

Guide to the Lane Family Papers, 1727-1924

Summary Information

Title: Lane Family Papers, 1727-1924

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Author of Finding Aid: Betsy Hamlin-Moore

Creator: Lane Family

Language: The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent: 12 boxes (3 boxes house 10 bound volumes)

Abstract:

The Lane Family Papers, 1727-1924, contains the papers of various members of the Lane Family from the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. Materials in the papers include diaries and journals, ledgers, accounts, correspondence, legal papers, and other personal papers belonging to members of the Lane family.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The materials in this collection are composed of a number of different accessions. Much of the material is believed to have been donated in 1914 by Abby Lane of Stratham, NH. Henry C. Hines donated a journal kept by Deacon Joshua Lane in 1939 (M 1939.001). The majority of the genealogy materials as well as the background information on William Lane and the diaries of Samuel Lane were a gift of Priscilla Lane Moore Tapley in 1988 and 1991. The gift was made in memory of her mother, Esther Haynes Lane Moore Borg.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Betsy Hamlin-Morin. The finding aid was updated by Sarah Galligan, November 2013, to follow the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, NH.

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Biographical Information

The Lane Family Papers, 1727-1924, contain materials from several generations of Lane family members from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The earliest family member represented in the collection is Joshua Lane who lived from 1696 to 1766. Joshua Lane lived North Hampton, NH where he worked as a tanner and a shoemaker. He also was deacon of the church in Hampton, NH. In 1766, he was killed by lightning on his doorstep.

Two of Joshua's sons are also represented in the collection: Isaiah Lane and Samuel Lane. Isaiah Lane lived from 1730 to 1815. He worked as a farmer and shoemaker in Hampton Falls, NH. Samuel Lane lived from 1718 to 1806 and was the oldest son of Joshua Lane. In 1741, Samuel Lane and his wife Mary (James) Lane moved to Stratham, NH where Samuel worked as a shoemaker, tanner, and surveyor. Samuel became deacon of the church in Stratham and also held various town offices including town clerk, selectman, and member of the legislature.

Samuel Lane's youngest son was Jabez Lane, who lived from 1760-1810. Jabez Lane lived on Samuel Lane's homestead and continued the work of his father. Jabez married Eunice (Colcord) Lane. Jabez's son Charles Lane lived from 1796 to 1884 and continued the family trade as a tanner and shoemaker. In 1817, he moved to South Newmarket, NH (Newfields, NH) where he sold shoes and leather and eventually groceries and dry goods. Charles moved back to his family's house in Stratham, NH in 1867 and remained there until his death.

Ebenezer Lane was the grandson of Samuel Lane (1718-1806) and son of Samuel Lane (1746-1820). Ebenezer Lane lived from 1771 to 1842. He attended Exeter Academy in Exeter, NH and worked as a teacher and then surveyor in Pittsfield, NH. He also served as justice of the peace and representative to the state legislature. George Lane was the son of Jabez Lane and lived from 1791 to 1883. He served in the War of 1812, as a town clerk, and as a representative to the state legislature. George Lane resided at the Lane Homestead in Stratham where he worked as a tanner and shoemaker. Edmund James Lane was also the son of Jabez Lane. He lived from 1802 to 1884 and served as deacon of the Congregational Church in Stratham, NH.

Materials of several other Lane family members are found in the collection including Lucy Lane (1805-1844), Amanda M. Lane (1823-1907), Olivia Lane (1825-1905), John William Lane (1827-1911), Charles E. Lane (1837-1868), Henry Lane (1831-1899), Edmund Barker Lane (1837-1924), Mary Haynes Lane (1827-1922), Abby Francis Lane (1846-1925), Anna Mathes Lane (1871-1932), Wallace Lane (1876-1946), and Esther Haynes Lane (1902-1978).

Collection Scope and Content

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The Lane Family Papers, 1727-1924, contains the papers of various members of the Lane Family from the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries. The collection is divided into two series: Series I. Lane Family Papers, 1727-1861 and Series II. Lane Family Papers, 1737-1924. The first series consists mostly of early family business and legal documents made through the mid-nineteenth century including ledgers, account

books, daybooks for stores, copybooks, and records of deaths. Series II. Lane Family Papers, 1837-1924 consists of the papers donated by Priscilla Lane Moore Tapley in 1988 and 1991. The second series contains genealogical manuscripts, diaries and journals, legal documents, correspondence, and personal papers of the Lane family from the eighteenth century through the twentieth century.

Arrangement:

The Lane Family Papers, 1727-1924, are divided into two series:

Series I. Lane Family Papers, 1727-1861

Series II. Lane Family Papers, 1737-1924.

Contents List

Series I. Lane Family Papers, 1727-1861

Extent: 6 boxes

Scope and Content Note: The Lane Family papers, 1727-1810, contain papers related to Joshua Lane (1696-1766), Isaiah Lane (1730-1815), Samuel Lane (1718-1806), Jabez Lane (1760-1810), and Charles Lane (1796-1884). Types of papers in the series include journals, ledgers, accounts, legal documents, and daybooks.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Joshua Lane, (1696–1766), Journal, 1727–1755. One volume, 2 loose items, principally a record of deaths in Hampton; also member names added to the church; account of 1727 earthquake; prayers on his birthday.
1	2	Isaiah Lane (1730–1815). Ledger, 1756–1769. One volume. Accounts of shoemaker in Hampton.
1	3	Samuel Lane (1718–1806), Papers, 1714–1810. Includes agreements for building his Stratham house, 1741; appointment as assistant surveyor by Gov. Benning Wentworth, June 15, 1750; will of Joshua Lane, June 17, 1766; letter from the Continental Congress (February 1788), probably from Paine Wingate; part of the will of Samuel Lane, March 7, 1792; various receipts and notes and legal business.
1	4	Samuel Lane Burial Stone. Two photographs of the burial stone.
1	5	Samuel Lane (1718–1806). Miscellaneous writings, 9 items. List of children and grandchildren; draft of "Years in the life of Samuel Lane" list of famous persons he had known; extracts from books.
1	6	Samuel Lane Accounts (1760–1797). Odd accounts, 16 items. (<i>See also</i> Box 2, Daybooks; Box 3, Ledger; Oversize sheet, "Years of the life of Samuel Lane, born at Hampton, Oct. 6, 1718, with some things remarkable respecting business & setline [sic] in the world"

- 1 7 Jabez Lane (1760–1810), Papers, 1791–1810.
Letter to father, Samuel Lane, Dec. 1799 and agreement Jan. 14,
1800, concerning deed to property; marriage portion of daughter, Martha
Mathes; catalog of books; "Miscellanies", 1791, booklet of tax inventories;
inventories of estates of John Wingate and William Lane.
- 1 8 Jabez Lane (1760–1810), Copybook 1776.
Arithmetic copybook, 1776, 1 volume.

Box Folder Description

- 2 Env. 1–5 Jabez Lane (1760–1810). 5 Daybooks (8 booklets total), 1780–1809.
2 Env. 6–36 Samuel Lane (1718–1806). Daybooks (34 booklets total), 1736–1800.
No accounts for 1738–1742, 1744, 1765, 1773–1777, and 1788.
Separate tanning journal, 1724–1739, in folder 6.

Box Folder Description

- 3 1 Samuel Lane, Ledger (1741–1802), Vol. 3.
Also, alphabetical index to names in Vol. 3 ledger (1741).

Box Folder Description

- 4 1 Jabez Lane, Ledger (1784–1830), Vol. 4.
4 2 Charles Lane, Ledger No. 2 (1824–1838), Vol. 5.
4 3 Charles Lane, Daybook (1825–1835), Vol. 6.

Box Folder Description

- 5 Charles Lane, Daybook (March 1835–December 1844), Vol. 7.
Includes expenses of building house 1842. Ledger accounts
with town of Newmarket, notes due, account with South Congregational
Society, in middle of volume.
Charles Lane, Daybook (January 1845–June 1854), Vol. 8.
Shoemaking business for whole period in front of volume;
daybook for store, 1845–1849, in latter part.
Charles Lane, Daybook (January 1852–December 1853), Vol. 9.
Accounts for store only in this and volumes following.
Charles Lane, Daybook (January 1854–December 1855), Vol. 10.

Box Folder Description

- 6 Charles Lane, Daybook (January 1856–December 1857), Vol. 11.
Charles Lane, Daybook (January 1858–May 1859), Vol. 12.
Charles Lane, Daybook (May 1859–May 1860), Vol. 13.
Charles Lane, Daybook (June 1860–August 1861), Vol. 14.

Series II. Lane Family Papers, 1737-1924

Extent: 6 boxes

Scope and Content Note: The Lane Family papers, 1737-1924, contain papers related to Samuel Lane (1718-1806), Jabez Lane (1760-1810), Ebenezer Lane (1771-1842), George Lane (1791-1883), Edmund James Lane (1802-1884), and miscellaneous other family members. For the most part, the papers are grouped according to the creator and then organized chronologically. Types of materials in the second series include genealogical materials, diaries and journals, accounts, legal documents, correspondence, and other personal papers.

Box	Folder	Description
1	1	Printed Genealogical Sources, Part A. A list of descendants of Job Lane, Wm. Lane. Sections from Rev. Jacob Chapman and Lane Genealogies, Vol. 1, including brief biographical sketches; "William Lane of Boston. 1650."
1	2	Printed Genealogical Sources, Part B. Sections from articles about Samuel Lane family and genealogical records.
1	3	Genealogical Notes from Newspaper Clippings in Scrapbook (n.d.). Copies of clippings of Lane family genealogical material.
1	4	Genealogy – Joshua (1696–1766).
1	5	Genealogy – Rachel Parsons Colcord, Second Wife of Samuel Lane.
1	6	Genealogy – Samuel, Joshua, Jabez – sons of Samuel and Mary James Lane.
1	7	Genealogy – Mary Crockett, Susanna Clark, Sarah Thompson, Martha Boardman, Bathsheba Clark – daughters of Samuel and Mary.
1	8	Genealogy – Mary m. Jabez James (sister of Samuel Lane).
1	9	Hampton Matters Figuring in Samuel Lanes Life. Samuel Palmer, John Tuck, military service, Young Men's Society.
1	10	Lane Homestead – History of Transfers of the Property, 1741–1955.
1	11	Paine Wingate – Biographical Information.
1	12	William Lane (1659–1749) – Boston and Hampton. One photocopy deed, 1761. One early transcription of 1762 original.

Box	Folder	Description
2		<i>Samuel Lane's Journal, 1739–1747</i> , one volume. Bound journal with 106 pages of original material, (<i>Note</i> : This is the combination of two digests referred to in the preface of the printed edition <i>A Journal for the Years 1739–1799</i> by Samuel Lane, edited by Charles Lane Hanson, 1937. [NHHS Library])
2	env. 2–24	Samuel Lane Diaries, 1737–1801. (<i>Note</i> : These are microfilmed on NH State Archives roll #A347; NHHS roll FS-#322.)
2	env. 25	Extracts from the Diary of Samuel Lane, 1737–1801.

Box	Folder	Description
3		Samuel Lane (1718–1806)
3	1	Correspondence, 1745–1796. Letters, 2 originals, 5 copies. Photocopy of a draft letter to Capt. Wiggin

- copied from S.L. diary, 1745; 4 typed transcripts of letters from Paine Wingate to S.L., 1780–1790; Northampton Church, Stratham Church (1785); S.L. to Ebenezer Lane (1796).
- 3 2 Writings, 1739–1762.
Confessions of sins at age 21 (1739); account of persons who have died (1741–1820); lessons and sermon notes (1745–47); account of 307 books S.L. purchased in his lifetime.
- 3 3 Writings, 1776–1800.
Petition to the Congress at Exeter (1776); thoughts on Thanksgiving Day (1793); list of persons admitted to the church (1773–1800); Biblical notes; a record of some remarkables (1787); char of S. Lane's posterity (n.d.); years of the life of S. Lane (n.d.); notes from Messrs. Flaveln and Henry (n.d.).
- 3 4 Legal Documents, 1757–1787.
Boundary fencing dispute (1757–1766); Guardianship, Hanna daughter of John Thirston (1769).
- 3 5 Legal Documents, 1770–1793.
Purchases and sales of pews.
- 3 6 Legal Documents – Land Deeds, Agreements, Maps, 1741–1766.
- 3 7 Legal Documents – Deeds, 1768–1792.
- 3 8 Plans, (undated).
Land, woodlot, and house plans.
- 3 9 Wills & estates, 1789–1809.
Wills (1789, 1793, 1802, 1804). Receipts to S. Lane Estate (1807–1809).
- 3 10 Financial Documents, 1741–1793.
Agreements, daybook of debt and credit (1744), inventory of estate, notes, and payments.
- 3 11 Reminiscences (of Samuel Lane) by Contemporaries and Descendants, 1807–1883.
- 3 12 Richard Scammon – "An Old Diary" (ca. 1910).
Typescript and notes for his speech/article.
- 3 13 Richard Scammon – Background.
- 3 14 Copy of Samuel Lane's diary (undated and unknown hand). 1 volume.
- Jabez Lane (1760–1810)**
- 3 15 Diaries, 1789, 1791–1794, 1796–1800, 1802, 1804–1810 (18 (env. A–R) envelopes.) Also, an obituary from the *Portsmouth Oracle*.
- 3 16 Correspondence, 1788 and 1803.
- 3 17 Legal papers, 1784–1808. Deeds, land leases, including salt marsh deeds. Other names include George Lane, Enoch Moody Clarke Lane, Henry S. Lane, George Wingate.
- 3 18 Legal papers, 1797. Sawmill purchase from Josiah Little.
- 3 19 Receipts, 1804–1810.
- 3 20 Papers, building of Lane Homestead, 1807–1808.
- 3 21 Wills, obituaries, and estate papers, 1805–1837. Also, a "character" overview written by "P.W.", neighbor Payne Wingate.
- 3 22 Photocopies of silhouettes from the living-room at the Lane Homestead.
- Other Lane family members in order by date of birth.**
- 4 1a Jeremiah Lane, Journal recording deaths of Lane relations. "A Memorial ..." for the death of Joshua Lane (1766), and others (1749–1812). One volume.

		Ebenezer Lane (1771–1842)
4	1	Long memorandum, 1841; genealogical notes, 1842.
4	2	Correspondence, 1841–1842, 1851, 1856.
		George Lane (1791–1883)
4	3	Artillery Co., and misc., 1808–1814. Includes deaths in Stratham, 1817–1826.
4	4	Sawmill papers, 1807–1899. Includes George Wingate, Enoch Moody, Clarke Lane, and Henry S. Lane.
4	5	Stratham church papers, 1815–1867.
4	6	Receipts, 1817–1864. Household taxes, newspaper subscriptions.
4	7	Accounts, 1833–1852. One volume. (3 volumes in Box 4B.)
4	8	Wills, 1868.
4	9	Eunice Colcord Lane (1793–1836), wife of Jabez Lane. Papers, 1841, 1845, including chaise tax, accounts, carding receipt, deeds, and estate papers.
4	10	Charles Lane (1796–1839). Papers, 1818, 1855, re: woodlot and accounts.
4	11	Andrew Colcord Lane (1799–1839). Papers, 1824–1833. Mostly accounts and receipts.
		Edmund James Lane, 1802–1884
4	12	Correspondence, 1839–1885. Largely genealogical.
4	13	Legal papers, 1825–1878. Includes will and household inventories.
4	14	Circulating library and bookstore business, ca. 1832–1840.
4	15	Receipts and accounts, 1830–1889.
4	16	Household accounts, 1834–1855. One volume.
4	17	Accounts, 1830–1858. Personal, house, clothing, wood, garden, and store in Varney's block. One volume.
4	18	Town treasurer and Council papers, 1865–1874.
4	19	Lane genealogy notes.
4	20	Miscellaneous. Includes church materials.
4	21	Printed matter. Includes photocopies.
4	22	Printed matter.

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		George Lane, 1791–1883.
5		Accounts, 1835–1878, 1823–1833, 1832–1852. 3 volumes. Includes information about Irish servant Bridget MacDonald.

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6	1	Lucy Lane (1805–1844). Papers, 1841, 1845. Includes household inventory, 1845.
6	2	Amanda M. Lane (d. 1909). Papers, 1892–1909 Photocopy of image, 1904 journal, will, and poetry booklet.
6	3	Olivia Lane (1825–1905). Papers, 1890.

- 6 4 John William Lane (1827–1911). Includes biography, copies of images, graduation printed matter, and printed discourse (1860).
- 6 4 John William Lane (1827–1911). Journal (Nov. 1849–1850). One volume.
- 6 5 Charles E. Lane (1837–1868). Autograph book, 1860–1861. Mostly at Philips Andover Academy. One volume.
- 6 6 Henry Lane (1831–1899). Papers, including will of Ezra Barker (1895) and other legal papers.
- 6 7 Edmund Barker Lane (1837–1924). Papers, includes copy of images, lumber accounts, estate inventory (1924), and will (1924).
- 6 8 Mary Haynes Lane (1841–1922). Includes memories of childhood and some genealogical notes.
- 6 9 Abby Frances Lane (1846–1925). Papers re New Hampshire Historical Society, church, and news clippings. Also, a will and some images.
- 6 10 Anna Mathes Lane (1871–1932). Papers including correspondence, re personal business and possessions. Estate and trust papers.
- 6 11 Wallace Lane (1876–1946). Papers include images, printed matter re legal cases, photocopies of newspaper articles, business re estate matters and Stratham cemetery.
- 6 12 Esther Haynes Lane (1902–1978). Copies of photographs.

Miscellaneous

- 6 13 Lane woodlot on Walnut Hill, Stratham. Includes deed (1899) and notes of woodlot division (1922).
- 6 14 Capt. John French. Two receipts (1858) from Swampscott Machine and Newmarket Iron Foundry.
- 6 15 Miscellaneous printed matter as follows.
 1745. "A Letter from Two Neighboring Associations of Ministers in the Country."
 July 1766. "A Memorial and Tear of Lamentation."
 1774. Newspaper clippings from the New Hampshire Gazette.
 June 1775. Photocopy of "General Gage's Manifesto, or Proclamation."
 1793. Photocopy of "A Funeral Poem on the death of Polly Clark."
 July 1804. "An Address to the Electors of New Hampshire."
 1815. "Discourse Delivered at the Funeral of Mrs. Martha Mathes, Durham, NH."
 1853. Photocopy of "Receipts and Expenditures of the Town of Dover."
 1876. Photocopy of "Manual of the First Church, Dover, N.H."
 Various photocopies of early newspaper clippings.

Separated Materials:

Some materials have been removed and placed in oversize storage and can be located with oversize manuscripts in the folder entitled "Lane Family Papers M 1991.095."

Subject terms:

Corporations:

- Swampscott Machine
- Newmarket Iron

Locations:

- Hampton, NH
- Bow, NH
- Newfields, NH
- Holderness, NH
- Stratham, NH

People:

- Lane, Charles, 1796-1884
- Lane, Isaiah, 1730-1815
- Lane, Jabez, 1760-1810
- Lane, Joshua, 1696-1766
- Lane, Samuel, 1718-1806
- Wentworth, Benning, 1696-1770
- Wingate, Paine, 1739-1838
- Lane, Ebenezer, 1771-1842
- Scammon, Richard
- Lane, George, 1791-1883
- Lane, Eunice Colcord, 1793-1836
- Lane, Andrew Colcord, 1799-1839
- Lane, Edmund James, 1802-1884
- Lane, Lucy, 1805-1844
- Lane, Amanda M., 1823-1907
- Lane, Olivia, 1825-1905
- Lane, John William, 1827-1911
- Lane, Charles E., 1837-1868
- Lane, Henry, 1831-1899
- Lane, Edmund Barker, 1837-1924
- Lane, Mary Haynes, 1841-1922
- Lane, Abby Francis, 1846-1925
- Lane, Anne Mathes, 1871-1932
- Lane, Wallace, 1876-1946
- Lane, Esther Haynes, 1902-1978

Related Materials

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