



Guide to the Charles Chase Family Papers, 1830-1891

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Charles Chase Family Papers, 1830-1891

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The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.42 linear feet

Abstract:

The Charles Chase Family Papers contain correspondence, diaries, account books, and miscellaneous papers of a Keene, NH, family, one of whom married, moved to Illinois, and wrote home about their experiences.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Charles Chase Family Papers were a gift of Jane L. Cayford on January 19, 1963.

Processing Information:

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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:

Charles Chase, the son of Stephen and Betsey (Bachelier), was born July 17, 1803 at Keene, NH. He lived in Keene on a farm and owned a mill. Charles Chase married Hannah Chase of Athol, MA, on June 7, 1832. She was the daughter of Moses and Miriam (Twitchell) Chase. Hannah bore seven children, three of whom lived to maturity. Charles died in Keene August 4, 1866. Hannah died there November 24, 1884.

Hannah Abbie was born October 19, 1833. She married George Franklin Goodnow on March 13, 1859, and left Keene for the west (diary 1856).

Charles Dwight was born September 24, 1840. He enlisted in Company I, 9th N.H. Volunteers on August 18, 1862. He died the following year, July 20, 1863, near Clinton, Mississippi.

Clara Eliza was born November 17, 1847. She married John W. Sturtevant in 1871.

Lucia Maria was born July 16, 1844 and died October 3, 1859, age 15 years.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Charles Chase Family Papers, 1830-1891, contain correspondence, diaries, account books, and miscellaneous papers of the Charles Chase family of Keene, NH. A substantial portion of this collection consists of letters from Hannah (Chase) Goodnow and her husband, George F. Goodnow, who moved west to Illinois and wrote to her family about her experiences, domestic news, the sale of a mill in Cornish, hopes that the family will move to Illinois, and the price of cattle in Chicago.

Papers from Charles Chase include correspondence and bills, including orders for hemlock boards and boxes and bills for household goods; a letter from Bela to Stephen Chase, brothers, 1830; and news from cousins.

Papers from Hannah Chase include a notebook of domestic accounts; bills for groceries, newspapers, and taxes; and a few bills for her daughter, Clara. Also included are four pocket diaries: the one from 1856 has a few notes about the family, and a November 28, 1872 entry mentions hearing Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe read. Her correspondence includes letters from her sister, M.C. Elinwood, and niece in Massachusetts.

Papers from Charles Dwight Chase include a notebook of accounts in 1853, with money spent for mill, 1855-1856; a pocket diary 1861, with a few pages kept while in the army, 1863; a few Civil War letters from friends and to his family; and a letter announcing his death.

Papers of George D. Gordon include receipts for board from R. E. Dixon in Dedham, MA, 1872-1875 and a few bills, including certificates for weighing hay, 1881.

Also included is an account of a poultry business for Charles C. Sturtevant.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized by person, then type.

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Box 1

Folder 1	Charles Chase papers, 1830-1866
Folder 2	Mrs. Charles (Hannah) Chase accounts, 1866-1881
Folder 3	Mrs. Charles (Hannah) Chase diaries, 1856, 1872-1874
Folder 4	Mrs. Charles (Hannah) Chase correspondence, 1826-1871, undated
Folder 5	Charles Dwight Chase papers, 1853-1864
Folder 6	Charles Dwight Chase diary, 1853-1854 Charles Chase mill expenses account book, 1855-1856 Charles Dwight Chase diary, 1861
Folder 7	Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow correspondence, 1859
Folder 8	Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow correspondence, 1860 January-April

Folder 9	Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow correspondence, 1860 August-December
Folder 10	Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow correspondence, 1861
Folder 11	Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow correspondence, 1864-1865
Folder 12	George D. Gordon papers, 1867-1881
Folder 13	Clara Eliza Chase papers, 1864-1869, undated
Folder 14	Charles C. Sturtevant poultry account book, 1889-1891 J[ohn]. W. Sturtevant notebook, GAR dues, 1868

Subject Terms

People:

Chase family
 Chase, Charles Dwight, 1840-1863
 Chase, Charles, 1803-1866
 Chase, Clara Eliza, 1847-1931
 Chase, Hannah, 1832-1884
 Goodnow, George F.
 Goodnow, Hannah Abbie, 1833-
 Gordon, George D.
 Stowe, Harriet Beecher, 1811-1896
 Sturtevant, Charles C., 1874-1926
 Sturtevant, John W., 1840-1892

Organizations:

Grand Army of the Republic
 United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 9th (1862-1865)

Subjects:

Account books
 Correspondence
 Death
 Diaries
 Families
 Farms
 House furnishings
 Mills and millwork
 Poultry
 United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Locations:

Keene, NH
 Pecatonica, IL
 Rockford, IL

Occupations:

Farmers
 Soldiers

Related Materials

Archives

Charles Chase Ledger, 1832-1856, 1961.029