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Mary Janette Elmore was born in South Windsor, CT, in 1832 and died in 1922. She was the daughter of Harvey and Clarrisa Burnham Elmore and sister of Samuel Edward. She never married. She was among the 7th generation of Elmores in Connecticut who traveled here with Thomas Hooker and lived in the family's Long Hill Road homestead that dates to the 1600s. She was well educated for a woman of her times, obtaining a teaching certificate in 1850, "was
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examined in the branches required by school laws of the State and approved to teach a district
school." She taught at the one-room Pleasant Valley School. She gave up the classroom to
oversee the running of the family farm and pursue other interests.

She held Sunday School classes for children, was an active member of the Long Hill Missionary
Society, and entertained at high teas in her garden for relatives and neighbors. She is
remembered as "a kindly lady who drove horses far too spirited for a woman." When in
her eighties in 1911, she wrote of her memories of her life and family in South Windsor
quilt made by her Missionary Circle has been completed and documented at Wood Memorial
Library & Museum.

She did extensive research and made notes on family and neighborhood genealogy and has
papers on file at the Connecticut State Library and the Connecticut State Historical Society.

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Scope and Contents

The Janette Elmore papers contain extensive notes on the genealogy and life of the Hayes
family and neighbors, correspondence concerning family data, and newspaper articles and
obituaries. They are arranged in four folders:

1. Edwin Clark, photocopies of newspaper articles of his biography and reunion after his
return from California, 1910, and a handwritten biography. Also, obituaries, Hayes, Starks,
photocopies, 3 pages Weddings - Newberry - Bent, photocopy 1906 - Zinsser - Skinner,
photocopy 1911

2. Hayes family genealogy in two handwritten booklets listing extended family members
and history of the Hayes homestead, compiled by Janette Elmore. And a short handwritten
biography of John Hayes.

3. Letters concerning genealogy information: - Frank B. Hayes, 2 letters 1912 - Kittridge
Hinsdale, 2 letters, one envelope 1912 - Anna Pomeroy 1912 - M. F. Wessel, 2 letters 1912

4. Notes concerning family genealogies - Lorenzo Hayes family, 3 pieces - Other South Windsor
families, 8 pieces - Rockwell family, 5 generations, 2 pieces - Sherwood Burton family -
Sophrenia Hayes Abbott Bedder, 3 pieces - Whaples family

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The papers were compiled by Mary Janette Elmore, inherited by Frank Burton (grandson of John Lee Hayes) and donated by Jean Klein, who lives in the old Hayes/Elmore house on Long Hill Road