

Guide to the Symonds and Morey Family Papers, 1831-1922, bulk 1840-1890

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Symonds and Morey Family Papers, 1831-1922, bulk 1840-1890

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Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

2 boxes ; 0.63 linear feet

Abstract:

The Symonds and Morey Family Papers contains account books of harness makers in Concord and Hopkinton, a Sanbornton gristmill, a Warner farmer, and a 1910 Hopkinton diary.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Symonds and Morey Family Papers were a gift of Mrs. Donald T. Moss on September 19, 1980.

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:

David H. Symonds, son of Eliphalet and Tamasin “Tamme” (Tilton) Symonds, was born in Hillsborough, NH, on January 22, 1804. Tamasin died December 19, 1844 at Hillsborough. Eliphalet then married Martha Carey at Hillsborough on July 17, 1845. He died there March 13, 1853; her death is unknown.

David married Nancy P. Flanders on December 25, 1828 at Concord, the daughter of Nathan and Alice (Connor or Conway) Flanders. Nancy was born August 24, 1806 in Pembroke. Together they had four children: Charles Flanders, 1833-1911; Mary E., born 1834; George, 1838-1930; and Elizabeth K., born 1840.

David worked as a harness maker at Concord from 1844 to 1876. His son, George, also worked as a harness maker. His mother-in-law and her sister resided in his home. According to Lyford’s

History of Concord, on January 23, 1852 a fire in Concord destroyed the buildings occupied by A. Hill, furniture maker, David Symonds, harness maker, and others. About 1876 David moved to Hopkinton to farm. He died there on January 11, 1877. Nancy died there on March 4, 1891.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Symonds and Morey Family Papers consists of materials from David Symonds and his son, George Symonds, both harness makers from Hopkinton and Concord, NH; receipts; a diary from Abbie M. Symonds; and other family accounts. These materials date from 1831 to 1922. Also included are gristmill accounts from the Morey family of Sanbornton Bridge, NH, dated 1847 to 1856.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into the following series:

Series 1. Symonds family, 1831-1922

Series 2. Morey family, 1837-1859

Series 3. Symonds and Morey family, 1839-1899

Contents List

Series 1. Symonds family, 1831-1922

Extent: 12 folders

Scope and Content: The Symonds family materials consists primarily of account books related to harness making between 1865 and 1922 in Concord and Hopkinton, NH. The majority of the account books are labeled “George Symonds.” Also included are receipts from 1831 to 1874, an account book on breeding cattle, a workbook from Charles Symonds, and a photocopy of a dairy from Abbie M. Symonds.

Box 1

- Folder 1 George Symonds account book: harness, 1865
- Folder 2 George Symonds account book: cash, 1867-1868
- Folder 3 George Symonds account book: harness, 1867
- Folder 4 George Symonds account book: harness and groceries, 1870
- Folder 5 Account book: harness, 1871
- Folder 6 George Symonds account book: harness, 1872
- Folder 7 Receipts, 1831-1874
- Folder 8 Account book: breeding cattle, 1887-1921
- Folder 9 George Symonds order book: harness, 1873-1874, 1881-1889
- Folder 10 George Symonds account book: harness, 1898-1922
- Folder 11 Charles Symonds workbook, 1905-1906
- Folder 12 Abbie M. Symonds diary (photocopy), 1910

Series 2. Morey family, 1837-1859

Extent: 13 folders

Scope and Content: The Morey family materials consists entirely of gristmill account books of the Morey family in Franklin and Sanbornton Bridge, NH. While most of the account books are not identified, a few have the names J. T. Morey and M. H. Morey on the front page. These materials date from 1837 to 1859.

Box 2

Folder 1	M. H. Morey account book: carder, gristmill daybook, 1844, 1847-1850
Folder 2	J. T. Morey account book, cash book, 1854-1859
Folder 3	J. T. Morey account book: gristmill, 1855-1858
Folder 4	Account book: gristmill, 1856-1857
Folder 5	Account book: gristmill, 1857
Folder 6	Account book: gristmill, 1857
Folder 7	Account book: gristmill, 1857-1858
Folder 8	Account book: gristmill, 1858
Folder 9	J. T. Morey account book: gristmill, 1858-1859
Folder 10	Account book: gristmill, 1837-1856

Series 3. Symonds and Morey family, 1839-1899

Extent: 6 folders

Scope and Content: The Symonds and Morey family materials consist of household and farmer account books and miscellaneous receipts for these two families in Warner, Sanbornton, and Concord, NH. The materials date from 1839 to 1899.

Folder 11	Account book: farmer, 1843-1847
Folder 12	Account book: farmer, 1844-1847
Folder 13	Account book: farmer, 1846-1847
Folder 14	Account book: farmer, 1847
Folder 15	Account book: household, 1853-1854
Folder 16	Account book: harness, 1854
Folder 17	Account book: butter and eggs, 1898-1899
Folder 18	Account book: household, 1856-1858
Folder 19	Miscellaneous receipts, 1839-1860

Subject Terms**People:**

Morey family
Morey, J. T.
Morey, M. H.
Symonds family
Symonds, Abbie M., 1843-1928
Symonds, Charles David, 1890-1980
Symonds, David H., 1804-1877
Symonds, George, 1838-1930

Subjects:

Account books
Accounts
Diaries
Gristmills
Harness making and trade
Livestock
Mills and millwork

Receipts (Acknowledgements)

Locations:

Concord, NH

Franklin, NH

Hopkinton, NH

Sanbornton, NH

Warner, NH

Occupations:

Farmers

Leather workers

Related Materials

Archives

George Symonds Account Books, 1981.024