

Guide to the Charles Warren Brewster Papers, 1818-1869, bulk 1837-1853

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Abstract:

Charles Warren Brewster was born in Portsmouth, NH, in 1802 and was connected with the *Portsmouth Journal* for more than 50 years. He served in the state legislature and was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1850 to 1851. The materials in this collection are primarily political correspondence from the Whig Party, dating from 1837 to 1853.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Charles Warren Brewster was born in Portsmouth, NH, on Sept 13, 1802 to Samuel and Mary (Ham) Brewster. He attended the school of "Aunt Betsey" Lakeman before attending the North School, the brick schoolhouse taught by Mr. Taft, then the school of Henry Jackson in 1817. He began his apprenticeship in 1818 in the office of the *Portsmouth Journal*. In 1825, Brewster acquired joint proprietorship of the *Journal* with Tobias H. Miller, before becoming sole proprietor and editor in 1834. He was connected with the paper for more than 50 years.

Charles Brewster married Mary Gilman on May 13, 1828, the daughter of Ward and Hannah (Seavey) Gilman, born 9 October 1803; together they had nine children. Brewster was the Secretary of the Portsmouth Clay Club in 1844, a member of the Whig Central Committee in 1845, Trustee of the Portsmouth Savings Bank, President of the Mechanics and Manufacturers

Association for two years, and Secretary of the Howard Benevolent Society for 34 years. He also served as State Representative from 1846 to 1847 and was a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1850 to 1851. He authored *Fifty Years in a Printing Office* and *Rambles about Portsmouth*. Charles Brewster died in Portsmouth on August 3, 1868. Mary died at Portsmouth on October 9, 1879.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Charles Warren Brewster Papers, 1818-1869, are comprised primarily of correspondence. The bulk is political correspondence from the Whig Party dated from 1837 to 1853. Brewster was a member of the Whig Central Committee when Asa McFarland was president in 1845. There is also a folder of correspondence with lecturers for the Portsmouth Lyceum dated 1839 to 1843, a brief journal/account book detailing personal expenses and activities with entries from 1818 to 1825, two military commissions from 1824 and 1825, and some correspondence on his book *Rambles about Portsmouth*.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into folders by type, then chronologically.

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Folder 8	Military commissions, 1824-1825

Subject Terms

People:

Bell, Charles H., 1823-1893
Brewster, Charles Warren, 1802-1868
Claggett, Bartlett
Claggett, William, 1790-1870
Coffin, Samuel
Cutter, Charles William, 1799-1856
Ela, G. M.
Emerson, George B.
Fox, Charles J. (Charles James), 1811-1846
Freeman, T. C.
Gerrish, Robert Y.
Godfrey, Charles L.
Goodwin, Ichabod, 1794-1882

Hazelton, H. L.
Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792
Lawrence, William F.
McFarland, Asa, 1769-1827
Miller, Tobias H., 1801-1870
Morrill, David Lawrence, 1772-1849
Noyes, John W.
Palmer, D. S.
Peabody, William Bourne Oliver, 1799-1847
Plumer, William Jr., 1789-1854
Quincy, Edmund, 1808-1877
Rice, George William
Robinson, John P.
Saltonstall, L.
Sherburne, John Henry
Tuck, Amos, 1810-1879
Upham, Charles W., 1802-1875
Walker, Lyman B.
Ward, George A.
Wetmore, S. F.
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851
Woods, Leonard, 1807-1878

Organizations:

New Hampshire State Prison
Portsmouth Journal
Portsmouth Lyceum
Whig Party (N.H.)

Subjects:

Account books
Accounts
Antislavery movements
Elections
Military appointments
Music
Newspapers
Politics and government

Locations:

Portsmouth, NH

Occupations:

Authors
Journalists
Politicians

Related Materials

Archives

Brewster Family Papers, 1981.032

Library

Brewster, Charles W. *A Lecture on Printing, Delivered before the Portsmouth Lyceum, April 11, 1835*. Portsmouth, NH: Portsmouth Journal Press, 1835. Call number: 655 B848

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Brewster, Charles W. *National Standard of Costumes: A Lecture on the Changes of Fashion, Delivered before the Portsmouth Lyceum*. Portsmouth, NH: Portsmouth Journal Press, 1837. Call number: 391 B848

Brewster, Charles W. *Rambles about Portsmouth. First Series*. Portsmouth, NH: New Hampshire Publishing Company in collaboration with Theatre by the Sea, 1971. Call number: 977.8b P853b1 1971

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Brewster, Charles W. *Rambles about Portsmouth. Sketches of Persons, Localities and Incidents of Two Centuries, Principally from Tradition and Unpublished Documents*. 2nd ed. 1st. Portsmouth, NH: Lewis W. Brewster, 1873. Call number: 977.8b P853b1 1873

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Convention, New Hampshire. Constitutional, William Plumer, and Charles Warren Brewster. *Resolutions in Relation to the Basis of Representation*. 1850. Call number: 328.778 N532bp