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Scope and Content of Collection
The collection primarily contains the papers of Byron Diman (1795-1865), governor of Rhode Island (1846-1847) and prominent merchant of Bristol. It includes correspondence, shipping records, and business papers of Devol, Diman, & Co.; correspondence with the D'Wolf family of Bristol, with his brother-in-law William Henry Wight and his firm of Wight and Fleury in New York, and with his nephew, also William Henry Wight. Also includes correspondence with his son, Henry Wight.
Diman, a student at Brown University (1854-1858) and assistant consul in Oporto, Portugal (1862-1865) during the Civil War.

| Box 1: 1 - 2 | Devol, Diman & Co. (Bristol, R.I.) - correspondence, receipts, invoices and other financial records re shipping business, ca. 1839-1851, 1856-1859, n.d. |
| Box 1: 3 - 9 | Diman, Byron (1795-1865) |
| Box 1: 3  | Business correspondence and financial records (includes 1862 appeal from the National Freedman's Relief Association, and other Civil War era items), 1823-1863, n.d. |
| Box 1: 4 | Correspondence from William Henry Wight (friend), 1824-1827 |
| Box 1: 5 | Correspondence to William Henry Wight (nephew) 1836-1838, |
| Box 1: 6 | Correspondence from William Henry Wight (nephew), 1841, 1844 |
| Box 1: 7 | Correspondence (business) to and from Wight & Fleury of New York, 1844 |
| Box 1: 8 | Correspondence from J. D. Burgess, 1852-1853, 1856 |
| Box 1: 9 | Promissory Notes, ca. 1822-1848 |
| Box 1: 10 - 13 | Diman, Henry W. (son of Byron Diman) |
| Box 1: 10 | School Reports, 1843-1850 |
| Box 1: 11 | Correspondence to his father, 1850-1862 |
| Box 1: 12 | Correspondence from his father, 1856 |
| Box 1: 13 | Correspondence - various, including Civil War era, 1852-1862, 1886 |
| Box 1: 14 | D'Wolf Family (Byron Diman was involved settling the estate of Mark Anthony D'Wolf in 1855), 1819-1862, n.d. |
| Box 1: 15 | Wight, William Henry, 1822-1851, n.d. |
| Box 1: 16 | Miscellany (receipt for J. Burgess), 1829 |