



Guide to the Tolles and Moseley Family Papers, 1816-1907

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Abstract:

The Tolles and Moseley Family Papers contain family correspondence, receipts, deeds, miscellaneous writings, and family genealogy from the Tolles and Moseley families of Weathersfield, VT, and Nashua, NH. Also included are papers from Dr. Chester A. Paull from his time at Harvard Medical School in 1896 to 1907.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Levi Tolles apparently moved to Nashua, NH, about 1832, the same time as his better known relative, Henry A. Tolles.

Members of the Tolles family were settlers in Weathersfield, VT, before the Revolutionary War. The son of Clark and Sarah Tolles, Levi was born on September 23, 1792 at Weathersfield, Vermont. He married Fanny Moseley there on November 19, 1818. She was born at Weathersfield on April 2, 1796, the daughter of Samuel and Priscilla Moseley. The couple, along with two boys and two girls, were living at Minehead (Bloomfield), VT, in 1830.

On March 9, 1837, Levi purchased two lots (13 acres and 6 acres) in Dunstable (Nashua), NH, for \$470. Levi farmed in Nashua, increasing the value of his property. He and Fanny may have had seven children total, three boys and four girls. One of the girls was Almina B. born January 20, 1828 and died January 8, 1900. Levi sold his two Nashua lots to his son Lucien on March 24,

1851. Fanny died on July 9, 1851, and Levi died on December 24, 1866. They are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashua.

Lucien, son of Levi and Fanny Tolles, was born at Weathersfield on September 9, 1822. He married Emily Baker on January 19, 1852 at Nashville (Nashua), NH, less than a year after purchasing his father's property. Emily died of cancer, apparently childless, on June 14, 1876 at Hudson (which adjoins Nashua). She might have been born at Dalton, NH, about 1820. Lucien continued farming his Nashua property, with his sister Betsey boarding with him. Betsey (nine years *younger* than Lucien) died of "old age" on December 5, 1911. Lucien died of grippe (influenza) on January 15, 1911. He and Emily (and Betsey) are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Samuel Moseley, a tanner, was born, perhaps in Vermont, between 1766 and 1775. He married Priscilla Baker, born September 5, 1770, before 1794. They had several children, all likely born at Weathersfield, VT: Baker born October 13, 1794, Elmira born February 12, 1798, Laurena born April 27, 1799, Franklin (and his twin Francis) on August 4, 1804, as well as Fanny, Abigail Preston, Esther Christa, and Eleanor.

Samuel remained in Weathersfield until after 1820 when he relocated to New Chester (Hill), New Hampshire. He died there on June 20, 1828. Priscilla was the head of her household there in 1830, which included (perhaps) two sons and two daughters. She appears to be living with her son Franklin in 1850 in Hill, where she died on October 6, 1850. She and Samuel are buried there in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

Franklin Mosely married Lydia Hoyt in about 1837. Lydia Hoyt was the daughter of Joseph and Hannah Hoyt, born April 12, 1804 at Hill. Franklin was a merchant and moved to Concord by 1856 where he continued successfully in the flour and grain business. He and Lydia had three sons: John Francis born July 15, 1838 at Hill, and twins Carlos B. and Carroll born July 20, 1843 at Hill. Carroll died after eighteen months on February 3, 1845. Franklin died at Concord on January 12, 1894, and Lydia died on August 9, 1898. They are buried at Blossom Hill Cemetery.

Baker Moseley married Mary Howe (daughter of John and Hannah) on June 10, 1827 at Boston. They were living in Boston in 1830, moved to Chelmsford by 1840, then returned to Boston. He made his living as a trader and ink maker. Baker and Mary had two sons: Samuel Baker born at Boston on May 23, 1829, and Albert Francis born at Boston on August 7, 1833. Mary died at Boston on January 16, 1862, and Baker on January 8, 1874.

Chester A. Paull was born in Lakeville, MA, on February 16, 1875 to Roger and Amelia (Sanford) Paull. The family moved to Hollis, NH, in 1881. Paull attended Harvard Medical School in 1896, before graduating from Tufts College Medical School in 1903. Paull married Kate M. Blunt, daughter of Charles E. and Emily A. (Clark) Blunt, of Nashua, NH, on June 25, 1903. Together they had two children: Elizabeth, born 1907 and John, born April 1913.

Paull opened a medical practice in Sherborn, MA, for nine months. After "tubercular trouble," he moved to the Catskills where he practiced until 1917. He then continued his medical practice in Detroit, MI, where in 1922 he worked for Grace Hospital.

Kate Paull died in Detroit on September 26, 1939. Chester A. Paull was living in Detroit in the same household as his daughter, Elizabeth, and his son-in-law, Elmer Lloyd, as of the 1940 United States Census.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Tolles and Moseley Family Papers contain family correspondence, receipts, deeds, miscellaneous poetry, and family genealogy from the Tolles and Moseley families of Weathersfield, VT, and Nashua, NH, from 1816 to 1869. Also included are papers from Dr. Chester A. Paull from his time at Harvard Medical School in 1896 to 1907. Paull’s papers include certificates from Harvard, which note he is a trained nurse; letters, including an 1899 letter from Paull to his parents requesting permission to date a young lady he wishes to marry; membership certificates to the Sherborn Grange No. 110; and genealogy for the Blunt family.

The majority of materials in this collection are correspondence to and from Levi and Fanny Tolles. Levi’s correspondence references from teaching in Weathersfield, VT; complaints about living in Bloomfield, VT; talks of moving to Dunstable, NH; and includes mentions of the Indian Stream War. Fanny Moseley Tolles’ correspondence contains letters to her mother and sisters regarding health and family matters.

Baker Moseley’s letters to Levi and Fanny Tolles discuss work as a tanner, the boss’s wife and “petticoat government,” religious thoughts, and the visit of President Jackson to Boston. Franklin Moseley’s letters to Levi and Fanny Tolles discuss work as a tanner, talks of Weathersfield, windmills in 1823, family and health, and the estate.

Other correspondence includes letters to Levi and Fanny from friends including George Marshall in Brunswick, VT, and Ohio regarding deaths in the family and personal activities. Pricilla, Abigail, Eleanor, and Frances Moseley’s correspondence discusses their sister’s position as household servant in Boston in 1835.

Also included in this collection is an appointment of Levi Tolles as highway surveyor for Dunstable and a bond for Lucien M. Tolles to care for Fanny and Levi dated 1851. Levi Tolles’ receipts include entries such as ginger, raisins, tea, cider, eggs, clapboards, gloves, Nashua taxes, telegraph, and promissory notes.

Arrangement:

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Subject Terms

People:

Blunt family
Moseley family
Moseley, Franklin, 1804-1894
Mosely, Baker, 1794-1874
Paull, Chester A., 1875-
Tolles family
Tolles, Fanny, 1796-1851
Tolles, Levi, 1792-1866

Organizations:

Harvard Medical School

Subjects:

Correspondence
Deeds
Families--Charts, diagrams, etc.
Genealogy
Receipts (Acknowledgements)
Women household employees

Locations:

Boston, MA
Dunstable, NH
Indian Stream Republic
Nashua, NH
Weathersfield, VT

Occupations:

Nurses
Tanners