

Guide to the Charles Hazen Peaslee Correspondence, 1831-1852

Administrative Information

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Charles Hazen Peaslee Correspondence, 1831-1852

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Peaslee, Charles Hazen, 1804-1866

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Abstract:

The Charles Hazen Peaslee Correspondence includes letters about his legal practice, submitting pension applications for soldiers, the New Hampshire Insane Asylum, and a few political letters. The correspondence dates from 1831 to 1852.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Charles Hazen Peaslee Correspondence has no accession record. It may have been included in the papers of John H. George, who was Peaslee's law partner, taken in to manage the business when Peaslee went to Washington in 1847. A volume of records of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, 1838-1839, was a part of the George papers, given in 1926. About one fourth of the letters concern the organization of the Asylum and the controversy over its location, 1838-1839. This collection shares an accession number with the John Hatch George Papers, 1926.003.

Accession 1974.062 consists of a single letter from Charles Hazen Peaslee to William A. Graham dated March 17, 1852 and was purchased by the New Hampshire Historical Society on May 8, 1974.

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Location:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Charles Hazen Peaslee was born in Gilmanton, NH, on February 6, 1804, the son of William and Hannah (Folsom) Peaslee. He graduated from Dartmouth in 1824, studied law, and went into practice in Concord. He was a member of the state legislature (1833-1836) and instrumental in establishing the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, becoming a trustee of the organization.

In 1839, he was appointed Adjutant and Inspector General of the state militia. (See box of militia papers; some of it probably came from this collection.) He was elected a member of the U.S. Congress and served 1847-1853. A Democrat, he was appointed collector of customs in Boston in 1853 and turned out of office in 1861, when he removed to Portsmouth.

Charles married Mary Ann Langdon (Harris) Dana on December 9, 1846. Born on 20 February 20, 1801 at Portsmouth, NH, Mary was the daughter of Robert and [Sally S. (Langdon)] Harris. Mary married first Nathaniel G. Dana at Portsmouth on December 6, 1819. The son of Luther and Lucy (Giddings) Dana, Nathaniel was born April 9, 1797 at Amherst, NH. He died at Fort McHenry, MD, on February 4, 1833. He and Mary had three children: Mary Ann (1821-1845), Napoleon J. T. (1822-1905), and Matilda A. (1824-1914).

Charles died September 18, 1866 at St. Paul, Minnesota, while on a business trip, and is buried at Portsmouth, NH. Mary died at Portsmouth March 15, 1868 and is buried with Charles.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Charles Hazen Peaslee Correspondence provides some business letters of a new lawyer working on a variety of cases. He was a principal founder and trustee of the Insane Asylum. The letters he received about the matter from 1838 to 1839 (in folder 2) give some insight into the organization and the controversy of the location of the asylum. Other letters recommend persons for local postmasters, as well as discussing other political matters such as the election campaign of 1832, candidates for senator, and pension claims. Charles Hazen Peaslee was a law partner with John Hatch George while in Congress.

Arrangement:

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

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1831-1833
- Folder 2 Correspondence, New Hampshire Insane Asylum, 1838-1839
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1838-1840
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1847-1852

Subject Terms

People:

- Armory, William
- Buswell, Charles
- Choate, Rufus, 1799-1859
- Cogswell, Thomas
- Conant, John
- Darling, Timothy, 1798-1871
- Eastman, Joel, 1798-1884
- Evans, Richard, 1811-1891

Fox, Charles J. (Charles James), 1811-1846
Gilchrist, John James, 1809-1858
Gregg, David Aiken, 1788-1866
Harper, Joseph M. (Joseph Morrill), 1787-1862
Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851
Hook, Leavitt
Kent, Moody, 1779-1866
Lancaster, Columbus
Low, Joseph, 1790-1859
McLane, Robert M.
Newell, C. S.
Page, John, 1787-1865
Peaslee, Charles Hazen, 1804-1866
Prescott, William, 1788-1875
Quincy, Josiah, 1793-1875
Reding, John R. (John Randall), 1805-1892
Rix, James Madison, 1811-1856
Stark, John
Steele, John Hardy, 1789-1865
Swasey, Samuel
Thorn, James

Organizations:

Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.
New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane

Subjects:

Banks and banking
Politics and government
Presidents--United States--Election--1832
Railroads

Locations:

Concord, NH
Wolfeboro, NH

Occupations:

Lawyers

Related Materials

Archives

Letter from Charles Hazen Peaslee to President Franklin Pierce, 1855 May 16, 1974.056
Isaac Hill Papers, 1963.014
Cram Family Correspondence, 2011.110 (m)

Library

Peaslee, Charles Hazen. *Interest Due to New Hampshire*. [Washington]: [1850]. Call number:
977.8 P3632in

Peaslee, Charles Hazen. *Speech of the Hon. Charles H. Peaslee, at the democratic state convention held at Concord, June 11, 1851.* Concord, N.H.: Butterfield & Hill, circa 1851. Call number: 329.01 U1852pe

Letter from the Democratic Citizens of New Hampshire, and reply of Charles H. Peaslee. 1852. Call number: 329.3 L651p

Museum

Painting, Charles H. Peaslee by Edwin T. Billings, 1969.079.06