

Guide to the Barstow Family Papers, 1770-1915, bulk 1858-1915

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1 box and 1 oversized folder ; 0.33 linear feet

Abstract:

The Barstow Family Papers, 1770-1915, primarily consists of papers belonging to Zedekiah Smith Barstow (1790-1873) and his son Josiah Whitney Barstow (1826-1922). There are items recording events surrounding the 50th wedding anniversary of Zedekiah Barstow and Elizabeth Fay Blake (1790-1869). Zedekiah was a Congregational minister in Keene, NH; a trustee of Dartmouth College; and held many church and educational offices. Also included are the correspondence and papers of their son Josiah Whitney Barstow, a physician and director of a hospital for the insane in Flushing, NY, as well as some genealogical notes on the Barstow and Blake families.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

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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:

Zedekiah Smith Barstow was born in Canterbury, CT, on October 4, 1790 to John and Susanna (Smith) Barstow. He graduated from Yale University in 1813, tutored at Hamilton College, and also served as a college chaplain. Zedekiah married Elizabeth Fay Blake (1790-1869) on August 19, 1818 in Westborough, MA. They had five children together: Timothy Dwight (1820-1820), William (1822-), Elizabeth Whitney (1824-1832), Josiah Whitney (1826-1922), and John (1828-1828). In 1818, he also became the minister of the Congregational Church in Keene, NH, where he served for over thirty years. He was a trustee of Dartmouth College and held many church and educational offices. Zedekiah Barstow died in Keene, NH, in 1873.

Josiah Whitney Barstow was born in Keene, NH, on June 21, 1826 to Zedekiah and Elizabeth Barstow. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1846, from Dartmouth Medical College in 1852, and from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1853. He married Flora

MacDonald (1840-1926) in 1865. They had six children together: James MacDonald (1866-), Elizabeth Whitney (1868-1954), Donald McLean (1870-), Frances (Fannie) Blake (1875-1962), Margaret MacDonald (1877-1956), and Whitney Benning (1879-1885).

For several years he was a surgeon at the New York City Hospital and the Hospital on Blackwell's Island. Then he was director of Sanford Hall, a hospital for the insane in Flushing, NY. He worked at this institution for forty years before retiring in 1899. Josiah Whitney Barstow died on December 16, 1922.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The bulk of the Barstow Family Papers, 1770-1915, contain Zedekiah Smith Barstow's papers, which focus on his Golden Wedding (50th) Anniversary in 1868. Also included in his papers are his obituary and cemetery lot, dated 1873. Other materials in this collection are the correspondence and papers of Josiah Whitney Barstow, along with genealogical notes on the Barstow and Blake families. Items of note include photographs within the Barstow family photographs, sketches, and genealogy papers, 1848-1898 folder. Unfortunately, only a couple of the photographs are identified. There is also a lesson book in the Josiah Barstow: Autobiography, 1835, undated folder, inside are 35 essays on various subjects. In the Blake family papers and genealogy, 1802-1902, undated, folder there is some suspected school work done by Elizabeth Fay Blake when she was a child. There are also several interesting items within the Zedekiah Barstow: Golden Wedding Anniversary folders including speeches, invitations, and a paper B that either was or helped create the cake topper.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection have been arranged by person/family, then by subject.

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1	Zedekiah Barstow: autobiography, undated
Folder 2	Zedekiah Barstow: personal papers, 1859-1872
Folder 3	Zedekiah Barstow: Golden Wedding Anniversary correspondence, 1868-1869
Folder 4	Zedekiah Barstow: Golden Wedding Anniversary speeches, invitations, and other materials, 1868
Folder 5	Zedekiah Barstow: Golden Wedding Anniversary loosely bound papers, 1868
Folder 6	Zedekiah Barstow: obituary and correspondence, 1873
Folder 7	Josiah Barstow: autobiography, 1835, undated
Folder 8	Josiah Barstow: cemetery, 1867-1915
Folder 9	Josiah Barstow: personal correspondence and papers, 1858-1896
Folder 10	Josiah Barstow: correspondence from E. Littell, 1860-1870
Folder 11	Josiah Barstow: St. Georges Church, 1896, undated
Folder 12	Josiah Barstow: Vergennes, VT property, 1891-1915
Folder 13	Josiah Barstow: word games and charades, 1858-1898
Folder 14	Barstow family genealogy papers, 1868-1893, undated
Folder 15	Barstow family photographs and drawings, 1846-1866, undated
Folder 15	Blake family papers and genealogy, 1802-1902, undated

Folder 16 Miscellaneous papers, 1770-1863, undated

Separated Materials:

Two items were moved to Oversized Manuscripts Box 'B':

Josiah Barstow passport, 1869 May 21

Warranty deed of Vergennes, VT, property, 1897 August 21

Subject Terms

People:

Barstow family

Barstow, Elizabeth Fay, 1790-1869

Barstow, Josiah Whitney, 1826-1922

Barstow, Zedekiah Smith, 1790-1873

Blake family

Littell, Eliakim, 1797-1870

Organizations:

Congregational Church (Keene, N.H.)

Congregational Library Association

Dartmouth College

Littell's Living Age

St. George's Church (Flushing, New York, N.Y.)

Subjects:

Autobiography

Cemeteries

Church

Correspondence

Drawing

Families of clergy

Genealogy

Obituaries

Photographs

Speeches, addresses, etc.

Wedding anniversaries

Locations:

Flushing, NY

Keene, NH

Vergennes, VT

Occupations:

Clergy

Physicians

Related Materials

Archives

Diary of Zedekiah S. Barstow, 1977.003

Photograph Collection – People – Barstow

Library

Barstow, Zedekiah Smith. *Semi-centennial discourse preached in the First Congregational church, Keene, New Hampshire, July 1, 1868*. New York: Thomas Whittaker, 1873. Call number: 285.8778b K26b

Parker, Henry Elijah. *A discourse preached in the First Congregational church in Keene, N.H., Thursday, March 6th, 1873, at the funeral of the Rev. Zedekiah Smith Barstow, D.D.* Hanover, N.H.: The Dartmouth Press, 1873. Call Number: 920 B2829

Museum

Z.S. Barstow, D.D. Pastor of the First Congregational Church, Keene, N.H., Lithograph, 1995.588.08