



Guide to the Hill Family Papers, 1778-1934

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Hill Family Papers, 1778-1934

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Hill Family (of Mason, NH)

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The materials in this collection are in English.

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21 boxes

Abstract:

The Hill Family Papers contains personal correspondence, business correspondence, bills, receipts, legal papers, deeds, wills, and other materials related to the Hill family primarily of Mason, NH. Prominent family members in the collection include Ebenezer Hill (1766-1854), John Boynton Hill (1796-1886), Joseph Bancroft Hill (1796-1864), Timothy Hill (1819-1887), Charles Ebenezer Hill (1848-1917), and William Bancroft Hill (born 1857).

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Hill Family Papers were a gift of the descendants of the Hill Family. The gift was donated to the Society in two parts. The first donation occurred on March 7, 1985, and the second donation occurred on December 11, 1995.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Suzanne Huggard in September 2010. The finding aid was written by Suzanne Huggard in September 2010. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Reverend Ebenezer Hill (1766-1854) was born in Cambridge, MA and attended Harvard College. He was ordained as a pastor of the Congregational Church for the town of Mason, NH on November 3, 1790. In 1791, he married Mary Boynton of Westford, MA. His second wife was Rebecca Howard of Dunstable, MA, who died in 1797. He then married Abigail Stearns Jones of Bedford, MA.

John Boynton Hill (1796-1886) was the son of Reverend Ebenezer Hill and the twin of Joseph Bancroft Hill. After graduating from Harvard College, he taught at Garrison Forest Academy near Baltimore, MD from 1821 to 1823. He was admitted to the Bar in 1823 and practiced law in Hillsboro, NH, Exeter, NH, Nashua, NH, Townsend, MA, and Bangor, ME. He served in the Maine State Legislature from 1853 to 1855 and retired to Mason, NH in 1862. In 1884, he moved to Temple, NH. He was the author of a memoir of the Reverend Ebenezer Hill in 1858 as well as the "History of

Mason, NH” in 1858, “The Mason Centennial” in 1868, and “Reminiscences of Old Dunstable” in 1878. He married Achsah Parker of Hollis, NH in 1829, and they had one child.

Revered Joseph Bancroft Hill (1796-1864) was the son of Reverend Ebenezer Hill and twin of John Boynton Hill. He attended Harvard College and was ordained as an elder of the Presbyterian Church. He was for many years an itinerant minister of that church in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky. He returned to New Hampshire in 1840 and served as a colleague pastor with his father in Mason until 1847. In his later years, he served as pastor in Colebrook, NH and Stewartstown, NH. He married Harriet Brown

Reverend Timothy Hill (1819-1887) was the youngest son of Reverend Ebenezer Hill and was born in Mason, NH. He graduated from Dartmouth College and Union Theological Seminary in New York City, NY. He preached as a missionary under the direction of the Home Missionary Society in Missouri. In later years, he served as pastor of a Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, MO.

Charles Ebenezer Hill (1848-1917) was the son of Joseph Bancroft Hill and was educated at Dartmouth College. He was an Associate Professor of History at the United States Naval Academy from 1871 to 1875. He was admitted to the Bar in 1875 and practiced law in Baltimore, MD until his retirement to Temple, NH in 1909.

Reverend William Bancroft Hill (born 1857) was the son of Joseph Bancroft Hill and was educated at Harvard College and then Columbia University, Baltimore Law School, Union Theological Seminary, and Rutgers University. He practiced law in Baltimore, MD from 1882 to 1883 and was ordained as a minister in 1886. He served two Reformed churches in New York state before becoming a lecturer and professor of Biblical Literature.

For more information on the Hill Family members, see *Ebenezer Hill: The Little Minister of Mason, NH: a sketch and a genealogy* by Charles E. Hill and John B. Hill at the New Hampshire Historical Society.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Hill Family Papers contains personal correspondence, business correspondence, bills, receipts, legal papers, deeds, wills, and other materials related to the Hill family primarily of Mason, NH. The papers are organized by family member and from there, chronologically, by time of material. Of Ebenezer Hill (1766-1854), the papers include correspondence and journals dated from 1778-1848. The majority of the items in the collection relate to John Boynton Hill (1796-1886). John B. Hill's papers include personal correspondence, business papers, business correspondence, legal papers, and account books. The business correspondence is organized alphabetically by correspondent. Papers related to Joseph Bancroft Hill (1796-1864) include his correspondences as well as the correspondences of his wife, Harriet Brown Hill.

There is one box of Timothy Hill's (1819-1887) correspondence and legal papers, and one box of correspondence and printed materials of William B. Hill (born 1857). Also in the collection are correspondence and personal materials of Joseph A. Hill. The last boxes of the Hill Family Papers are composed of miscellaneous materials not related to one specific family member. These materials include religious materials, genealogical

materials, materials of other families related to the Hill family, materials on Mason, NH, and miscellaneous Hill family documents and printed materials.

Arrangement:

The Hill Family Papers are organized by family member in mostly chronological order and then subject under each family member.

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Subject Terms

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- Hill, Charles Ebenezer, 1848-1917
- Hill, Ebenezer, 1766-1854
- Hill, Harriet Brown

Hill, Joseph A.
Hill, John Boynton, 1796-1886
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Organizations:

Dartmouth College
Harvard College

Subjects:

Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. -- History

Locations:

Baltimore, MD
Bangor, ME
Cambridge, MA
Hollis, NH
Mason, NH

Occupations:

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Pastors
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