



## **Guide to the Melville, Lovejoy, Bliss, and Stimson Family Papers 1714 – 1947**

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

Melville, Lovejoy, Bliss and Stimson Family Papers 1714, 1751 – 1947

**Repository:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
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**Collection Number:**

2014.131

**Author of Finding Aid:**

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**Creator:**

Melville, Lovejoy, Bliss, and Stimson Families

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English

**Extent:**

2 Boxes

**Abstract:**

This collection is described by the donor as a group of items related to the Lovejoy, Stimson, Bliss, Melville and Duvall Families. Genealogy for Lovejoy family starts at 1714. Included are letters regarding Revolutionary War service of Lovejoys, as well as a DAR medal, a daguerreotype, many deeds, wills and letters. The papers contain a Civil War connection of a Stimson serving in the 35<sup>th</sup>-38<sup>th</sup> Congress, who spoke out against slavery. The families were from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Many original documents, deeds, letters, citizenship papers and more trace families back to 1600s (donor's information) and up to 1947 with the will of Dora Myrtle Duvall from Saline County, NE.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

This collection was the gift of Douglas Johnston, Santa Rosa, CA. Mr. Johnston did not gather the collection but purchased it as a collection prior to donating it to the New Hampshire Historical Society.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was processed by Suzanne Huggard in April 2015. The finding aid was written by Suzanne Huggard in April 2015. 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:**

Most of the papers in this collection are in good condition. The more fragile papers have been placed in polyester sleeves. All may be used with normal care, no restrictions.

### **Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:**

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information:**

The author of this finding aid has not researched the content of this collection. Much of the organization of the files is as they were received. It appears to have been organized by perhaps the original assembler of the collection. The collection traces the history of these families from genealogical references as far back as 1714 and through the Melville family from the early 1800s to 1947.

The Lovejoy and Bliss families lived in the Concord, NH area, and there are deeds to property showing this. A collection of letters reveals a connection to Scotland, but the family name is not clear. At some point the Melville/Duvall family records show the family as doctors in Nebraska.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

In this collection there are genealogies, deeds, letters and certificates related to the Melvill, Lovejoy, Bliss, and Stimson families. There are photos, small diaries, a DAR medal, clippings and various ephemera that were included with the collection but are of unknown relation to the collection.

**Arrangement:**

Box 1 contains many miscellaneous items. As much as possible, the files in box 2 are organized by family, then chronologically.

**Contents List****Box 1**

Folder 1	Finding Aid; Acquisition information
Folder 2	Newspaper clippings, originals
Folder 3	List of 'Family Possessions' on Duvall stationery
Folder 4	Judith Lovejoy teaching certificate, 1833 Canterbury NH
Folder 5	George Melville obituary, 1890 letter
Folder 6	Diary – possibly Duvall?
Folder 7	Horace Bliss 1838-1890 obituary and photo
Folder 8	DAR pin, Chambliss Lovejoy ancestry bar
Folder 9	Hair clippings- Melville, Little
Folder 10	Photos, some of unknown subjects
Folder 11	Ephemera, miscellaneous

**Box 2**

Folder 1	George Melville citizenship papers 1836
Folder 2	Lovejoy genealogy
Folder 3	Early deeds – Lovejoy 1751-1796
Folder 4	John Lovejoy letters, papers 1810
Folder 5	Miriam Lovejoy writings 1820-1823
Folder 6	Melville letters and photos
Folder 7	Melville letters from Scotland 1832-1847
Folder 8	Melville(?) letters from Scotland, Andrew Swan, to 'my neice'.
Folder 9	Stimson Genealogy
Folder 10	William Bliss early letters, papers
Folder 11	Bliss/Stimson letter 1848
Folder 12	Chester Andrews genealogy
Folder 13	Joseph Stimson Revolutionary War record; Daguerreotype – Noah Stimson 1783-1873
Folder 14	Challis – Bliss papers
Folder 15	Letters 1845, 1861, Challis et.al.
Folder 16	Bliss genealogy
Folder 17	William Bliss letters 1848-1875
Folder 18	Marriage of Dr. Grace Melville Bliss to Dr. George Duvall
Folder 19	Helen Miriam Duvall High School Diploma 1939

Folder 20 Helen M. Duvall photos as child, at graduation  
Folder 21 Commencement items 1939  
Folder 22 Dora Myrtle Duvall will  
Folder 23 John Little Family letters

## Subject Terms

### **People:**

Andrews, Chester  
Bliss, Dr. Grace Melville  
Bliss, Horace 1838-1890  
Bliss, William  
Duvall, Dr. George  
Duvall, Helen Miriam  
Lovejoy, Judith  
Lovejoy, Chambliss  
Lovejoy, John  
Melville, George  
Stimson, Joseph

### **Organizations:**

United States. Congress

### **Subjects:**

Medicine – Practice – Midwest, Nebraska  
United States – History – Revolution, 1775-1783

### **Locations:**

Canterbury, NH  
Concord, NH  
Fairbury, NE  
Fort Dodge, IA

### **Occupations:**

Physicians  
Teachers