

# Roy M. Marcot Collection

## Finding Aid

Windsor Historical Society  
96 Palisado Avenue, Windsor, CT 06095

**Creator:** Roy M. Martin

**Dates:** 1838, 1855, 1859-1884, 1931-1973

**Extent:** 1.5 linear feet

**Accession #:** 1979.20, 1985.51, 1986.34

### Biographical Note

A recognized authority on Remington firearms as well as the Spencer rifle, Roy Martin Marcot has written extensively on the subject of nineteenth century American firearms and firearms manufacturing. His interest in firearms began at an early age, sparking an interest in both collecting and historical research. He is the author of *Spencer Repeating Firearms* [1983], *Hiram Berdan: Chief of Sharpshooters and Firearms Inventor* [1989], *Remington, America's Oldest Gunmaker: The Official Authorized History of Remington Arms Company* [1998], and numerous articles for the leading firearms journals.

### Scope and Contents

The collection is primarily comprised of secondary research materials assembled by the donor in the course of researching and writing his book *Spencer Repeating Firearms*. It includes magazine and newspaper articles, photographs, manuscripts, booklets, and research notes about Christopher Miner Spencer and the repeating rifle. Several booklets include articles about Spencer and the history of the automatic screw machine. Typescript transcriptions of a small series of letters written by George Washington Rogers to his wife Frances Linnell Taylor Rogers from Valparaiso in 1855 are also part of the collection.

### Arrangement

Materials in the collection are arranged by format.

Series I. *Spencer Repeating Firearms* research notes

Series II. Secondary sources: magazine, newspaper, corporate publications

A. Spencer rifles

B. Automatic screw machines

C. *Memorial to Hartford Industrialists*

Series III. Spencer family photographs

Series IV. Correspondence, 1855: G.W. Rogers to F.L.T. Rogers

### Box and Folder Lists

#### Series I. *Spencer Repeating Firearms* research notes

- 1.0 Vol. I. January 1859 -- June 1864
- 1.1 Vol. II. June 1864 -- January 1884

#### Series II. Secondary sources: magazine, newspaper, corporate publications

- 2.1 A. Spencer rifles
- 2.2 B. Automatic screw machines
  - Automatic Machining*, August 1973
  - Early Beginnings of the Screw Machine*, [n.d.]
  - From Archimedes to Automation*, [n.d.]
  - Kaiser Aluminum New*, October 1954
- 2.3 C. *Dedication of the Memorials to Hartford Industrialists at the State Trade School, Hartford, Connecticut September 16, 1931*

#### Series III. Spencer family photographs

- 2.4 Loose leaf notebook with clippings and photographs dated 1866-1979

#### Series IV. Correspondence, 1855: G.W. Rogers to F.L.T. Rogers

- 2.5 Typescript transcriptions prepared by Vesta Taylor Spencer of correspondence between her grandparents Capt. George Washington Rogers and Frances Linnell Taylor Rogers, written Jan. 7, 1855—October 28, 1855 from Valparaiso [Chile?] [see Christopher M. Spencer Collection for additional letters]

### Custodial history

Materials from Roy Marcot had previously been combined into one Christopher Miner Spencer file with other similar items received from the Spencer family and unidentified sources. By referring to the Society's accession records, materials were divided according to their provenance at the time of the preparation of this finding aid. Items whose source is uncertain remain with the Spencer Collection. Mr. Marcot acquired some of his documents and family correspondence from C.M. Spencer's son, Percival H. Spencer.

### Related Materials

Christopher Miner Spencer Collection  
Subject files: Spencer family  
*Spencer Repeating Firearms*  
Spencer Repeating Rifle (1972.9.3)

**Subject Terms**

Marcot, Roy M. (Roy Martin)  
Spencer, Christopher Miner, 1833-1922  
Rogers, George Washington, Capt., 1818-1870  
Rogers, Frances Linnell Taylor  
Spencer, Georgette Taylor Rogers, 1859-1906  
Spencer, Percival Hopkins, 1897-1995  
Spencer family  
Spencer rifle  
Rifles  
Screw machines, Automatic

**Administrative history**

Collection reorganized and finding aid compiled by Barbara Goodwin, July 2005.