

DEMERRITT FAMILY (of Madbury, NH)
FAMILY PAPERS,
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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

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John DeMerritt Sr. (b. 1698) built the Madbury house between 1723-1724 on the Southwest side of Mahariment's Hill (Hichs Hill)

“Powder Major” John DeMerritt (1728-1826)

was a fine woodworker and finish carpenter. He married Elizabeth Cate of Northwood in 1756. She died in April of 1762 after the birth of their third child John Jr. He then married Elizabeth Davis. DeMerritt assisted in laying out the towns of Peeling (N. Woodstock, NH) and New Madbury (Jackson, NH). In December 1774 he aided in removing gun powder from Ft. William and Mary and secreted a portion of it in his cellar in Madbury. Family tradition states that he moved it to Cambridge, MA in time for the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was appointed major in the 2nd. NH regiment by the Provincial Congress in Exeter in 1775 and represented the town in the State Legislature from 1776-1777.

John DeMerritt (1762-1846)

Married Lois, daughter of Elizabeth Davis in 1785, she died in 1786 leaving a new son David DeMerritt. John married again in 1789 to Deborah Meserve. He was appointed Captain in the 5th Co, 25th NH by Gov. John Langdon.

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Daughters of Hopely and Abigail

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Ezra Edrick Demerritt (1824-1890)

- fld 1 Correspondence by E.E.D., 1862-1879
- fld 2 Correspondence to E.E.D., from Jonathan Glass, 1856-1866
- fld 3 Corres. to E.E.D., from B&M R.R. James T. Furber
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- fld 5 Teaching school & other materials 1845-1872
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- fld 15-16 Small accounts with grocer John T. Hanson, 1859, 61, 66, 69 and
1871 & Kimball & Demerritt 1876

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- fld 11 L.M.D. misc. 1862-1959

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- fld 7 Library organizations
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- fld 13-16 Forest organizations including Soc. for the Protection of
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- fld 16 Houses in Durham
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- fld 21 Robinson Female Seminary 1 volume of writings and one of notes
for an Ancient and Classical Literature course

- Box 14 **Other Demerritt /Goss Family Members**
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 Alaric, 1853, Woodstock
 - fld 2 Betsey, 1889-1893, Dover
 - fld 3 Curtis, 1824-1835, Portsmouth/Dover
 - fld 4 Davis, 1808, Madbury; "E.B.", 1937, Georgia
 - fld 5 Ebenezer, 1773, Madbury, witch trial
 - fld 6 Ebenezer F., 1850-65, Barrington; Ezra T., 1863-65, 70;
 "E", 1836-1869, Dover, Madbury, Durham
 - fld 7 Eli's (1696-1774) & (1787-1877)
 - fld 8 Eunice, 1825; Frank, 1838, Exeter; Isaac, 1824, Peeling
 - fld 9 "J.F.", James, Peeling
 - fld 10 John & John P. Jr., 1860-1891, Vermont
 - fld 11 Mary, 1856-57, Durham
 - fld 12 Olivia, 1863, Dover; Paul, 1787, Madbury
 - fld 13 Samuel, 1802-1807, 1842-47
 - fld 14 Sophia, 1844
 - fld 15 Miscellaneous Demerritts
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 - fld 17 William Goss, 1845-69, 81, 1913 Epsom
 - fld 18 Jonathan Goss, 1857-1893 Epsom
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 - fld 20 Winifrid L. Goss, correspondence, 1894-1953
 - fld 21 Estate of Jennie M, Executrix, misc. & visitor's book, 1930

- Box 15 **Mary Parker Woodworth (1849-1919)**
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 - fld 2 Correspondence, 1867-69, 1873, 1917
 - fld 3 Transcriptions of letters from Vassar College, 1867-1868
 - fld 4-5 Diaries, 1905-1919, 3 vols.
 - fld 6 Correspondence to M.P.W.
 - fld 7 Article on Concord Women's Club, 1895
 - fld 8 Travel Journal from Greece, 1909
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