6 July)—4 items.

- Folder 2: Docketed business letters received: 1812
- a. From: Cyrus Bill (28 March), Henry Champion (5 Feb., 4 July), Eli Crepsy (1 Jan.), Samuel Huggins (9 Jan., 11 Jan., 21 Jan.). Copy of letter from JRW to Samuel Huggins (3 March).
  - b. From: Andrew and Jos[eph] Perkins (16 July, 27 July), Silas Richards (15 Feb.), James Stewart (20 March), .), D. H. & J. B. Sumner (21 March), Wadhams & Thompson (23 Jan.)
  - c. Copy of letter from JRW to Lemman Dunning (16 June)
- Folder 3: Docketed letters to JRW from his brothers: 1812
- a. From David (26 Feb., 14 Aug., 25 Aug., 9 Oct., 23 Oct.)
  - b. From Robert (6 July, 21 July).
  - c. From William Watkinson (8 Jan., 25 Feb., 11 April, 23 April, 27 April, 9 May, 28 May, June, 2 July, 10 Aug., 17 Sept.)
- Folder 4: Docketed business letters received: 1814
- a. From: Henry Champion (1 July, 19 Dec.), Pliny Colburn (13 June, 14 Nov.), Daniel Dunbar (19 Dec.), Martin Ellsworth (11 July), Evan Johns (2 June, 18 Aug., 5 Dec.), R. J. Meigs (8 March), Joseph Perkins (8 Nov.), Timo[th]y Southmayd (30 Sept.). Copy of a letter by JRW to Evan Johns (6 Aug.)
  - b. From William Watkinson (4 Jan., 23 April, 27 May, 20 June, 21 June, 25 June, 6 July). Draft of JRW's answer to William Watkinson (2 June).
- Folder 5: Docketed business letters received: 1815-1816
- a. 1815: From Robert Watkinson (12 Sept.)
  - b. 1816: From: Daniel Camp (25 Oct., James Robertson (19 April), Shelton & Parrot (11 Oct.), Edmund C. Smith (29 Oct.). Copy of letters to N. G. Bowers & Edmund C. Smith (17 Oct.)
  - c. 1815: From David Watkinson (7 Nov.) regarding estate of Samuel Watkinson, Sr.
- Folder 6: Docketed business letters received: 1817-1818
- a. 1817: From: Joseph Perkins (20 Feb.), James Robertson with an account (15 Sept.)
  - b. 1817: From William Watkinson with accounts (26 June, 27 Dec.)
  - c. 1818: From: John Babrock (13 Sept.), Gilbert Brewster (21 Oct.), John Gallahor (24 Sept.)
  - d. 1818: From: Robert Watkinson with account (31 Dec.), William Watkinson (6 Jan., 5 Feb., 23 April, 24 Oct., 21 Nov.)
- Folder 7: Docketed business letters received: 1819, 1820, 1824, 1825
- a. 1819: William Johnson (28 July), P. & T. Hoppin (22 Mar.)—both letters chewed at corner by vermin.
  - b. 1820: John D. Dickinson (20 Aug.), Eben[ezer] Kellog (19 May)—a long religious disquisition, John Rutherford (14 Dec.), James Sheperd (7 Sept.), Isaiah J. Walden (24 May), J. W. Wentworth (21 Aug., 9 Sept.)

- c. 1824: Chris[topher] Colt (7 Dec.), Abigail Johnson (19 April), Job Manchester (21 Dec.), Joel Spalding (19 Dec.), William Watkinson (22 Dec.)
- d. 1825: From S. D. Hubbard (10 Nov.)
- e. WPA sheets for 1824 letters.

Folder 8: Docketed business letters received: 1826

- a. From: Samuel W. Collins (9 Oct.), James Mann (15 Sept.), Tim[oth]y Savage (13 Oct.), James H. Wells (12 Dec., 13 Dec.).
- b. From William Johnson, some letters addressed to both JRW & Samuel D. Hubbard (26 June, 27 June, 28 June, 30 June, 21 Sept., 25 Sept., 28 Sept., 16 Oct., 29 Nov.). Letter from J. H. Hubbard to Samuel D. Hubbard (28 Dec.) [not from JRW purchase].
- c. Copy of letter from William Watkinson (26 June) sent to his brothers.

Folder 9: Letters received: 1827

From: David Watkinson (18 Mar., redated 19 Mar.), copy of letter from JRW to William Meeking (2 May 1827) [Original property of Mrs. Knowles]

Box 3: Legal Documents for JRW and his in-laws, the Hubbards

[Large percentage deeds, including 24 deeds tied up with a string ]

Folder 1: Obituaries originally pinned into JRW's Bible for JRW, his wife Hannah, his daughter-in-law Catherine Stebbins Watkinson, and Samuel D. Hubbard.

Folder 2: Legal documents of JRW: 1805-1809.

Folder 3: Legal documents of JRW: 1810-1814.

Folder 4: Legal documents of JRW: 1815-1819.

Folder 5: Legal documents of JRW: 1820-1825.

Folder 6: Legal documents of JRW: undated.

Folder 7: Land surveys and maps.

Folder 8: Legal documents of Abigail Hubbard, Richard Hubbard, and Samuel D. Hubbard.

Folder 9: Legal documents of Elijah Hubbard and Richard Hubbard.

Folder 10: Legal documents: "Deeds of property formerly held by J. R. Watkinson, 1836." Deeds run from 1796 to 1826.

Box 4: JRW: [Pameacha] Factory Accounts (bound): 1816-1819

“General account of work: Day book from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1816 to Jan[uar]y 1<sup>st</sup> 1817.”  
[Also includes other accounts of different processes broken down in different categories: “Cassimeres, Fulling, Picking, Wool, Dying, Rovina, Spinning, Sattinets, Weaving & Finishing.”]

“J. R. Watkinson Day Book, January 1<sup>st</sup> 1817” – 17 Dec. 1818.

Box 5: JRW: Pameacha and Sanseer Records; Cash Books

Folder 1: [Pameacha day books]: 1829-1833.

Folder 2: Pameacha and Sanseer manufacturing companies: bills and deeds relating to Gilbert Brewster, inventor of textile equipment and deposition of investor William Young: 1822-1823 (see Jennifer Ellen Young’s *John Revell Watkinson, 1772-1836*, pp.71 ff. )

Folder 3: Sanseer Manufacturing Co.: Legal documents and correspondence: 1822-1825 [includes drawing of a spinning machine].

Folder 4: Sanseer Manufacturing Co.: financial documents, 1824-1827.

Folder 5: Sanseer Manufacturing Co.: financial documents, 1828.

Folder 6: Miscellaneous items

Box 6: JRW: Cash and Account Books: 1810-1833

Cash book [in folder]: 23 March 1810 - Sept. 1811

Cash book [bound]: 22 December 1817 - 6 July 1831

Account book [bound]: 22 April 1821 – 15 April 1833

Box 7: Financial Documents, 1795-1800 [8 folders]

Box 8: Financial Documents, 1801-1803 [5 folders]

Box 9: Financial Documents, 1804-1806 [4 folders]

Box 10: Financial Documents, 1807-1810 [7 folders]



Box 11: Financial Documents, 1811-1815 [5 folders]

Box 12: Financial Documents, 1816 [4 folders]

Box 13: Financial Documents, 1817-1819 [5 folders]

Box 14: Financial Documents, 1820-1825 [5 folders]

Box 15: Financial Documents, 1826-1828 [4 folders]

**RICHARD WATKINSON (1776-1798). 1 Box.**

Richard Watkinson went in business and died during the yellow fever epidemic in New York City in 1798.

Folder 1: Letter book, 1796-1798.

Folder 2: Cash Book (?). 13 Dec. 1797—Sept. (?) 1798

Folder 3: Letters and Financial records

A. 12 docketed “Letters to R[ichard] W[atkinson] on business,” from John N. Kershaw (1), John Revell Watkinson (6), and Samuel Watkinson Senior (5), 1795-1798

B. Financial records, 1796-1798

**SAMUEL WATKINSON, SR. (1745-1816). 1 Box.**

For background, see “Brief Account of the Family of the Samuel Watkinson, Sr. Just Before and Just After Coming to the United States” at the beginning of the inventory.

Folder 1: Letters to William Meeking, Jr.:

- 20 June 1795, Pentonville, [Eng.]. 1 p. on 1 l.
- 25 June 1795, Pentonville, [Eng.]. 1 p. on 1 l.
- 7 April 1796, Middletown, CT. 4 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
(Includes a note of WM to Robert Watkinson,  
cousin of Samuel, 10 June 1796)
- [1796, Middletown, CT] 2 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- 10 April 1797, Middletown, CT. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
(Includes a note of WM to Robert Watkinson,  
cousin of Samuel, 9 June 1797)
- 21 August 1798, Middletown, CT. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- 24 Oct. 1797, Middletown, CT. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
(Includes notes of W[illiam] M[eeeking])
- 20 March 1800, Middletown, CT. 1 p. on 1 l.
- 30 Sept. 1800, Middletown, CT. 1 p. on 1 l.

Folder 2: Letters to William Meeking, Jr.: 1801-1815:

- 2 April 1801, Middletown, CT. 1 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- 6 Novem[ber] 1801, Middletown, CT. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
(Includes note of W[illiam] Meeking)
- 24 March 1804, Middletown, CT. 2 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- 27 Feb[ruar]y 1805, Middletown, CT. 2 p. on 1 l.
- 17 Jan[ua]ry 1806, Middletown, CT. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- 18 February 1815, Middletown, CT. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- 23 Febr[uar]y 1815, Middletown, CT 4 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
[another version of 18 Feb. 1815 letter]

Folder 3: Copy of letter to William Meeking, Jr., 8 Oct. 1810, Middletown

Folder 4: Letter to Robert Watkinson (Samuel’s cousin), 4 May 1796.

- 2 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- Draft of letter to Cousin [Robert Watkinson?], 29 December 1815.  
1 p. on 1 l.

Folder 5: Letters to Samuel Watkinson:

- From John Sparrow: 19 Jan[uary] 1787, Halsted [sic], [Eng.]. 1 p. on 1 l.
- From Robert Dow: 22 October 1797, New Orleans. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.
- From Robert Dow: 24 May 1804, New Orleans. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.

Folder 6: 2 copies of the Will of Samuel Watkinson, Sr. Each 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.

Folder 7: Copy of a Notebook of Samuel Watkinson, Sr., 1795.  
[Original property of Mrs. Knowles]

Folder 8: Financial Documents, all but one from JRWP, 1795-1800  
(Includes payment for passage to America (1795), checks, money orders,  
a bill, and an order)

Folder 9: Account Books:

- a. 34 June 1784-30 March 1790 (includes "Inventory of the Goods,  
Chattels & Debts of the Late Mr. Tho[ma]s Kibborne, Jan. 7, 1785"
- b. "Sam[uel] Watkinson's last Book of Accounts," 1785-1815.

Folder 10: Miscellaneous Book-Form Manuscripts:

- a. "S. Watkinson, July 25, 1757." Geometry and logarithms
- b. Letter-book, 15 November 1797-18 February 1815; also includes in the  
center: "Journal of a Journey in Canada 1799" and a page of accounts;  
some pages have been cut out.

### **SAMUEL WATKINSON, JR. (1773-1798). 2 Boxes.**

Samuel Watkinson went in business and died during the yellow fever epidemic in New  
York City in 1798.

Box 1: Samuel Watkinson, Jr.: Correspondence, Letter Book, and Journal:

Folder 1: Docketed business letters received:

- a. 1796: 12 letters from James Hart (4), William Johns (1),  
Jacob Pledger (1), and John Revell Watkinson (4).
- b. 1797: 39 docketed letters: from James Hart (1), John Hogg (1), Jacob  
Pledger (4), John Vaughan (1), John Revell Watkinson (25), and  
Samuel Watkinson (7).
- c. 1798: 3 2
- d. 32 docketed business letters: from Henry Gilbert (2), Elijah Hubbard  
(1), Thomas H. Merry (5), Jacob Pledger (10), James Tilley (1), John  
Revell Watkinson (10), and Samuel Watkinson (3).

Folder 2: Letters to William Meeking, Jr.: 1795-1798:

- [April 1795, Bishopsgate, Eng.] 2 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
8 July 1795, Marblehead, MA. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
16 July 1795, Marblehead, MA. 4 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
4 July 1796, New York, NY. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
31 July 1797, New York, NY. 3 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
15 Jan. 1798, New York, NY. 4 p. on 2 conjug. l.  
20 June 1798, New York, NY. 4 p. on 2 conjug. l.

Folder 3: Letter Book, 1796

Folder 4: "A Journal of Sam Watkinson Jr. 1795 & 1796"

- Folder 5: "A Journal of Sam Watkinson Jr. 1795 & 1796 (Typed transcription)
- Box 1: Samuel Watkinson, Jr.: Financial Documents:
- Folder 1: Cargo insurance
- a. on American Brig Diadema, New York to Surinam and back.  
Dated: 12 March 1798.
  - b. on American Ship Liberty, Teneriffe to London and back to Teneriffe and to New York. Dated: 20 March 1798
- Folder 2: Financial documents:
- a. Cash Book, Middletown, 1795
  - b. Docketed bills, 1795-1798
- Folder 3: Financial documents: 1798
- a. Bank statements and checks
  - b. Bills
  - c. Promissory notes
- Folder 4: Cash Book, 1 Dec. 1795 - 31 Dec. 1797
- Folder 5: Cash Book, 1 Jan. 1798 – Nov. 1798

**ANNE WATKINSON WELLS (1781-1836). 1 Box.**

Daughter of Samuel Watkinson, Sr., she married James Hancox Wells.

- Folder 1: Background on the acquisition of the material with an inventory
- Folder 2: Sketch book of Anne Watkinson Wells, early 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- Folder 3: Original photographs:
- a. Watkinson house in Lavenham, England.
  - b. Church in Lavenham, England.
  - c. Prospect Street, Hartford, Connecticut.
  - d. House at 34 Prospect Street built by James Hancock Wells In Hartford, CT.
  - e. Rear of House at 34 Prospect Street.
  - f. Library of the house at 34 Prospect Street.
  - g. Parlor of the house at 34 Prospect Street.
- Folder 4: Photographs of paintings:
- a. Rev. William Wells, father of James Hancox Wells.
  - b. Samuel Watkinson.
  - c. Sarah Blair Watkinson (larger, younger portrait).
  - d. Sarah Blair Watkinson (older portrait).
  - e. View of Middletown by Anne Watkinson Wells.

Folder 5: Copies of letters of Anne Watkinson Wells to Miss Meeking, 1834.  
[Originals property of Mrs. Knowles]

**MISCELLANEOUS WATKINSON FAMILY PAPERS. 1 Box.**

Folder 1: Mary Watkinson Perkins (1769-1840),  
daughter of Samuel Watkinson, Sr.  
Typescripts of letters to her daughter, Mary Watkinson Rockwell in 1836  
(Location of originals unknown)

Folder 2: Edward Blair Watkinson (1813-1884), son of Edward Watkinson, &  
other immediate family members. Legal documents relating to property  
ownership, 1830-1863.

Folder 3: Ellen Maria Watkinson (1826-1874), daughter of Robert Watkinson.  
Will.

Folder 4: Henry Watkinson (1845-ca. 1920), son of Alfred Watkinson (1818-  
1891), grandson of Edward Watkinson, and great-grandson of son Samuel  
Watkinson, Sr.

Reproduction of a carte de visite and background information.

Folder 5: Jane Watkinson Gill? (1785-1859), daughter of Samuel Watkinson, Sr.  
Notebook of French Lessons.

Folder 6: John Hubbard Watkinson (1815-1891), son of John Revell Watkinson  
a. Letter: Middletown, CT, 12 June 1860, 2 p. on 2 conjug. 1.  
b. Financial documents, 1873  
c. Notebook with 3 printed plates—for calculating?

Folder 7: Robert Watkinson (1786-1874), son Samuel Watkinson, Sr.  
a. Arithmetic book, 1799  
b. Journal recording trip RW & Sarah W(atkinson) with Mary Perkins &  
Jane Watkinson from Norwich to Portland, [Maine] & White Hills  
(Mountains?), 1830.; also includes a trip to West Point, 1830  
c. Deed, 1815.

Folder 8: William Watkinson (1779-1852), son Samuel Watkinson, Sr.  
a. Letter to [William] Meeking, Jr., off Deal, [England], 20 July 1795, 1 p.  
on 1l.  
b. Letters from Silas Thorla, 21 March 1807 & Robert Dow, 23 April 1811  
(worm eaten)  
c. Copy of a printed announcement of establishment of the firm of  
Watkinson, Hall, & Barton, New York, 1 Sept. 1810.

Folder 9: William Watkinson (1779-1852)  
Copies of letters to William Meeking, Jr., 1802-1811.  
(Location of originals unknown)

Folder 10: Diary by Watkinson family member (in Robert's family?) from  
Hartford to New York State, ca. 1830

**PORTRAITS OF MEMBERS OF THE WATKINSON FAMILY**  
(All but David Watkinson oil portrait are stored in the painting storage bins in the  
Watkinson Archives Room)

David Watkinson (charcoal) [Donor unknown]

David Watkinson (oil by W. R. Wheeler). Gift of Hartford Hospital (A198)

Robert Watkinson (oil). Gift of Robert Watkinson Gray, III (A26).

Maria Champion Watkinson (oil), wife of Robert Watkinson.  
Gift of Robert Watkinson Gray, III (A27).

James Hancox Wells, husband of Anne Watkinson Wells.  
Gift of Mary H. French, courtesy of Stanley G. French (A68).