

**Pitt W. Hyde (1817-1881)**  
**Papers, 1841-1911 (Bulk: 1840s-1870s)**  
**MSA 710**

**Introduction**

This collection contains the papers, account books, and diary of Pitt W. Hyde, a marble dealer and public official of Castleton, Vermont, for the period from the 1840s to 1900s. These papers were donated to the Vermont Historical Society in 2014 by Janet Roberts in memory of Gwilym R. Roberts. They are housed in one archival flip top box and consume .5 linear feet of shelf space.

**Biographical Note**

Pitt W. Hyde was born in Vermont on March 3, 1817, the son of Rebecca Sherman and William Pitt Hyde. He married Maria Kilburn (1827-1915), daughter of Alphonzo and Harriet Johnson Kilburn, on October 8, 1851. The couple had at least three children: Sarah Maria Hyde, Anne Maria Hyde Sherman (1854-1930), and William Pitt Hyde (1858-1935). Pitt Hyde died June 23, 1881, in Castleton, Vermont.

Pitt W. Hyde was a marble quarry owner and dealer in marble. He and his older brother, Arunah W. Hyde (descendants of the founders of Hyde Park, Vermont) founded Hydeville, a small village of Castleton at the southern tip of Lake Bomoseen, and at one time owned nearly all of it. Among other business ventures, Pitt owned  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Blanchard Quarry in Rutland, Vermont. In 1846, he was appointed Hydeville's U.S. Postmaster, and was a Rutland County Senator (1865, 1866), member of the Vermont House of Representatives from Castleton (1862, 1863, 1864, 1870, 1874), and Representative to the Vermont Constitutional Convention from Castleton (1870).

**Scope and Content**

This collection contains the papers of Pitt W. Hyde, a marble quarry owner from Castleton, Vermont. There are three files folders containing Pitt Hyde's papers, seven account books, and one folder of Welsh church documents.

The first folder contains receipts and financial statements, many related to Mr. Hyde's business partnerships with various people. A financial accounting for a Supreme Court case is included in this folder. The second folder contains legal papers and letters related to Hyde's various companies. This folder also contains an 1861 letter to Mr. Hyde as superintendent of recruiting for Castleton with names of eight soldiers enlisting in the Civil War. Folder three contains four deeds for various people.

In addition, there are seven account books ranging from n.d. to 1879.

This collection also includes a folder of four documents related to the Welsh churches in Castleton and Poultney, Vermont, including the constitution (no date) and list

of subscribers of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Society (1895), articles of association of the Calvinistic Methodist Society of Castleton (1896), and a suit for slander filed by Rev. Ellis Walker Jones, a minister of the Calvinistic Methodist Church of Poultney, Vermont, against Ellis R. Roberts.

### Related Collections

The Vermont Historical Society has one volume of the Hydeville Slate Company covering the period 1853-1877 (XMSC 19:9), which was run by Pitt W. Hyde and his brother Arunah W. Hyde. Also at the Vermont Historical Society is a capital stock share book for the Forest Mining and Slate Company (XMSC 19:10), which was chartered on November 30, 1853 by James K. Hyde, E. N. Briggs, Arunah W. Hyde, and Pitt W. Hyde.

### Inventory

- MSA 710: 1 Receipts & statements, 1846-1911 (bulk: 1840s-1860s  
*Scott, Hyde & Reed, Stannan, Hyde & Whittock, Hydeville Co., McDonald, Lawrence, Hyde & Scott, Hyde & Whitney, Whitney (3), Reed, Hyde & Scott, Hyde & Leapelle, Hyde & Hall & Griffin; misc. receipt from Castleton Cemetery Association to Mrs. John J. Jones, 1911*
- 2 Legal papers & letters, 1841-1869  
*Hyde & Reed, Hyde & Willard, Hyde & Whitney, Hyde & Shueff, Hyde & Felden, Aldrich & Hyde, Woodward & Hyde, Hyde & Shannon*
- 3 Deeds, 1843-1887  
*Swift & Hawkins, Castleton Cemetery & Hawkins, Williams & Ellery, Castleton Cemetery & Jones*
- 4 Account books, n.d.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_, 1851-54, "private account, commenced housekeeping Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 1851"
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_, 1870-76
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_, 1873-77, "Book 1"
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_, 1878, "Book 2"
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_, 1879, includes diary entries and descriptions of marble shops across the country
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_, n.d.
- 11 Welsh church documents, 1845-1901

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