

Guide to the George Abbot Papers, 1730-1892

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

George Abbot Papers, 1730-1892

Repository:

New Hampshire Historical Society

30 Park Street

Concord, NH 03301

603-228-6688

<http://www.nhhistory.org/>

Collection Number:

1965.008

Author of Finding Aid:

Unidentified; rewritten and formatted by Sandra L. Wheeler

Creator:

Abbot, Ezra, 1756-1837

Abbot, George, 1803-1887

Abbot, George, Jr., 1838-1928

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

5 boxes and 2 oversized folders ; 1.71 linear feet

Abstract:

This collection contains material from three generations of the Abbot family, with the majority the collection consisting of papers from George Abbot. George Abbot was a surveyor and estate administrator who was interested in history. His papers contain a small amount of personal correspondence as well as surveyor notes, travel accounts, legal documents relating to the estates he handled, and material he generated for his historical research. There are also four bound volumes: three of them Justice of the Peace records (1830-1887), and a farmer's daybook (1857-1886). A few items concern George Abbot's father, Ezra, who served in the Revolutionary War under General John Stark. George's son, George Abbot, Jr., is also represented by 13 bound volumes that include a daybook, check stub book, and account books (1866-1892).

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The George Abbot Papers were a gift of V. Bruce David in February 1965.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by an unknown person at an unknown date. The finding aid was written by an unknown person at an unknown date and rewritten and formatted by Sandra L. Wheeler in March 2014. 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:

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:

For permission to reproduce or publish materials from this collection, please contact the New Hampshire Historical Society. Users are responsible for following all copyright and intellectual property laws.

Preferred Citation:

Item title, George Abbot Papers, 1965.008. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.
Date accessed.

Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Ezra Abbot, son of George (1706–1785) and Sarah (1711–1769) Abbot, was born August 24, 1756 at Concord, NH. Ezra Abbot served in the Revolutionary War and was with General John Stark in the battle of Bennington, VT, in 1777. He married three times, first to Betty, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Burnham) Andrews, born May 12, 1762, on November 21, 1782. She died in Concord on August 25, 1794. Ezra married second Anner Choate (b. 1758) on May 10, 1795 at Boscawen. She died March 21, 1798 at Concord. Ezra married third Jane Jackman on November 15, 1798 at Boscawen, born December 20, 1767, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Woodman) Jackman. Ezra served as a surveyor of highways for Concord, NH, for a number of years. Ezra died at Concord on February 21, 1837. Jane died there on May 2, 1847.

George Abbot, born January 27, 1803 at Concord, was the son of Ezra and Jane (Jackman) Abbot. George married Eliza D. Spaulding, daughter of John and Betsey (Wheeler) Spaulding, on August 25, 1836 at Lebanon. They had two children: George, born November 13, 1838, and

Betsey Jane, born February 9, 1849. Eliza D. died at Concord on October 11, 1856. George Sr. then married at Concord on December 31, 1861 Clarissa Carter, daughter of Bela and Julia (Carter) Carter, born August 18, 1815 at Concord. She died March 14, 1882 at Concord. George died at Concord on May 8, 1887. George followed his father into the profession of surveying. He also served as administrator for a number of estates, was a Justice of Peace, and interested in history.

George Jr. married at Concord on April 5, 1864 Joanna G. Fiske, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kitteredge) Fiske, born August 14, 1844 at Concord. They had one child Herbert George born at Concord on March 12, 1865. George was a painter and paperhanger. Joanna died at Concord on January 26, 1919. George died at Concord on August 30, 1928.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The largest portion of the George Abbot Papers consists of travel accounts of travel in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, Justice of the Peace records, survey notes, and maps created by George Abbot. Also included are survey reports and field books, including one for Contoocook, NH, and one for the Concord, NH, School District No. 4. There are also papers of more than ten persons for whom George Abbot served as estate administrator. The materials in the collection include originals and handwritten copies of items dating from 1730 to 1892.

The collection also includes George Abbot's notes on the history of Concord, NH, and vital records collected by Mrs. C.C. [Clarissa Carter] Abbot. George Abbot's memoranda and history includes information on a variety of topics, including Christopher Columbus, Hannah Duston's capture, a snowstorm of 1717, earthquake of 1727, and "The Dark Day Friday" of May 19, 1780 (see Box 2, folder 13). A small miscellaneous folder contains locks of hair sewn onto paper, correspondence, and a request for a Revolutionary War pension for John Blanchard of Dunbarton, NH. Other materials of interest are the Revolutionary War pension papers of George's father, Ezra Abbot, and thirteen bound volumes that appear to have belonged to George Abbot's son, George, and contain accounts kept from 1865-1892.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection have been arranged into folders by person, then by subject. Bound volumes are in two boxes at the end of the collection.

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1	Inventory
Folders 2-3	Genealogy of Abbots and others, 1844, undated
Folder 4	Ezra Abbot. Miscellaneous writings, 1777, undated
Folder 5	Ezra Abbot Revolutionary War Pension, 1818-1823
Folder 6	Ezra Abbot receipts, accounts, and business papers, 1776-1829
Folder 7	George Abbot school papers (Hopkinton Academy), 1820-1830
Folder 8	George Abbot school papers, 1830-1848, 1868
Folder 9	George Abbot school papers, undated
Folder 10	George Abbot correspondence, outgoing, 1848-1864

- Folder 11 George Abbot correspondence, incoming, 1834-1864
- Folder 12 George Abbot correspondence, incoming, 1865-1889, undated
- Folder 13 George Abbot correspondence and papers from George Abbot Jr., 1857-1859, 1880-1881, 1886-1889, undated
- Folder 14 George Abbot financial papers, 1830-1887
- Folder 15 George Abbot city of Concord taxes, 1853-1886
- Folder 16 George Abbot legal papers, 1853
- Folder 17 George Abbot militia orders "to appear on parade," 1821-1842
- Folder 18 George Abbot military duty papers, 1826, 1861
- Folder 19 George Abbot travel accounts, 1826, 1864-1866
Bristol, Enfield, Kearsarge Mt., Lebanon, and Stewartstown, NH
Brattleboro, VT
- Folder 20 George Abbot travel accounts, 1867-1869
Dimond Island, Hanover, Kearsarge Mt., and Lake Winnepesaukee, NH
Hopkinton and Natick, MA
- Folder 21 George Abbot travel accounts, 1871-1879
Stewartstown, NH
- Folders 22-24 Notes taken for travel accounts, undated

Box 2

- Folder 1 George Abbot administrator: Samuel Davis estate, 1837-1843
- Folder 2 George Abbot administrator: Samuel Knolton estate, 1852-1859
- Folder 3 George Abbot administrator: Tamson French estate, 1853
- Folder 4 George Abbot administrator: Enoch Dow estate, 1853-1861
- Folder 5 George Abbot administrator: Jacob Tewksbury estate, 1853
- Folder 6 George Abbot administrator: David Farnum estate, 1859
- Folder 7 George Abbot administrator: Jeremiah Runnells estate, 1864-1867
- Folder 8 George Abbot administrator: William A. White estate, 1869-1878
- Folder 9 George Abbot administrator: John Carter estate, circa 1871
- Folder 10 George Abbot administrator: miscellaneous estate inventories, undated
- Folders 11-12 George Abbot collection of poetic eulogies, 1848-1858
- Folder 13 George Abbot's memoranda and history including copies of Ezra Abbot's notes, 1782-1862
- Folder 14 George Abbot's notes on Concord military men who served before and during the Revolutionary War, undated
- Folder 15 George Abbot's copy of ordination sermon of The Reverend Timothy Walker of Pennicook, NH, and other papers, 1730-1756
- Folder 16 George Abbot weather conditions record book, 1879-1885
- Folder 17 George Abbot references to the Psalms, handwritten, 1833
- Folder 18 George Abbot memoranda and anecdotes, undated

Box 3

- Folder 1 George Abbot, surveyor, jurors for Eastman v. Gage, 1848
- Folder 2 George Abbot, surveyor report for Contoocook, 1867, undated
- Folder 3 George Abbot surveyor field books and Concord School District No. 4 survey, 1826-1886

- Folders 4-9 George Abbot surveyor notes, 1844-1865, undated
 Folder 10 Vital statistics, Concord and New Hampshire kept by Mrs. C.C. Abbot, 1792-1858, 1879
 Folder 11 Miscellaneous correspondence and papers, 1837-1848, undated

Box 4

- Volume 1 George Abbot farmer's daybook, 1857-1886
 Volume 2 George Abbot Justice of Peace records, 1830-1855
 Volume 3 George Abbot Justice of Peace records, 1855-1873
 Volume 4 George Abbot Justice of Peace records, 1874-1887
 Volume 5 George Abbot Jr. painter and paperhanger's daybook, 1865-1866
 Volume 6 George Abbot Jr. painter and paperhanger's daybook, 1866-1869
 Volume 7 George Abbot Jr. painter and paperhanger's daybook, 1869-1872
 Volume 8 George Abbot Jr. painter's daybook, 1871-1872
 Volume 9 George Abbot Jr. painter's daybook, 1873-1874
 Volume 10 George Abbot Jr. painter's daybook, 1875-1877
 Volume 11 George Abbot Jr. painter's daybook, 1878-1880
 Volume 12 George Abbot Jr. painter's daybook, 1880-1882

Box 5

- Volume 13 George Abbot Jr. painter's daybook, 1882-1887
 Volume 14 George Abbot Jr. painter and paperhanger's journal, 1865-1870
 Volume 15 George Abbot Jr. painter and paperhanger's daybook, 1872-1877
 Volume 16 George Abbot Jr. painter and paperhanger's daybook, 1877-1880
 Volume 17 George Abbot Jr. check receipt stub book, 1890-1892

Separated materials:

Oversized surveying notes, maps, and drawings from Box 3 have been moved to the Manuscripts Oversize Box "A".

Subject Terms

People:

- Abbot family
- Abbot, Ezra, 1756-1837
- Abbot, George, 1803-1887
- Abbot, George, Jr., 1838-1928
- Abbot, Clarissa Carter, 1815-1882
- Barlow, Elisha A.
- Blanchard, John
- Carter, John
- Davis, Samuel
- Dow, Enoch
- Duston, Hannah Emerson, 1657-
- Farnum, David
- French, Tamson

Knolton, Samuel
Lucas, Hiram
Runnells, Jeremiah
Walker, Timothy
White, William A.

Organizations:

Concord (N.H.). School District No. 4
Hopkinton Academy (Hopkinton, N.H.)
New Hampshire. Militia

Subjects:

Account Books
Earthquakes
Estate
Genealogy
Maps
Poetry
Registers of births, etc.
Schools
Travel
Weather
United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

Locations:

Brattleboro, VT
Bristol, NH
Concord, NH
Contoocook, NH
Enfield, NH
Kearsarge Mountain, NH
Lake Winnepesaukee, NH
Lebanon, NH
Natick, MA
Stewartstown, NH

Occupations:

Farmers
Justices of the peace
Painters
Paperhangers
Surveyors