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Guide to the

**John Dean Fish papers**

1732-1930

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## Summary

**Creator:** Fish, John Dean, 1846-1935

**Title:** John Dean Fish papers

**Date:** 1732-1930

**Size:** .8 linear feet (2 boxes)

**Abstract:** John Dean Fish (1846-1935) was a genealogist and contributor to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record. The John Dean Fish papers consist of his genealogical correspondence and research materials, including family records, charts, notes and writings, and research files, pertaining to the Fish family of England in America. Although his published work, *The Fish Family of Great Bowden in Leicestershire, England*, traces the family's roots back for centuries in England, the bulk of the material in this collection pertains to a projected later work on the members of the family after their emigration to America in the eighteenth century. His research for *The Fish Family in America* included many branches of the Fish family throughout the United States, the majority of which settled in New York and New England. Among the prominent members of the family were Hamilton Fish (1808-1893), a politician who served as Governor of New York and Secretary of State under President Grant, and his son, Stuyvesant Fish (1851-1923), president of the Illinois Central Railroad. The collection, the bulk of which reflects his research activities from the 1890s through the 1920s, contains his correspondence with, and documents collected from, various individuals, government agencies, and historical societies, as well as files he compiled on individual family members and the towns in which they lived. Also present is a manuscript of his work *The Fish Family of Great Bowden in Leicestershire, England*; an original 1732 record (and typed transcript) of a legal dispute which involved Martha and Moses Fish of Stonington, CT; and a copy made by Fish in 1864 of an 1811 extract from the diary of Asa Fish.

**Access:** Advance notice required.

**Preferred citation:** John Dean Fish papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

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John Dean Fish (1846-1935) was a genealogist and contributor to the New York Genealogical and

Biographical Record.

## **Custodial History**

Gift of Helen Dean Fish to the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 1950.

## **Scope and Content Note**

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Genealogies  
Manuscripts for publication

### **Occupations**

Genealogists

### **Titles**

Gift of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

### **Names**

Fish, John Dean, 1846-1935  
Fish, Hamilton, 1808-1893  
Fish, Stuyvesant, 1851-1923  
Fish family  
New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Collection