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SABINE, LORENZO (1803-1877)
PAPERS, 1821-1870
ca. 812 Items, 4 Boxes

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Lorenzo Sabine was born in Lisbon, NH. He was the son of Elijah R. Sabin (sic), a Methodist clergyman, and Ann Clark, daughter of John Clark. His father died when he was fifteen years old and he left school to help support himself and assist his mother and five younger brothers and sisters.

In 1821 he moved to Eastport, Maine and found a job as a clerk. After a short time he left to try his own business, but was bankrupt within a year. He then went back to clerking again, this time with the Passamoquoddy Bank but left again to try business on his own. During the next fifteen years he was involved in several types of business activities which apparently included owning and building vessels, supplying fishermen, and dealing in molasses and codfish. He also found time to serve in the Maine House of Representatives in 1834-35; serve as Deputy Commissioner of Customs, and edit the Eastport Sentinel.

During this period in Eastport he was very active in the founding and activities of the Eastport Lyceum, a forum for study and improvement for local working men. This forum gave him the basis for researching many topics that later became major historical works or articles in journals such as North American Review. In 1847 he published the volume "The American Loyalists or Biographical Sketches of Adherents to the British Crown in the War of the Revolution" which he enlarged in 1864 under the title "Biographical Sketches of Loyalists". 1847 also saw the publication of "Life of Commodore Edward Preble" as part of Jared Spark's American Biography Series. See the article about Sabine in the Dictionary of American Biography v. XVI for fuller information on his life and his publications.

A number of his journal articles concerned the fisheries industry and in 1851 he went to Washington and worked for a year on a report for the Department of the Treasury entitled "Report on the Principal Fisheries of the American Seas".

After his move to Framingham, Massachusetts in 1848, he was elected as a Whig to complete the term of Benjamin Thompson and served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Dec. 12, 1852-March 3, 1853. In 1857 he became secretary to the Boston Board of Trade and remained in that position for ten years. He also continued his historical research and publishing.

Sabine was married three times, as follows: Nov. 20, 1825 to Matilda F. Green; July 13, 1829 to Abby R.D. Deering; and Sept. 17, 1837 to Elizabeth M. Deering. Only one of his five children survived him.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

These papers were given to the New Hampshire Historical Society by Lorenzo Sabine and received by NHHS in 1904 after the death of his widow. They have been removed from the original volumes in which they were bound, for conservation reasons but have been left in the same arrangement and order as received. For detail see the outline below.

OUTLINE OF ARRANGEMENT

- Volume 1: Private business
Contracts to publish & business partnership agreements (13 items)
- Volume 2: Newspaper articles and manuscripts Part 1
Topics include fisheries, abolition of the death penalty, temperance, etc. (29 items)
- Volume 3: State offices
Report to Maine Legislature on Capital Punishment, Commissions as Justice of the Peace
Notary Public, etc. (11 items)
- Volume 4: Business trusts (53 items)
- Volume 5: Literary Preferments
Honorary degrees, honorary memberships in historical organizations, invitations to lecture (37 items)
- Volume 6: Offices under the U.S. (129 items)
- Volume 7: Criticisms on "Am. Loyalists"
In newspapers, journals, and Congressional Globe (24 items)
- Volume 8: War of Secession, Corres. Apr-Jly 1861 (18 items)
- Volume 9: Newspaper articles & manuscripts Part 2
Topics include Indians in the Revolution, slavery, Colonial Governors, etc. (24 items)
- Volume 10: Selected Letters A-C (78 items)
- Volume 11: Selected Letters D-H (95 items)
- Volume 12: Selected Letters I-P (99 items)
- Volume 13: Selected Letters R-S (128 items)
- Volume 14: Selected Letters T-Z (74 items)

DETAILED INVENTORY OF ARRANGEMENT

Volume 1: Private business

- Box 1, fld 1 Copartnership, Henry T. Emery and Lorenzo Sabine, formed Oct 18, 1823, dissolved Nov. 3, 1824 (1 item)
- fld 2 Copartnership, Jacob Shackford & LS, formed Jan 16, 1826, dissolved Mar 3, 1827 (1 item)
- fld 3 Copartnership William Shackford, Darius Pearce, Jacob Shackford & LS & William A. Sabine 1831, 1832 dissolved in 1833 (1 item)
- fld 4 Copartnership LS & Frances M. Sabine formed Jan 1835, dissolved Aug 3, 1835 (1 item)
- fld 5 American Loyalists, contract Little & Brown, Co. Dec 14, 1846, Oct 2, 1863 (6 items)
- fld 6 Duels & duelling, contract Crosby Nichols, Co. August 1854 (3 items)

Volume 2: Newspaper articles and Manuscripts, Part 1

- Box 1, fld 7 "New Woody? Forum" Eastport, 1821 (1 item, 8 pages)
- fld 8 "Defense of the Militia system", 1831 (1 item, 20 pages)
- fld 9 "Abolition of the punishment of death", 1832 (1 item, 35 pages)
- fld 10 Report, Oct 7, 1832 "Fisheries as a source of Wealth" (1 item, 33 pages)
- fld 11 Independence Day speech, July 4, 1833 (1 item, 26 pages)
- fld 12 Temperance speech, Union Club, Eastport, (1 item, 18 pages)
- fld 13 "Punishment of death" 1833/34 (1 item, 34 pages)
- fld 14 Lecture on currency, March 28, 1834 (1 item, 36 pages)
- fld 15 First Lyceum lecture abroad, Bangor, Merchants & business influence in causing the American Revolution (1 item, 70 pages)
- fld 16 Newspaper articles: Whig nomination 1837; Colonial trade 1841; As it was & is 1847; Mr. Goodwin's Lyceum lecture 1847; Suit for libel in America; Old sciences, 1848; Past & present of the American People, 1848; Jared Sparks, 1848; Outrage upon the American Flag, 1848; Notice of my letters in Home Journal; 1848; American Loyalists controversy with Cooper, the Novelist, (19 items)
- fld 17 Lyceum lecture "Knowledge", 1835 (1 item, 30 Pages)

Volume 3: State Offices

- Box 1, fld 18 Abolition of Capital Punishment, Report to
Maine State Legislature, 1835 (1 item)
fld 19 Commission as JP, 1835 & 1842; Militia
discharge, 1839 (3 items)
fld 20 Comm. Notary Public, 1839; JP 1850 & 1853;
Trial Justice, 1850 (4 items)
fld 21 Comm. Notary Public, 1857; JP, 1857 & 1860
(3 items)

Volume 4: Business Trusts

- Box 1, fld 22 Framingham Savings Bank, 1850-1853 (8 items)
fld 23 Framingham Savings Bk, 1854-1858 (13 items)
fld 24 Estate of Joseph Coney, 1834; Sally B.
Peavey, 1834; Solomon Rice, 1848-1849
Retirement, Frontier Bank, 1849 (5 items)
fld 25 Estate of Frederick Wheeler, 1857; Eunice
Deering, 1864 (7 items)
fld 26 Boston, Board of Trade, 1857-1867 (20 items)

Volume 5: Literary Preferments

- Box 2, fld 1 Valedictory as editor of "Eastport Sentinel"
1834; Fellow Amer Hist Assn, 1845; Invite
to Bangor, 1846; Member NE Hist Gen Soc,
1846 (8 items)
fld 2 Honorary Degree, Bowdoin College, 1846;
Maine Hist Soc Member, 1846; Invite. to
Salem, 1847; Beverly, 1846; Newbury Port,
1857 (7 items)
fld 3 Invite. to Danvers, 1846; Pennsylvania Hist
Soc, 1847; Harvard Univ. Honorary Diploma,
1848; ALS Henry A. Miles Rev., 1849; NY
Hist Soc, 1850; Invite. to Grafton, 1850
(6 items)
fld 4 Letter from Mass. Colonization Soc., 1852;
State Hist Soc of Wisc, 1854; Mass Hist
Soc, 1854 Member & Diploma; Amer Hist
Assn, 1857; Roxbury Mechanics Instit.,
1859; NE Hist Gen Soc. 1859 (7 items)
fld 5 NE Hist Gen Soc Diploma & Invite. to
address, 1859; Soc for Prop. the Gospel
among the Indians, 1860; Phi Beta Kappa,
1860; Maine Hist Soc, 1870; Western
Reserve Hist Soc, 1870 (6 items)
fld 6 Misc. found loose in volume: Address of Gov.
Washburn to Maine State Legislature,
printed copy, 1861; ALS Edward Everett,
1848 (3 items)

Volume 6: Offices under the United States

- Box 2, fld 7 Inspector & Collector of Customs,
Passamaquoddy, Maine 1841; Agent U.S.
Treasury Dept, 1842; Customs House Boston,
1851-1852 (21 items)
- fld 8 Member, 35th Congress, 1852 (13 items)
- fld 9 Member, 35th Congress, 1851-1853 (14 items)
- fld 10 Member, 35th Congress, 1853 (11 items)
- fld 11 Member, 35th Congress, 1853-1855 (15 items)
- fld 12 Member, 35th Congress, 1855-1858 (10 items)
- fld 13 West Point, Appt. of Cadets, 1853 (41 items)
- fld 14 Appt Commissioner of Exports & Imports,
1863; Executive Committee Meeting Fanueil
Hall, 1859, sentiments of North & South;
Appt Commissioner of Fisheries (in Vault,
signed by A. Lincoln) (4 items)

Volume 7: Criticisms on "American Loyalists"

- Box 2, fld 15 Printed in the Christian Examiner,
July, 1847 (1 item, 41 pages)
- fld 16 Newspapers, 1847 Controversy with
Cooper the Novelist (7 items)
- fld 17 Printed in Southern Quarterly Review, 1848
(1 item, ca 140 pages)
- fld 18 Reference to Amer. Loyal. in U.S. Senate,
1857 Printed in Congressional Globe
(1 item, ca. 80 pages)
- fld 19 Gilman Simms to LS, ALS, 1856 (2 items)
- fld 20 Newspapers, 1864 (12 items)

Volume 8: War of Secession

- Box 2, fld 21 Correspondence April, 1861 to Hannibal
Hamlin; Gov. Washburn of Maine; Gov.
Andrew of Massach.; Gov. Goodwin of NH
(10 items)
- fld 22 Correspondence, Apr-July, 1861 to Sec of
State W.H. Seward, Gov. Andrew, and
re Mass. Soldiers Fund. (8 items)

Volume 9: Newspaper articles and Manuscripts, since my removal to Massachusetts, in 1849

Box 3, fld 1 Lecture, Colonial Governors of Plymouth & Massachusetts, (1 item ca. 43 pages)

fld 2 Newspaper articles including: 1851 Our Public Lands in Maine; 1851 Committee on Swine (11 items)

fld 3 Lecture, Slavery, 1850 (1 item ca. 46 pages)

fld 4 Address, Some facts in my personal history, but nearly all nonsense, 1851 (1 item, ca 16 pages)

fld 5 News articles including: Indians in the Revolutionary War, 1851; Ordinance of 1787, 1850; Stray leaves from Margaret Smith's Journal (3 items)

fld 6 Lecture, Gold, undated (1 item ca. 37 pages)

fld 7 Report to the Sec. of the Treasury, July 1852 concerning the lumber business in the upper St. John Valley & the Treaty of Washington (1 item ca. 46 pages)

fld 8 Nonsense, Committee on Swine, 1852 and Cattle show, 1853 (2 items)

fld 9 Lecture, Woman in Politics, 1857? (1 item ca. 29 pages)

fld 10 Town of Framingham, Report of Committee on Schools, 1856 (1 item, 6 pages)

fld 11 Whig party Convention, Charlestown, MA, Chairman's remarks, 1853 (1 item, 11 pages)

Volume 10: Selected Letters, A-C (see Correspondent list following)

Box 3, fld 12 Letters, A & B, 1852-1867 (17 items)

fld 13 Letters, Bowen, 1843-1844 (15 items)

fld 14 Letters, Bowen, 1845-1857 (17 items)

fld 15 Letters, B, 1853-1864 (16 items)

fld 16 Letters, A & C, 1851-1870 (13 items)

Volume 11: Selected Letters, D-H

Box 3, fld 17 Letters, D, 1845-1870 (17 items)

fld 18 Letters, E, 1847-1859 (20 items)

fld 19 Letters, F, 1846-1855 (10 items)

fld 20 Letters, G, 1853-1864 (18 items)

fld 21-22 Letters, H, 1843-1865 (30 items)

Volume 12: Selected Letters, I-P

Box 4, fld 1 Letters, I-L, 1852-1863 (13 items)
fld 2 Letters, M-O, 1848-1857 (7 items)
fld 3 Letters, Palfrey, 1852-1857 (23 items)
fld 4 Letters, Peabody, 1853-1856 (11 items)
fld 5 Letters, Pennington, 1854 (5 items)
fld 6 Letters, Poor, 1852-1870 (9 items)
fld 7 Letters, Preble, 1846-1858 (10 items)
fld 8 Letters, Prince, 1846-1862 (11 items)
fld 9 Letters, P, 1846-1870 (10 items)

Volume 13: Selected Letters, Q-S

Box 4, fld 10 Letters, Q-R ca. 1845-1859 (16 items)
fld 11 Letters, R ca. 1860-1864 (20 items)
fld 12 Letters, R ca. 1865-1870 & S (22 items)
fld 13 Letters, S cont. 1845-1870 (19 items)
fld 14 Letters, S cont. (19 items)
fld 15 Letters, S cont. (18 items)
fld 16 Letters, S cont. (14 items)

Volume 14: Selected Letters, T-Z

Box 4, fld 17 Letters, Thornton, 1847-1857 (6 items)
fld 18 Letters, Train, 1853-1868 (15 items)
fld 19 Letters, T, 1840-1857 (3 items)
fld 20 Letters, Upham, 1853 (1 item)
fld 21 Letters, Washburn, 1853-1854 (7 items)
fld 22 Letters, Wentworth, 1850-1854 (10 items)
fld 23 Letters, White, 1847-1853 (6 items)
fld 24 Letters, Winthrop, 1853-1862 (6 items)
fld 25 Letters, W, 1864-1870 (20 items)

CORRESPONDENTS LIST

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NOTE: Correspondence was left in the order it had been glued and sewn into bound volumes. It appears to be generally alphabetical and then by date, however there are a number of exceptions, so look through all folders in a section (eg. A-C) If there was only one letter it is not indicated, multiple letters are shown in parentheses after the name.

Correspondents A-C

Box 3, fld 12
 Adams, John
 Adams, Charles Francis (3)
 Alley, J.E.
 Ames, Seth
 Anderson, H.J.
 Appleton, William (2)
 Allibone?, S. Austin
 Abbott, J.S.
 Aspinwall, Thomas
 Browne, A.G. (2)

Box 3, fld 13-14
 Bowen Francis (total of 32)

Box 3, fld 15
 Bullfinch, Thomas
 Brooks, Kendall
 Bell, Luther V. (2)
 Brown, Simon (2)
 Bigelow, George Tyler (3)
 Boutwell, G.S. (2)
 Balch, Moses & Thomas (2)
 Broadhead, John M.
 Bowen, C.J.
 Blatchford, Jonathen S.

Box 3, fld 16
 Colebrook, William
 Andrews, J.D.
 Cushing, Caleb
 Cushman, Henry
 Chichering, Jesse
 Colt, John D. (2)
 Cutts, Richard D.
 Appleton, J.
 Clifford, John H. Gov.
 Cony, Samuel Gov.
 Cabot, William P. (2)

Correspondents D-H

Box 3, fld 17
 Davies, Charles S.
 de Peyster, Gen. (2)
 Dawes, Henry L. (2)
 Dirby, E.H.
 Dawson, Henry B. (9)
 Deane, Charles (3)

Box 3, fld 18
 Ellis, George E. (9)
 Ellit, E.F.
 Everett, Edward (7)
 Edmands, J. Wiley
 Elliot, T.D.
 Eaton, Cyrus

Box 3, fld 19
 Fairfield, John
 Fuller, T.F.D.
 Foster, S.C.
 Felton, C.C. (5)
 Foster, Dwight

Box 3, fld 20
 Greene, Geo. W. (3)
 Gardner, Henry (4)
 Gordon, George H.
 Gardiner, Robert H (5)
 Greene, Charles G.
 Grant, S. Hastings
 Gaston, William
 Greenough, C.
 Gray, William

Box 3, fld 21-22
 Hale, Edawrd E. (2)
 Haswell? Charles C. (3)
 Hoar, E. Rockwell
 Hillard, Geo. S. (4)
 Haven, S.G. (2)
 Hamlin, H.
 Howe, Joseph (9)
 Howe, Sydenham
 Henry, Joseph

Correspondents D-H (Cont.)

Box 3, fld 21-22

Correspondents I-P

Box 4, fld 1

Ingraham, Edw. D. (2)

Jewell, Harvey (2)

Kennick, Wm

Longfellow, Henry W.

Lincoln, Johnson?

Lanman, Charles (2)

Lindsay, W.S.

Lincoln, F.W. Jr.

Lousada, Marquis

Lossing, Benson?

Box 4, fld 2

Morris & Willis

Morris, Charles

Merriam, George

Noyes, G.R. (2)

Newell, Wm

Otis, Harrison Gray

Box 4

fld 3 Palfrey, John G. (23)

fld 4 Peabody, A.P. (11)

fld 5 Pennington, Henry (5)

fld 6 Poor, John A. (9)

fld 7 Preble, George H. (9)

Preble, Edward

fld 8 Prince, Henry (11)

Box 4, fld 9

Parsons, Usher (5)

Preston, Hattie W.

Phillips, Wendell

Perley, M.R. (3)

Holt, C.G. (6)

Hale, Charles

Harper Brothers

Hooper, Samuel

Hedge, Rev. Fred. (4)

Correspondents Q-R

Box 4, fld 10-11

Quincy, E.S.

Ray, Isaac (54)

Staigg, Rick M.

Box 4, fld 12-13

Ray, Isaac (8)

Rice, Alex H. (7)

Reed, William B. (2)

Rockwell, Julius

Russell, Edward

Box 4, fld 14

Severence, Luther (2)

Sparks, Jared (16)

Box 4, fld 15

Sibley, John (4)

Saunders, John S. (2)

Sargent, L.M. (4)

Stetson, Charles

Sanger, George P.

Sleeper, John S.

Sargent, Wm T. (3)

Sowchan?, M. French Consul (3)

Box 4, fld 16

Sargent, W. (8)

Shakespeare, Edw. O.

Shircliff, Nath. B.

Sprague, W.B. (4)

Correspondents T-Z

Box 4
fld 17 Thornton, J. Wingate (6)
fld 18 Train, Charles R. (15)
fld 19 Thatcher, James
Tuck, Amos
Toucey, Isaac
fld 20 Upham, Charles W.
fld 21 Washburn, Isreal Jr. (7)
fld 22 Wentworth, John (3)
Wentworth, Tappan (7)
fld 23 White, Daniel A. (6)
fld 24 Winthrop, Robert C. (6)

Correspondents T-Z

Box 4, fld 25
Ward, Elijah
Whitehead, W.A. (3)
Willis, William (2)
Washburn, Emery
Walley, Samuel H. (4)

Box 4, fld 26
Wilder, Marshall D. (4)
Walker, James
Whiting, E.
Wilson, Henry
Whitemore, W.H.
Wheeler, Edw. S.

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Slavery	Maine (State), Eastport
Women	Everett, Edward
Temperance	Massachusetts
Indians	Loyalists
Massachusetts (State), Framingham	
Revolutionary War	Duels & duelling
Occ-historian	Occ-Author
Occ-Justice of the Peace	Capital punishment
Fisheries	Money/currency
Politics-Whig party	Lincoln, Abraham, signature
Civil War	West Point
U.S. Congress, House	