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The James Wilson Jr. Papers are the papers of a Keene, NH, lawyer and businessman, member of the New Hampshire Legislature, United States Representative from New Hampshire (1847-50), Surveyor General of Government Lands in Iowa and Wisconsin (1841-45), gold mining investor and settler of California land claims. The Papers also include materials related to his family and their financial situations.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

James Wilson Jr., (1797-1881)

James Wilson Jr., was born on March 18, 1797 in Peterborough, NH, the son of James Wilson (1776-1839) and Elizabeth Steele Wilson. The family moved to Keene in 1815 but retained land and family ties in Peterborough.

Wilson prepared for college at the academies at New Ipswich, Atkinson, and Philips Exeter. He entered Middlebury College in 1816 and graduated in 1820. He then returned to Keene, NH, to read law with his father and eventually took over practice there. The title "General," commonly used, was acquired through service with the New Hampshire militia in which he rose to the rank of Major General. He never saw active service, however, being too young for the War of 1812 and too old and in poor health by the time of the Civil War. He apparently opposed the Mexican war and took no part in it.

Keene elected him to the state legislature in the 1820s and 1830s and again in 1871 and 1872, after his final return from California. He was nominated for Congress in 1838 and for governor of New Hampshire in 1839. In 1847 and 1849, he was elected to Congress.

His skill as an orator was well known, and he took the stump for Whig causes in the 1830s and 1840s and for the Union in the 1860s.

President John Tyler appointed Wilson surveyor general of government lands in the Territories of Iowa and Wisconsin in 1841, a position he retained until removed by President James K. Polk in 1845. While in Iowa he purchased considerable land for himself near Dubuque and speculated in copper mining ventures in Michigan and Wisconsin.

About 1846 he returned to Keene and was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1847. Family correspondence in the early part of 1848 reflects the illness of his wife, Mary Lord Richardson Wilson, who died in October 1848. When Wilson returned to Washington after her death, he took with him his four surviving children: Mary Elizabeth (1826-1903), Annie F. (1832-), Charlotte Jean (1835-1901), and James Henry (1837-1892).

Wilson had a bent for adventure and saw which way the political winds were blowing. Reelected to Congress in 1849, he resigned his seat in 1850 to seek his fortune in the burgeoning state of California, leaving his young family in Keene, NH.

President Millard Fillmore appointed him to the commission to settle private land claims in California in 1851, but he retained the position only briefly. His re-nomination was rejected by the Senate, apparently as a result of accusations of corruption brought against him, possibly by Representative William M. Gwin of California and others.

However, he remained in California until 1861, practicing law and especially representing clients before the land commission of which he had been a member. At the same time he was deeply involved in gold mining activities in northern California near Crescent City in a place then called Gold Bluff. His interests there included not only mining gold, but also an engineering project for supplying, for his own and other mines, water which was required for washing gold from sand. He also bought land, specifically part of a ranch called Buri Buri, which he purchased for unpaid taxes.

Wilson returned to Keene, NH, in 1861 in poor health and with his finances in disarray. He made his last trip to California in 1862 to try to recoup his lost fortune, remaining there until 1867 when he returned home to Keene, this time to stay. By selling most of his real estate in New Hampshire, Iowa, and California, he struggled to satisfy his creditors. An 1871 letter remarks that his fellow townsmen in Keene, rather than support him in the poorhouse, elected him to represent them in the legislature in Concord, NH. He died in Keene in 1881 and was buried in the Woodland Cemetery there.

When James Wilson Jr., went to California in 1850, he left his four children in Keene. Most of the family correspondence stems from this period and reflects their personal lives there. Mary Elizabeth, then twenty-four years old, took chief responsibility for the others, and particularly for the schooling of James Henry, Wilson's only surviving son, then twelve or thirteen years old.

Mary Elizabeth Wilson Sherwood (1826-1903) was the eldest of Wilson's children and assumed the position of lady of the house when her mother died in 1848. Her letters reflect the day-to-day life of the family in Keene, financial difficulties, and at times a sense that their father had deserted the family. She married John Sherwood, a New York lawyer, in November 1851, and moved to New York City. They had four sons: James Wilson (b. 1852), Samuel, Arthur, and Phillip.

She was well known in her time as an author and social arbiter, publishing poems and short stories in various periodicals and several books. Her letters after her marriage, and those of her husband, reflect their social and personal life in New York City.

Annie F. Wilson Fiske (b. 1832) took over the household when Mary Elizabeth was married. She in turn married Francis S. Fiske of Keene, NH, on December 14, 1858. The couple remained in Keene, living in the Wilson home there. Fiske had been associated with Wilson in California and was a friend of the family. Lt. Col. Fiske served in the Civil War, 2nd New Hampshire Regiment, with honor, although some of the correspondence concerns accusations made about his conduct at the Battle of Bull Run.

Charlotte Jean Wilson (1835-1901), youngest of the girls, was in school in Boston, MA, in the last 1840s. She returned to Keene, NH, to live, although she frequently traveled to New York City to visit her sister, Mary Elizabeth, and help care for her children. Charlotte Jean married Frank L. Taintor around 1863 or 1864.

James Henry Wilson (1837-1892) was much doted on by his older sisters. His education was a matter of considerable concern to them and to his father. He studied first at Keene, then at Charles A. Abbot's academy in Norwich, CT, and finally at a school in Providence, RI, run by a Mr. Freize. Before going to Harvard he joined his father in California about 1854. He graduated from Harvard University in 1860 and returned to California with his father at the end of the Civil War. He is not known to have married or left children. At his death in 1894, he was listed as an alderman in his home city of Keene, NH.¹

John Wilson (1777-1848) was a brother of James Wilson, Sr., and thus, James Wilson Jr.'s uncle. A prominent lawyer in Belfast, ME, he suffered a severe and lasting disability due to an illness at the age of 47, in 1824, which greatly reduced his strength and abilities. Thus, by the time he died, his fortune was at low ebb. He left his second wife,

¹ The following is a list of sources consulted for biographical information regarding the Wilson family.
Dictionary of American Biography
Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography
Griffin, S. G., *A History of the Town of Keene*. Keene: Sentinel Printing Co., 1904.
Manchester Historic Association Collections, V. 3, 1902-3. Manchester: Manchester Historical Association, 1903. p., 1-26.
Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1949. Washington: US Government Printing Office, 1950, p 2027 etc.

Mary F. and a young son, Joseph. The widow was also incapacitated and had to be institutionalized after his death.²

Much correspondence with Hiram O. Alden of the firm of Alden and Crosby, Albert G. Jewett, and others in Belfast concerns this family and its property and affairs.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The James Wilson Jr. Papers., 1835-1873, provides a picture of the day-to-day routine of the Congressman as he dealt with squabbles back home over be postmaster and where the post office should be located, mail routes, pension requests and applications for the US Military Academy at West Point, demands for government jobs – often as political payoffs—and a myriad of personal requests from constituents. The partisanship of local politics – sometimes petty and vindictive – is seen in correspondence with certain key New Hampshire figures in the Whig party: Aaron P. Hughes, Charles W. Cutter, Ichabod Goodwin, Ephraim Hutchins, Lory Odell, George O. Odlin, Levi Chamberlain, D.S. Palmer, and Amos Tuck, in particular.

The prevailing influence of politics is also evident in correspondence both before and after Wilson’s terms in Congress, in his positions in Iowa and California. In fact, the collection as a whole probably says as much about the atmosphere and politics of California in the 1850s and 1860s, as it does about New Hampshire.

Arrangement:

The material is arranged in several discrete sections.

Boxes 1 - 8 contain general correspondence, 1836-1873, arranged chronologically. This includes all the political correspondence and most business correspondence except that relating specifically to mining and legal matters in Iowa and California, and that relate to his immediate family.

Box 9 contains papers regarding Wilson’s activities as a member of Congress. It includes West Point applications, the case of the successful applicant, Ebenezer Gay; pension cases; pensions, many undated, from New Hampshire constituents mostly about tariff laws and the regulation of slavery; lists of Whigs, Free Soilers and independent Democrats in New Hampshire to who documents and supporting materials were to be sent.

Boxes 10 – 11A contain family correspondence: letters from Wilson’s children, from his half-brother Col. Robert Wilson, and family papers relating to their various legal disputes, and miscellaneous family correspondence.

Boxes 12 – 15 relate to business in Peterborough, NH, and Keene, NH, especially to James Wilson Sr.’s estate of which his eldest son was administrator. It includes legal papers, notes and receipts, deeds, etc., most of them tightly folded and labeled. They have been left folded and relatively unsorted.

Box 15 includes papers and correspondence dealing with a mill in Peterborough, NH and the “spiral vent water wheel,” an invention in which James and Robert Wilson had an interest.

² Williamson, Joseph. *History of Belfast, Maine*. Belfast, 1877.

Boxes 16 – 17 relate to his business interests in Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan, including his surveyor's accounts (1841-1845), correspondence with his agents in Dubuque, and papers and correspondence relating to copper mining interests.

Boxes 18 – 19 include correspondence and papers about business in California other than gold mining; land claims and other legal cases; personal bills, accounts, and receipts.

Boxes 20 – 22 relate to gold mining at Gold Bluff near Crescent City, CA, and contain detailed correspondence from his various managers on the site as well as accounts, deposits, assays, etc.

Boxes 23 – 24 contain printed materials found with the collection. These include speeches in Congress, broadsides, circulars and miscellaneous publications; newspapers mostly relating to Webster's March 1850 speech and the compromise bills; and calling cards.

Volumes 1 – 6 are journals, 1856-1864; a scrapbook, 1863-1864; accounts, 1854-1859; checkbook, 1864; three San Francisco, CA, directories and a book on land titles in San Francisco, CA; and a treatise on the telegraph.

Contents List

Box 1. 1835 – 1848

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| Folder 1 | 1835-1845
25 items; family and business in New Hampshire in Dubuque; James Wilson, Jr.'s appointment to surveyor of public lands, signed by Tyler and Webster; Wilson's appointment as Justice of the Peace signed by Isaac Hill; Wilson's draft of a letter to President Tyler, September 20, 1844; letter from J. W. Shields, Commissioner, notifying Wilson of his replacement as surveyor general in Iowa and Wisconsin. |
| Folder 2 | 1846 – 1847
20 items; political and legal correspondence, New Hampshire and Dubuque, including notes from Webster, February 18, 1847, June 21, 1847. |
| Folder 3 | January – February, 1848
14 items; lawyer's diary, 1848; politics and personal business. Correspondence includes Henry A. Bellows, E. Carrington Cabelle, Thomas G. Campbell, William L. Foster, and Ephraim Hutchins. |
| Folder 4 | March – June, 1848
21 items; Political and business correspondence. Correspondents include George N. Briggs, Levi Chamberlain, and Robert J. Walker |
| Folder 5 | July – August, 1848
32 items; mostly political, correspondences include Charles W. Cutter, James Dixon, George G. Fogg, Henry Hubbard, Timothy Paige, Truman Smith, and Hiram Walbridge. |
| Folder 6 | September – October, 1848
36 items; mostly political and some personal business. Correspondents include Charles W. Cutter, Robert Schenck, and Fitz-Henry Warren. |
| Folder 7 | November, 1848 |

23 items; political and personal business, job seekers. Correspondents include Saunders W. Cooper, James Dixon, Thomas Drummond to Daniel Webster, November 8, 1848, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Folder 8 December, 1848

28 items; politics, job seekers, requests for documents, personal business. Correspondents include Abel Baker, Joshua Bates, Josiah Butler, Charles W. Cutter, Simeon Drapper, William Gordon, Aaron P. Hughes, and D. S. Palmer.

Box 2. January – March 1849

Folder 1 January 1 – 15, 1849

27 items; politics, job seekers, personal business. Correspondents include Mortimer M. Jackson, George W. Nesmith, and George O. Odlin.

Folder 2 January 16 – 31, 1849

29 items; politics, especially in New Hampshire and the question of Wilson's re-nomination; job seekers, some personal. Correspondents include Gen. Samuel Griffin, Ephraim Hutchins, and Isaac Sturtevant.

Folder 3 February 1 – 14, 1849

35 items; politics, government jobs – especially postmaster, railroads, personal business in New Hampshire and Iowa. Correspondents include Levi Chamberlain and Aaron P. Hughes.

Folder 4 February 15 – 28, 1849

35 items; politics, job seekers – especially postmaster, some personal business. Correspondents include John Bryant, Levi Chamberlain, Milan Harris, Ephraim Hutchins, George O. Odlin, D. W. Palmer, Joel Parker, George C. Peavey, and George Y. Sawyer.

Folder 5 March 1 – 19, 1849

32 items; job seekers – especially post office, politics, family business. Correspondents include James W. Emery, Herman Foster, Ziba Gay, Ephraim Hutchins, John A. Rockwell, David Steele, and Alexandrine Trumbull.

Folder 6 March 20 – 31, 1849

35 items; politics and job seekers. Correspondents include John M. Clayton, Joel Eastman, Page Eaton, Ichabod Goodwin, Henry Flanders, John Kelly, Reverend Samuel Lee, Charles W. March, Thomas E. Sawyer, Amos Tuck, and Fitz-Henry Warren.

Box 3. April – September 1849

Folder 1 April 1 – 15, 1849

31 items; mostly job seekers – especially post office, politics, some personal business. Correspondents include Henry A. Bellows, Charles W. Cutter, James Dixon, Aaron P. Hughes, Herman Foster, Lory Odell, Horatio J. Perry, David Steele, James Thom, and Fitz-Henry Warren

Folder 2 April 16 – 30, 1849

- 36 items; mostly job seekers and postmaster ships, politics. Correspondents include Joel Eastman, Ichabod Goodwin, Aaron P. Hughes, D. S. Palmer, and Fitz-Henry Warren.
- Folder 3 May, 1849
13 items; job seekers, Wilson's claim for compensation in Iowa land claim business, personal and family business. Correspondents include Gen. George Talcott, and Fitz-Henry Warren.
- Folder 4 June, 1849
27 items; job seekers, patronage, post office, personal and family business, politic, case of Col. Ransom. Correspondents include A. Lincoln [Abraham?], David Steele, and Fitz-Henry Warren.
- Folder 5 July, 1849
30 items; job seekers, railroads, Ransom case, personal and family business. Correspondents include John Bryant, Aaron P. Hughes, D. S. Palmer, Franklin Pierce, and Hiram Walbridge.
- Folder 6 August 1 – 15, 1849
25 items; jobs, politics and some personal business. Correspondents include George Dennett, George G. Fogg, Ichabod Goodwin, Ephraim Hutchins, Charles W. March, George O. Odlin, and Joseph Trumball.
- Folder 7 August 16 – 31, 1849
29 items; jobs and politics, mail routes and agents, personal business. Correspondents include Henry A. Bellows, Anthony Colby, Charles W. Cutter, Ichabod Goodwin, Aaron P. Hughes, Lory Odell, D. W. Palmer, Thomas Tullock, [illegible] Trumball, and Hiram Walbridge.
- Folder 8 September, 1849
20 items; jobs politics, personal business. Correspondents include George J. Abbot, Charles W. Cutter, Thomas Ewing, Ichabod Goodwin, and Aaron P. Hughes.

Box 4. October 1849 – January 1850

- Folder 1 October, 1849
39 items; jobs, politics, Ashuelot Railroad, personal business includes a letter from Horatio Omer of Connecticut discussing tariff and war, business and economics, October 16, 1849. Correspondents include Charles W. Cutter, Page Eaton, Thomas Ewing, Ichabod Goodwin, Prof. Charles B. Haddock, Aaron P. Hughes, and Philip Ripley.
- Folder 2 November, 1849
19 items; jobs, especially post office, personal. Correspondents include Aaron H. Cragin, Prof. Herman Foster, Prof. Charles B. Haddock, Aaron P. Hughes, and Abiel Abbot Livermore.
- Folder 3 December 1 – 15, 1849
29 items; jobs, miscellaneous queries, Ashuelot Railroad, family business. Correspondents include John Bryant, and Cyrus King Sanborn.
- Folder 4 December 15 – 30, 1849
32 items; politics, personal affairs in Keene, NH and Belfast, ME, railroads, appointments, requests for documents. Correspondents include

James Bell, Henry Flanders, Herman Foster, Salma Hale, Ephraim Hutchins, Arthur Livermore, George I. Odin, David Parker (Shaker), and Philip Ripley.

- Folder 5 January 1 – 15, 1850
37 items; job requests, requests for documents, tariff, railroads, misc. Correspondents include Homer Bartlett, Asa Fowler, Henry Frost, Ichabod Goodwin, Ephraim Hutchins, Judge Andrew T. Judson, George O. Odlin, and Philip Ripley.
- Folder 6 January 16 – 31, 1850
41 items; politics, jobs, post office, tariff, Ashuelot Railroad. Correspondents, include Herman Foster, Ichabod Goodwin, George Silsbee Hale, George W. Nesmith, and Philip Ripley.

Box 5. February – June 1850

- Folder 1 February 1 – 14, 1850
22 items; railroad, cheap postage, personal and family business, politics and jobs, effects and pay of Charles Daniels. Correspondents include Henry I. Bowditch, Ichabod Goodwin, and Philip Ripley.
- Folder 2 February 15 – 28, 1850
21 items; jobs, politics, personal business, Case of Charles R. Daniels. Correspondents include Caleb Cook, and Aaron H. Cragin.
- Folder 3 March 1 – 15, 1850
30 items; post office, cheap postage, compromise bill and Daniel Webster's speech, miscellaneous inquiries. Correspondents include Abel Baker, Anthony Colby, Charles W. Cutter, James Dixon, and Philip Ripley.
- Folder 4 March 16 – 31, 1850
27 items; jobs, request for documents, politics, railroads. Correspondents include Charles W. Cutter, Aaron P. Hughes, and Levi W. Leonard.
- Folder 5 April, 1850
28 items; politics, jobs, patents, personal business, Charles R. Daniels case. Correspondents include Horatio G. Cilley, Page Eaton, Aaron P. Hughes, and Norman Wilson of Keene, NH.
- Folder 6 May 1 – 15, 1850
19 items; Texas Naval officers matter, politics, Daniel Webster's stand and the compromise bill, Charles R. Daniels case, sample petitions regarding tariff of 1846, personal business. Correspondents include Levi Chamberlain, James F. Miller, D. S. Palmer, Philip Ripley, and Thomas Selfridge.
- Folder 7 May 16 – 31, 1850
20 items; jobs, especially census, politics, personal business. Correspondents include John V. Berry, Prof. Charles B. Haddock, D.S. Palmer.
- Folder 8 June, 1850

29 items; California and Iowa, tariff, politics, jobs, introductions. Correspondents include George S. Hale, E. A. McNeil (Mrs. John), Jesse Page, Philip Ripley, Isaac W. Smith, and Hiram Walbridge.

Box 6. July 1850 – 1851

- Folder 1 July, 1850
28 items; politics, jobs, California, personal. Correspondents include Edward Bates, Henry I. Bowditch, Prof. Charles B. Haddock, E. A. McNeil (Mrs. John), and Dr. Amos Twitchell.
- Folders 2a-2b August, 1850
42 items; California arrangements, politics, jobs, post office, Charles Daniels case, business. Correspondents include Henry A. Bellows, J. W. Bradbury, Aaron H. Cragin, George O. Odlin, D. S. Palmer, David Parker, Christopher Smith, Jeremiah Smith, Amos Tuck, Hiram Walbridge, and W. Wendell.
- Folder 3 September – December 1850
23 items; California arrangements and letters of introduction, politics. Correspondents include Charles W. Cutter, Alpheus Felch, William M. Gwin, Edward Stanley, Amos Tuck, Hiram Walbridge, and G. W. Wright.
- Folder 4 January – April, 1851
28 items; James Wilson’s personal financial situation and the collapse of his arrangements with Walbridge, Wendell, and Bordadus; his job situation; New Hampshire and national politics; job seekers; inquiries about California. Correspondents include Levi Chamberlain, P. Dillon, John M. Hadley, William Henry, Charles W. March, Jacob Bailey Moore, C. A. Stetson, and drafts and documents in James Wilson’s handwriting.
- Folder 5 May – September, 1851
23 items; Includes James Wilson’s appointment as “commissioner to ascertain and settle private land claims” in California signed by President Millard Fillmore and Daniel Webster, with letter of appointment from H. H. Stuart, Secretary of the Interior and Wilson’s acceptance draft; introductions, jobs. Correspondents also include A. H. Bullock, P. Dillon, George Evans, Asa Freeman, Hiland Hall, Charles W. March, Abiel Abbot Livermore regarding news of James Wilson’s trials in a fire, Lucian Skinner, Peleg Sprague (1793-1880), and H. H. Stuart.
- Folder 6 October – December, 1851
19 items; Legal and land business in San Francisco, introductions, news from Keene, NH. Correspondents include Henry A. Bellows, Henry Hubbard, Caleb B. Smith, Truman Smith, and John Wilson.

Box 7 1852-1853

- Folder 1 January, 1852
22 items; inquiries about California, introductions, personal and legal business, matter of James Wilson’s re-nomination to the land commission. Correspondents include Levi Chamberlain, J. D. Farnsworth, Thomas O. Larkin, Lucian Skinner, and Israel Washburn, Jr.

- Folder 2 February, 1852
19 items; regarding James Wilson's reappointment, introductions and inquiries, politics and news from New Hampshire. Correspondents include Ichabod Goodwin, William M. Gwin, and Truman Smith.
- Folder 3 March – June, 1852
29 items; personal and land commission business, local, national and New Hampshire politics, inquiries and introductions. Correspondents include George S. Hale, Hiland Hall, and Ephraim Hutchins.
- Folder 4 July – September, 1852
27 items; personal and business; loses his land commission positional letters reflecting boarding house life in San Francisco. Correspondents include James King, Truman Smith, J. R. Underwood, and Alfred Wheeler.
- Folder 5 October – December, 1852
25 items; politics and business, more on the San Francisco boarding house. Correspondents include Hiland Hall, and James King.
- Folder 6 1853
21 items; requests for Webster letters from his literary executors, business of David Spence, business before the land commission; letter regarding his financial dealings with Wendell and Bogardus. Correspondents include George J. Curtis, Abiel Abbot Livermore, Lucian Skinner, and J. A. Sutter.

Box 8 1854-1873

- Folder 1 1854
25 items; personal, land claims and legal business in Keene, NH and California, debts, some political commentary, Alden's Pacific telegraph bill. Correspondents include H. O. Alden, Levi Chamberlain, David Spence, and Truman Smith.
- Folder 2 1855
21 items; David Spence's business, rambling business and personal commentary from Lucian Skinner, narrative of San Francisco – New York steamer journey, miscellaneous business. Correspondents include P. Dillon, Asa Fowler, Lucian Skinner, and David Spence.
- Folder 3 1856-1857
41 items; 23 letters of Lucian Skinner, friend of James Wilson, Jr. and business agent, covering all range of personal, business, and political subjects. Skinner had been with Wilson in California and returned to Boston, MA; materials relating to the estate of John Marsh. Correspondents include Benjamin Alvord, Levi Chamberlain, T. J. Cram, Asa Fowler, Charles Marsh, and Lucian Skinner.
- Folder 4 1858
23 items; 21 letters from Lucian Skinner; other correspondence regarding Harrington case. Correspondents include Lucian Skinner and Sumner Wheeler.

- Folder 5 1859 – 1860
38 items; letters regarding the Limantour case, politics, gold mining, and economics. Correspondents include Lucian Skinner, Abiel Abbot Livermore, L. Downing and Sons, W. A. Burt.
- Folder 6 1861-1863
35 items; letters regarding personal and financial conduct of Ebenezer Gay, job seekers, war, money for soldiers and from them.
- Folder 7 1864-1873
32 items; business and personal. Lucian Skinner comments on the death of Starr King, gold and business, and war. Later correspondence, after 1870, related to James Wilson's business failure and indebtedness. James Wilson's notes on his affairs, February 28, 1872. Correspondents include F. A. Faulkner, George S. Hale to Annie Fiske, Silas Hardy, and David Spence.
- Folder 8 Undated, arranged alphabetically
35 items; miscellaneous politics, business, and personal. Correspondents include Charles W. Cutter, Amos Tuck, Hiram Walbridge, and Daniel Webster.
- Folder 9 Miscellaneous undated notes
Mostly written by James Wilson, including copied poetry, notes on law cases, and notes for speeches.

Box 9. West Point Applications, Pension Cases, Petitions, Lists

- Folder 1 West Point Applications
31 items; West Point applications and accompanying papers, arranged alphabetically by applicant; Official Register, U.S.M.A., June 1848, 1850; regulations for admission of cadets. Papers for:
Edward P. Abbot of Manchester, NH
Rufus Gates Atwood of Stoddard, NH
Isaac J. Cutter of Peterborough, NH
Henry M. Davis of Nashville[Nashua], NH
Fernando Gilman of Jaffrey, NH
William H. Johnson of Walpole, NH
Emery Glidden Judkins of Claremont, NH
George I. Kingsbury of Keene, NH
Charles G. Milliken of Keene, NH
Jonas Cutter Rice of Jaffrey, NH
Daniel W. Riddle of Manchester, NH
Henry L. Robinson of Surrey [Surry], NH
John A. Warren of Jaffrey, NH
- Folder 2 Ebenezer Gay, 1850
11 items; papers of Ebenezer Gay, successful applicant and letter describing his problems passing the physical examination.
- Folder 3 Pension Cases, 1849-1850; [A-G]
36 items; arranged alphabetically by pensioner; Ackerson, Amidon, Barnett, Beedle, Benjamin, Black, Blake, Carpenter, Lovida Chase, Sarah

- Chase, Cogswell, Noah Damon, Davis, Deming, Levi Dow, Duncan, Dutton, Emmons, Fraizer
- Folder 4 Pension Cases, 1849-1850; [H-Z]
36 items; arranged alphabetically by pensioner; Halley, Hastings, Holbrook, Holt, Kingsbury, Macomber, Matthews, Morrison, Niles, Perkins, Peters, Pritchard, Putnam, Quimby, Ross, Sawyer, Solomon, Spoor, Thurston, Webber, Wheeler, White, Wilkins.
- Folder 5 Pension Cases, 1849-1850, Miscellaneous cases
17 items; letters from John Bryant and others, each containing references to two or more pension cases. Letters of a General Du Val in Tallahassee, FL who made a business of hunting up pensions claims.
- Folder 6 Petitions, 1849-1850, undated
Petitions regarding 1846 Revenue Law, various slavery questions, post office, and miscellaneous
- Folder 7 Miscellaneous
Two booklets listing loyal Whigs, etc. One made by James Wilson, other by D. S. Palmer. Other lists on loose sheets by various people. James Wilson was expected to send documents and speeches to people on these lists.

Box 10. Family Correspondence, 1848-1861

- Folder 1 Mary Elizabeth Wilson, 1848-1851
44 items; almost entirely letters to James Wilson Jr., starting shortly before her mother's death in May, 1848, through her assumption of responsibility for the younger children. Letters concern their health, education, and day-to-day activities; their financial uncertainties; her marriage to John Sherwood in November, 1851.
- Folder 2 Mary Elizabeth Wilson, 1852-1861
45 items; begins with the birth of her first child; financial problems; illness; the other Wilson children; activities in New York City and elsewhere; summer in Keene, NH; children's illness; problems with Robert Wilson and James Wilson's debts; begs James Wilson Jr. to come home on November 5, 1858; Annie's wedding in December 1858; through James Wilson's return in 1861. Correspondence reflects James Wilson's letters to her.
- Folder 3 John Sherwood, to James Wilson Jr., 1853-1869
40 items; John Sherwood, Mary Elizabeth's husband, handled some of James Wilson's affairs in New York. The letters often combine business and family news. Discussion of the Limantour case and of Wilson's affairs in Keene, NH, etc., Sherwood's business as attorney, economic affairs in New York, Dale Johnson q.v., case of Accessory Transit Co. vs. Cornelius Vanderbilt (January 4, 1860, February 1, 1860), Sherwood's case before the Supreme Court (1859), and the Civil War.
- Folder 4 Samuel and John Wilson Sherwood

- 5 items; letters of Samuel and John Wilson Sherwood, grandsons of James Wilson Jr., with photograph of Samuel taken March 1873, at the age of 19 ½.
- Folder 5 James H. Wilson, 1858-1862
35 items; James H. Wilson (1837-1894), letters to John H. Wilson from classmates and friends in Keene, NH, regarding schooling and family. Reflects family concern for his well-being.
- Folder 6 James Henry Wilson, 1852-1862
44 items; Heath and schooling; in 1855, late spring, James H. Wilson joined James Wilson Jr. in California, returning east in 1857 or 1858 to attend Harvard. James Wilson Jr. to James H. Wilson regarding King of William murder, May 17, 1856; Annie's wedding and his injured ankle, December 1858. The Fiske's in Keene, NH; returned to California with James Wilson Jr. in 1862.
- Folder 7 Education of James Henry Wilson, 1849-1852
12 items; letters to James Wilson Jr. from various schoolmasters: Charles E. Abbott and S. E. Brownell of Norwich, CT, and H.T. Frieze of Providence, RI.

**Box 11. Family Correspondence, 1848-
Charlotte Wilson, Annie F. Wilson Fiske, and Frank Fiske**

- Folder 1 Family data
6 items; Mottoes by James Wilson Jr. Family records to 1852 copied by Charlotte Wilson. Cemetery inscriptions – Steele family 1748-1761 and Steele family memoranda made by Charles A. Wilson at the request of James Wilson Jr. in 1865. Fragile page giving death dates of Elizabeth Steele Wilson and several of her children.
- Folder 2 Charlotte J. Wilson, 1849-1852
37 items; letters of Charlotte J. Wilson (1835-1901) to James Wilson Jr.; her health, she suffered severe headaches, and schooling in Boston, MA, Mary Elizabeth's wedding and her first baby – Charlotte and Annie go to New York to help Mary Elizabeth.
- Folder 3 Charlotte J. Wilson, 1853-1854
31 items; ongoing life of the family in Keene, NH, Boston, MA, and New York, reflects her feelings and reactions to her own situation and events around her.
- Folder 4 Charlotte J. Wilson, 1855, 1858-1861, 1864, undated
Refers to Mary Elizabeth's poetry and stories published in April 1855; Charlotte's suitors, her music, Annie's wedding to Frank L. Fiske on December 14, 1858; the Civil War; Mary Elizabeth's children and their illnesses. An accounting of James Wilson Jr.'s affairs and money in the Keene bank to which Charlotte is to have access.
- Folder 5 Annie F. Wilson, 1848-1851
33 items; Annie F. Wilson scolds her father, James Wilson, Jr., for his absence and neglect. She takes over the family after Mary Elizabeth's marriage. Items regarding Annie's engagement.

- Folder 6 Annie F. Wilson, 1853
19 items; financial problems, James H. Wilson's trip to California, money problems.
- Folder 7 Annie F. Wilson, 1854
17 items; more finances, a new engagement to Clarence Cram, problems with Col. Robert Wilson and creditors.
- Folder 8 Annie F. Wilson and Frank Fiske, 1855, 1858-1861
30 items; finances, the house in Keene, NH, Haskell, her marriage on December 14, 1858, letters from Fiske asking for her Annie's hand, business, Fiske's book "Mississippi Bubble," 1859, Annie's daughter, James Wilson Jr.'s return in March 1861, lease of the house in Keene, NH to Fiske in September, 1862.

Box 11A. Miscellaneous Family and Personal Affairs in Keene, NH

- Folder 1 Charlotte G. Jackson, 1848-1854
18 items; Charlotte G. Jackson, a cousin, regarding various family members, from Cazenovia, NY, apparently a community of Friends.
- Folder 2 Miscellaneous family correspondence, 1850-1858
16 items; Levi Chamberlain, regarding Mary Elizabeth's wedding; Mrs. H. Jewett, Cady Scott, James Scott, Sarah Scott, Sylvia P. Richardson (half-sister), James G. Wilson, Martha Willey, Stetson to Mary Elizabeth.
- Folder 3 James and Robert Wilson
Papers relating to the financial affairs of James and Robert Wilson in New Hampshire and Iowa, mostly 1840s. Memo of settlement James and Robert Wilson, 1841; memo of real estate owned by James Wilson Jr. and Robert Wilson, c. 1840-1842; mortgage deeds, James Wilson to Robert Wilson, 1842; letters of Robert Wilson to James Wilson Jr., 1853, regarding debts; acts of incorporation in New Hampshire, Wilson Manufacturing Co., 1846; quitclaim deed to Ashuelot Railroad. Account book belonging to Robert Wilson, October 26, 1836.
- Folder 4 Wilson vs. Wilson, c. 1850s
Papers relating to various litigation, mostly in the 1850s, especially James Wilson, Sr.'s (1766-1839) estate of which James Wilson Jr. was administrator. Countersuit, James vs. Robert, bill in equity, undated; settlement August 19, 1862; Levi Chamberlain, Smith, McKinley and Poor, Dubuque; Wheeler and Faulkner, Keene; T. Newell, Keene; John Sherwood.

Box 12. James Wilson, Sr.

- Folders 1-16 James Wilson Sr. promissory notes with James Wilson Sr.'s name, arranged alphabetically by the name of the second party
- Folders 17-18 John Field Account to James Wilson, 1837-1842

Box 12A. James Wilson, Sr.

- Folders 1-29 James Wilson Sr., 1759-1840

James Wilson Sr. non-Wilson promissory notes held by James Wilson Sr.
for other parties, arranged by year, 1759-1840

Box 12B. James Wilson, Sr.

- Folders 1-3 Deeds, 1734-1825
- Folders 4-6 Deeds, 1772-1832
38 items; "Imp title deeds of real estate left to my brother Robert & myself
in the estate of our Hon Father"
- Folder 7-10 Deeds, 1787-1834
79 items; "Title deeds deed mortgages belonging to my late Hon Father in
Cheshire Co., NH"
- Folder 11 Peterborough farm deed & ledger, 1835
- Folder 12 Peterborough farm deed, including dowry papers, 1836-1837
- Folder 13 Legal papers, 1806-1835

Box 12C. James Wilson, Sr.

- Folder 1 Cobb family, circa 1800-1819
- Folder 2 Business Papers, 1787-1827
- Folder 3 Account of taxes collected by James Wilson, Sr., 1824-1854
- Folder 4-9 Invoices, bills, receipts, 1803-1838
- Folder 10 "Receipts of my father," prior to 1839

Box 13. James Wilson, Sr. and James Wilson, Jr.

- Folder 1A-1D Bills of James Wilson, Sr. paid by James Wilson, Jr. after April 3, 1837;
includes power of attorney
- Envelope 2 Receipts too fragile to open
- Folder 3 Merchants bills to estate of James Wilson, Sr.
- Envelope 4 Farm bills, receipts, Moor Robb settlement
- Envelope 5 Tax vouchers – estate
- Folder 6A-6C Administration of the estate, 1839-1848; including auction, household
inventories, and correspondence with William Hunter (brother-in-law).

Box 14. James Wilson, Jr.

- Folder 1A-B Debtor lists, receipts & notes, 1827-1837; as found in original packet in
order by year some very fragile
- Folder 2A-B Farm & land holding including the Robb farm, Swan farm, Evans land
etc., 1830-1839; lot layout with acreage; correspondence with Moor Robb;
1808-1815 bill of lading from Rev. Elijah Dunbar
- Folder 3A-C Notes, receipts & bills from Keene, NH, 1838-1849
- Folder 4 Iowa & Wisconsin, 1841-1844; Keene, NH, 1846-1849, including 1847
bank book
- Folder 5A-B Bills, receipts, etc.; including hotel bills from Washington, 1848-1850
- Folder 6 Cancelled checks, 1861-1862; checkbook, 1869
- Folder 7 Accounts, bills, receipts, Washington, California, & Keene, NH, 1850-
1871

Box 15. James Wilson, Jr.

- Folder 1A-D Deeds, legal papers, etc., 1827-1851; very fragile
- Envelope 2 Documents too fragile to open
- Folder 3A-B Deeds, mortgages, & litigation; including Harrington vs. Wilson
- Folder 4A-B Spiral vent & water wheel
- Folder 4C Notes pertaining to water wheel
- Folder 5A-B Peterborough Mill, to 1861; including “mill papers with Gilman Miller” & “Memoranda of settlement with Asa Davis Jr., 1840-1847”

Box 16. Business as surveyor in Iowa and Wisconsin

- Folder 1-4 Surveyors accounts, Iowa, 1841-1843; Salary accounts, 1841-1843
- Folders 5-10 Disbursement accounts, 1844-1845
- Folder 11 James Wilson Jr.’s draft of claim for compensation against the United States, undated; see replies: box 3, folder 3.

Box 17. Correspondence & documents relating to James Wilson’s business interests in Iowa

- Folder 1 Correspondence with Mordecai Mobley, 1846-1855, 1861; 31 items, begins in 1846 after James Wilson, Jr. had returned to the East; Suppression of the Mormon vote, August 2, 1848, September 14, 1848; political commentary, particularly of local scene in relation to national affairs; political offices; a legal case which he intends to appeal to the Supreme Court through Daniel Webster, November 28, 1848, July 29, 1848; sale of James Wilson, Jr.’s property and other business in Iowa, 1852-1855; informal final accounting, 1861.
- Folder 2 Correspondence with John Senter, 1845-1850
24 items; correspondence with John Senter, a cousin who managed some of his mining and land affairs in Iowa; day-to-day details of supplying mining camps, the financial dealings involved.
- Folder 3 Land in Iowa, 1844, 1867-1868
18 items; indenture document for Antoine & Agnes Arther, 1844; deeds, tax receipts, statements of sale for nonpayment of taxes and redemption, 1867-1868; Mobley’s listing of James and Robert Wilson’s land in Dubuque and Delaware counties.
- Folder 4 Correspondence with B. W. Poor and Cram, 1862-1869
20 items; regarding disposal of James Wilson, Jr.’s Iowa property; draft of James Wilson’s request for information about his lands, August 3, 1868, September 17, 1868, November 18, 1868, February 23, 1868; Notice of land for sale.
- Folder 5 Correspondence and papers regarding Lake Superior Copper Mining Company and Copper Falls Mining Company, 1843-1848
38 items; correspondence from his associates at the Lake Superior Copper Mining Company and Copper Falls Mining Company; correspondents include: Gratiot, Horatio Bigelow, N. Cunningham, David Henshaw, William Hilliard, Hayes & Washburn of Boston, MA, W. B. Smith, Hammond Whitney, L. Williams, and George L. Ward

- Folder 6A-B Copper stock certificates and articles of association, Lake Superior Copper Company, 1844
- Folder 7 Miscellaneous accounts, receipts, etc. for copper mines; memo of survey, Henry J. Crocker, October 9, 1846

Box 18. California business other than gold mining, 1850-1867; miscellaneous personal bills, accounts from Keene, NH

- Folder 1 Petition of Andeas Pico regarding Mission of San Jose, #110
- Folder 2 William D. Howard, original deeds, claims, depositions, #559
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous documents and deeds
- Folder 4 John Marsh, #213; Juan Galindo, part of the Mission of Santa Clara agreement of Casanueva, #313
- Folder 5 Petition of Carmen Librian de Bernal, correspondence, depositions, 1858 of Savoy Collins, Surveyor's certificate, hand drawn map
- Folder 6A-C Limantour case papers, 1853-1857
Pamphlet stating claimant's case, 1853; booklet listing Limantour's lots sold, 1853-1857; letter from Joel Parker, June 25, 1854; to daughter Annie detailing arguments, March 13, 1855; various receipts, bills, etc.; Captain W. A. Richardson's statement on Yerba Buena, undated; newspaper clippings regarding the case, 1856-1857
See also: Journal Entries: Vol. 1, January 20, 1856, January 22, 1856; Vol. 2, January 2, 1857; Correspondence: John Sherwood, Box 10, Folder 3, 1854; Henry M. Parker, 1861; W. A. Burt, 1859
- Folder 7 Surveyor's notes, undated
- Folder 8A-C Personal bills, receipts, accounts, etc., 1855-1866
- Folder 9 Account book, cash memoranda books for 1855; memoir of Inter-Oceanic Routes by T. Jefferson Cram, 1857, includes handwritten maps
- Folder 10A Personal bills, etc. including insurance policies, California and Keene, NH; Book of lots containing memoranda concerning Limontaur claims
- Folder 10B Personal bills, etc., California and Keene, NH, 1867-1877; Mexico and California (in Spanish) small printed book

Box 19. California Business

- Folder 1 Investigation of business of Collier, Collector of Customs at San Francisco; appointment of James Wilson, Jr. by Thomas Corwin, September 7, 1850; order to pay expenses, September 19, 1850; two declarations regarding seized goods by lighter men and storekeepers of ships; copies of papers regarding the investigation.
- Folder 2 Business as Land Commissioner, September 1851 – October 1852
Not always clearly differentiated from later business before the Land Commission as attorney representing claimants; notice of session of board, September 11, 1851; claim for payment by James Wilson Jr. to United States Treasury; list of Spanish and Mexican governors of California; transcript of field notes of survey of the Humboldt Meridian; two copies of

- Greenlaw on town property, July 30, 1851; David Spence's description of Mexican practice of land claims
- Folder 3A-C Sanchez estate and Buri Buri Rancho
Wilson represented various member of the Sanchez family in probate and eventually bought part of the ranch for taxes; includes power of attorney, deeds, various other legal documents, and James Wilson, Jr.'s notes.
- Folder 4 Stephen Smith of Bodega
Transcript of proceedings, case #601, Stephen Smith vs. the United States, February 19, 1853 – September 26, 1855; James Wilson Jr.'s appeal petition draft, #35, not dated; will of Stephen Smith of Bodega, draft and final copy with codicils, February, 1851; Hall and Thornton's decree as Land Commissioners, March 3, 1851; Correspondence: Stephen Smith and James Wilson Jr., and related, October 1852- December 1854
- Folder 5 Spanish language documents (copies) relating to land claims; correspondence in Spanish
- Folder 6 Miscellaneous California land cases including several items regarding the case of Francisco del Castillo Negrete; Helen E. Harrington vs. John Perry, papers and correspondence, 1858-1859; estate of W. C. Eastman, 1855-? ; Clark vs. Cooley, 1851; Hearly & Price vs. Myrick & Crossett, papers and correspondence, 1850-1851; David L. Spence petitions; draft of an act for construction of a wagon road, San Francisco and San Mateo, 1857; miscellaneous notes, agreements, and deeds relating to land cases.
- Folder 7 Rancho Roblar del al Miseria, 1849-
See also: correspondence with P. Dillon, French Consul in San Francisco. This related to Bodega.

Box 20. Gold mining in California

- Folder 1 Legal papers and accounts regarding Pioneer Mining Company from Articles of Association, c. 1852 to foreclosure, 1869; 20 items.
- Folder 2 Legal papers regarding Sailor Diggings. Constitution of the Sailor Diggings Canal and Mining Company, 1853; instructions to John C. Weston as agent, 1855
- Folder 3 Legal papers regarding Pacific and Self Reliance Mining Companies
- Folder 4 Gold deposit receipts and assays, 1851-1867
- Folder 5 Reports of washings, 1859-1860
- Folder 6A-B Accounts of mining business, 1851-1857, undated
- Folder 7 Miscellaneous bills and receipts regarding mines, to 1859
- Folder 8A-B Miscellaneous bills and receipts regarding mines, 1860-
- Folder 9 E. Du Bertrand correspondence and accounts, 1856-1858; includes correspondence regarding stealing of gold in melting process, September 20, 1856
- Folder 10 Agreements and accounts with Solomon Hall, director, Pioneer Mining Company, 1855-1860; James Wilson Jr., treasure; Also same for A. Dale Johnson, 1858-1859, q.v.

Box 21. Correspondence regarding Gold Bluffs mining ventures

- Folder 1 Miscellaneous correspondence regarding Gold Bluffs, 1851-1864;
 24 items
- Folder 2A-B Correspondence with Col. A. J. Butler, 1851-1855; 44 items
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous papers from Col. A. J. Butler
- Folder 4 David H. Whippley correspondence and papers, 1851-1857; including
 lawsuit: Whippley vs. Wilson, 1857
- Folder 5A-B Correspondence regarding ditch at Sailors Diggings; Daniel T. Jewett
 correspondence, 1855-1856, 1859; 38 items
- Folder 6 Accounts of Daniel T. Jewett, 1854-1855
- Folder 7 John C. Weston, 1856-1857
 15 items; correspondence regarding Sailor Diggings Ditch and mining
- Folder 8 Accounts of John E. Weston, 1855-1856

Box 22. Correspondence of John M. Maxwell, 1851-1860; accounts and receipts; detailed reports of affairs at Gold Bluff

- Folder 1A-B Correspondence
- Folder 2A-B Correspondence
- Folder 3A-B Correspondence
- Folder 4A-B Correspondence
- Folder 5A-E Miscellaneous accounts, bills, receipts, etc.

Box 23. Printed Materials

- Folder 1 Printed broadsides, circulars, etc., 1846-1866
- Folder 2 Printed broadsides, circulars, etc., undated
- Folder 3 Pamphlets: *Junius Tracts*, 1-3, 1843; material regarding the 30th Congress,
 1848
- Folder 4 Wilson's speech, February 15, 1849, on slavery in territories acquired in
 Mexico, 3 copies.
- Folder 5A-B Printed speeches to Congress, 1850
- Folder 6 Other pamphlets relating to United States Government
- Folder 7 Miscellaneous pamphlets, 1850-1854, undated

Box 24. Miscellaneous

- Folder 1 Calling and business cards, pill boxes, objects
- Folder 2 Newspapers and clippings, March 1850, regarding Webster's speech;
 others, 1849, 1850, and 1854; personal account books, almanacs, and bank
 books, 1830, 1836, 1837, 1839, 1841, 1846, 1849-1850, 1861, 1869;
 miscellaneous printed pamphlets; railroad pathfinder guides for 1849,
 1850; hotel guide, 1846; Sunday School Almanac, 1850; Mexican Guide,
 1852

Box 25. Volumes

Volumes 1-5 Journals, kept spasmodically; James Wilson chastises himself every January for his poor journal keeping, but continues to neglect it

- Volume 1 1856, the account of the assassination of James King of William and the hanging of James P. Casey, May 14, 1856
- Volume 2 January 1-10, 1857, commentaries on the atmosphere in California in the 1850's and the urge to "get rich quick"
- Volume 3 January 1-26, 1861, account of James Wilson, Jr.'s return to New York, February 11- March 5, 1861
- Volume 4 January 1-24, 1857
- Volume 5 March 31, 1863- December 1863
- Volume 6 Scrapbook and personal comments, 1864-1865
- Volumes 7-10. Accounts**
- Volume 7 1854, mainly with D. T. Jewett
- Volume 8 Accounts and disbursements, May 20, 1855- March 1, 1857
- Volume 9 March 1, 1857 – February 29, 1859
- Volume 10 March 1855-1859, accounts regarding mining enterprises at Gold Bluff, Sailor Diggings and the men employed there
- Volume 11 Checkbook, October 21, 1862 - August 2, 1864
- Volume 12 Wheeler, Alfred, *Land Titles in San Francisco*. San Francisco, 1852
- Volume 13 Parker, James M. *San Francisco Directory*, 1852-1853. San Francisco, 1852

Separated Materials:

Map of house and nearby lot in Peterborough moved to Map Collection

975.4 J67: Land Docket, Jose Yves Limantour vs. the United States, February 13, 1857; located in the library stacks

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- Baker, Abel
- Bartlett, Homer
- Bates, Edward
- Bates, Joshua
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- Berry, John V.
- Bigelow, Horatio
- Bowditch, Henry I. (Henry Ingersoll), 1808 – 1892
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- Briggs, George N. (George Nixon), 1796 – 1861
- Bullock, A. H.

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Gay, Ebenezer
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Gilman, Fernando
Gordon, William
Goodwin, Ichabod, 1794 - 1882
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Judkins, Emery Glidden
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Larkin, Thomas O.
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