

COE/BURT PAPERS
1742-1889
236 items, 2 boxes

1989-125

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Rev. Curtis Coe was born in Middletown, Conn. July 21, 1750. On Nov. 1, 1780, he was ordained a Congregational minister and settled as pastor of the church in Durham, NH. During the later years of his pastorate he was caught in a controversy over the tax system which supported his living. Personal opposition to Rev. Coe grew and his church declined in strength until his resignation and dismissal May 1, 1806. He then purchased a farm in South New Market, now Newfields, and preached frequently as a missionary in Maine and New Hampshire until his death June 7, 1829. Curtis Coe married Anne Thompson of Durham Feb. 22, 1781. They had eight children.

Joseph Coe (1782-1852), eldest son of Curtis Coe, started as a saddler, tried ship building and sending cargoes to Europe, but spent most of his career as a merchant with a general store in Durham. He also authored a volume of patriotic selections called "The True American". He married Temperance Pickering Sept. 24, 1812. They had six children.

Richard C. Coe (1818-1884) and John E. Coe (1822-1879) were sons of Joseph. Both had careers as businessmen in New York City.

Federal (Constitution) Burt (1789-1828) was born in Southhampton, Massachusetts. He came to Durham in 1814 with the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. Because of his popularity provision was made for a minister again in the Congregational Church in Durham after a vacancy of eleven years. Burt was ordained in June 1817 and followed Curtis Coe as the fifth pastor of the church. He married Mary Pickering, sister of Joseph Coe's wife, in July 1819. He was appointed as editor of the New Hampshire Observer in 1827 after the amputation of an arm and served until his death in 1828. Mary Pickering, Burt's widow, remarried John Kingman.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Coe family papers contain interesting history on early Durham through the death and burials book, the highway petition and the documentation of the church schism resulting in the dismissal of Curtis Coe.

Federal Burt's papers contain extensive correspondence and over fifty sermons. The Pickering and Kingman families are represented by some correspondence.

SERIES I. CURTIS COE FAMILY

Subseries A: Rev. Curtis Coe (1761-1829)

Box 1, fld 1	Death & burials book for the town of Durham, 1780-1806
1, fld 2-10	Sermons, 1777-1809
1, fld 11	Petitions regarding the controversy over Rev. Coe's ministry, 1805-1806

Subseries B: Coe Family

Box 1, fld 12	Joseph Coe (1782-1852) Papers, 1817-1852
1, fld 13	Richard C. Coe (1818-1884) Correspondence, 1839-1874
1, fld 14	John E. Coe (1822-1879) Correspondence, 1844-1860
1, fld 15-17	Harriet Coe, Papers 1887-1889; autograph/poetry book, 1833, 1887; Bible
1, fld 18	Miscellaneous Coe Correspondence, 1833-1886
1, fld 19	Miscellaneous correspondence 1812-1872

Subseries C: Miscellaneous

Box 1, fld 20	Congregational Church Papers, 1818, 1827
1, fld 21	Town of Durham highway petition, 1742-43
1, fld 22	Account book, 1851-1853
1, fld 23	Newspapers clippings
1, fld 24	Miscellaneous

SERIES II. BURT FAMILY

Subseries A: Federal Burt (1789-1828)

Box 2, fld 1-7	Correspondence, 1815-1828
2, fld 8	Journal while in hospital, 1827-28
2, fld 9-10	Sermons and addresses, unnumbered, 1809-1826
2, _____	Sermons, numbers 1 (1814) to no. 231 (1821) some missing.

SERIES III. PICKERING/KINGMAN FAMILIES

Box 3, fld 1	Mary Pickering, letters to Federal Burt, no dates
3, fld 2-4	Mary Pickering Burt/Kingman Correspondence, 1812-1857 and undated
3, fld 5	Pickering Family, 1839
3, fld 6	Kingman Family, 1841-1846

SUBJECT HEADINGS LIST:

Coe, Curtis (1750-1829)

Coe, Joseph (1782-1852)

Coe, Richard (1818-1884)

Coe, John E. (1822-1879)

Burt, Federal (1789-1828)

Pickering, Mary (ca. 1810-1840)

Kingman family (of Durham)

Durham, NH

Occupation-Minister Occupations-minister - Burt, Federal

Sermons Sermons-Burt, Federal

Newspapers-NH Observer