



## The New York Public Library Manuscripts and Archives Division

Guide to the

### **Cyrus Williams papers**

1812-1862

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Williams, Cyrus, 1783-1863

**Title:** Cyrus Williams papers

**Date:** 1812-1862

**Size:** .8 linear feet (3 boxes, 1 v.)

**Abstract:** Cyrus Williams (1783-1863) was a merchant and cotton manufacturer of North Stonington and New Haven, Connecticut. Collection consists of correspondence, business records, land papers, diaries of Cyrus Williams, and papers of three of his children. Business and family letters concern the education of Williams's children, temperance, missionaries, and other topics. Includes record book of the Williams Manufacturing Company; minutes of the company, 1813-1828; ledgers; diary, 1812-1846; account books; land papers concerning properties in New York, Connecticut and Michigan; and other family records. Also, papers of three of Williams's children: letters, 1831-1842, and an exercise book of Martha Williams, wife of Reverend C.S. Sherman, a missionary to the Holy Land; letters of Joanna Williams, 1823-1825; and notebook of Thomas Wheeler Williams containing list of members of the Philomathian Society of Yale College in 1833 and the order of performances.

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## **Key Terms**

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Account books

Diaries

### **Subjects**

College students -- Societies, etc

Cotton manufacture -- Connecticut

Education -- Connecticut

Fire insurance

Mills and mill-work -- Connecticut

Missions -- Palestine

Real property -- Connecticut

Real property -- Michigan

Real property -- New York (State)

Temperance -- Connecticut

### **Geographic Names**

Connecticut -- Commerce

### **Occupations**

Merchants

### **Names**

Williams, Cyrus, 1783-1863

Sherman, C. S

Williams, Isaac, 1802-1865

Williams, Joanna Gottfried, 1939-

Williams, Martha

Williams, Thomas W.

Williams Manufacturing Company

Yale College (1718-1887). Philomathian Society