



Thomas Gould, A list of the names of publick Friends, who have visited New England

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Scope of collection

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The volume's provenance is established largely on a note on the inside front cover: "Mary Gould gave me this Book which Formerly belongd to Thos. Gould of Middletown, Father to my aunt Mary Gould & grandfather to

me Leontine."

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Provenance

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Bibliography

Representative Men and Old Families of Rhode Island, vol. 2. Chicago: J.H. Beers & Company, 1908.

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