



Guide to the White Family Papers, 1777-1992, bulk 1840-1880

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Nathaniel (1811-1880) and Armenia S. White (1817-1916)

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

Two 5 inch and one 2.5 inch document cases, approximately 1 linear foot, plus 6 oversized items.

Abstract:

The White Family papers are composed of correspondence, receipts, bills, deeds, ephemera, membership certificates, broadsides, playbills and a few photographs related to the White Family, primarily of Concord, NH. Nathaniel White was a business man with wide commercial interests, including railroads and express companies, hotels (among other establishments, he owned the Eagle Hotel in Concord, NH) and agriculture. Both he and his wife corresponded with suffragists Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton as well as abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison; they also supported the temperance movement. The collection contains this correspondence as well as items related to their financial interests. The collection also contains a few items of other family

members and of Armenia and Nathaniel's descendants, including some genealogical material.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

Gift of Lucy Hawkes Winship in 2014.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in September, 2014. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in October, 2014 and edited by Korrena Cowing in February, 2016. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Available for research. The collection is digitized and available on the internet.

Location:

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

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

The collection is paper based. Some items are fragile and have been placed in acid-free sleeves. It has been digitized and is available on the internet.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information

Nathaniel White (1811-1880) was born in Lancaster, NH, but moved to Concord, NH, early in his life. He was a businessman, legislator, and philanthropist with interests in railroads, express companies, stage routes, manufacturing, agriculture, and hotels. He married Armenia Aldrich White (1817-1916), with whom he lived on a 400 acre farm in Concord, NH, called White Farm. White Farm served as an Underground Railroad station prior to emancipation. Both Nathaniel and Armenia were interested in abolition, temperance, and women's suffrage. Armenia was the first President of the New Hampshire Woman Suffrage Association and co-authored the call for women suffrage convention held at the Eagle Hotel in Concord in 1868. Nathaniel and Armenia actively gave to charitable causes and took part in local, state, and national affairs. Some of their charitable causes include the White Memorial Universalist Church (renamed for the White family in 1885) and the centennial Home for the Aged, both in Concord, and the

Orphans Home in Franklin, NH. After the death of Nathaniel, Armenia donated the land that would become White Park to the City of Concord.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The White Family papers are composed of correspondence, receipts, bills, deeds, ephemera, membership certificates, broadsides and handbills, and a few photographs related to Nathaniel and Armenia White. There is correspondence from William Lloyd Garrison, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Parker Pillsbury, Mary Livermore, and Wendell Phillips about abolition, women's suffrage, and the temperance movement. The financial papers mostly document Nathaniel White's real estate and railroad/express route interests. Ephemera in the collection include playbills, programs, broadsides, and advertisements, primarily for events happening in Concord, NH. Family and genealogical materials consists of manuscript genealogical lists, printed information about the White Family and the White Farm, and information about descendants Stephen and Rose Winship. Except for some early (1840's to 50's) letters from Armenia White's sister and mother-in-law, the collection contains very little personal correspondence among family members.

Arrangement:

Materials are arranged in chronological order within the following series:

Series I. Correspondence. Armenia White, followed by Nathaniel White, then letters to both. Box 1, folders 1-30

Series II. Financial Papers: bills and receipts; deeds and legal documents; payroll; waybills. Box 1, folders 31-39; Box 2, folders 1-15

Series III. Ephemera and Bound Materials: bound volume; handbills and programs; pamphlets. Box 2, folders 16-25

Series IV. Photographs. Box 3, folders 1-2

Series V. Family and Genealogical Materials. Box 3, folders 3-8

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 0 Accession and collection information

Series I: Correspondence, 1777-1913

Extent: 30 folders

Scope and Content: Series one contains correspondence of the White family from 1777 to 1913. Early correspondence dates from ancestors of the White family including Nathaniel White's father, Samuel White. The correspondence is then organized by correspondent with Armenia White's correspondence first, followed by Nathaniel White, with both Whites coming last. The subjects of the letters cover a range of topics from family and business matters to religious and social movements. Most notably are letters from Parker Pillsbury, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and William Lloyd Garrison. These notable correspondents are noted in the folder listing.

Folder 1 [Moses Hazen? Jas. Binden?], 1777-1782

Folder 2 Samuel White, 1844-1846

Folder 3 Armenia S. White, 1837-1839 [from family]

Folder 4 Armenia S. White, 1840-1841 [from family]

Folder 5	Armenia S. White, 1842-1843 [from family]
Folder 6	Armenia S. White, 1844-1845 [from family]
Folder 7	Armenia S. White, 1856-1859 [from family and Parker Pillsbury]
Folder 8	Armenia S. White, 1866, 1868-1869 [from Parker Pillsbury, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Mary Livermore]
Folder 9	Armenia S. White, 1870-1874 [from Julia Ward Howe, Mary Livermore, Lucy Stone]
Folder 10	Armenia S. White, 1875-1879 [from Susan B. Anthony, Mary Livermore, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, A.B. Blackwell]
Folder 11	Armenia S. White, 1880-1883 [from Mary Livermore, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Wendell Phillips, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lorenza Haynes]
Folder 12	Armenia S. White, 1885-1889 [from Susan B. Anthony, Frances Willard, Henry Blackwell, Mary S. Anthony, Alice Stone Blackwell]
Folder 13	Armenia S. White, 1890-1899 [from Susan B. Anthony]
Folder 14	Armenia S. White, 1900-1913 [from family, Susan B. Anthony]
Folder 15	Armenia S. White, undated [from Mary Livermore, Susan B. Anthony]
Folder 16	Nathaniel White, 1841 [to Armenia]
Folder 17	Nathaniel White, 1852
Folder 18	Nathaniel White, 1864-1869 [from daughter Lizzie, Parker Pillsbury, George Thompson, various Dartmouth College officials]
Folder 19	Nathaniel White, 1870-1873
Folder 20	Nathaniel White, 1874 [from Ossian Ray]
Folder 21	Nathaniel White, 1875-1877 [re possibility of RR to Profile House]
Folder 22	Nathaniel White, 1878 [re Profile House, Fabyan House]
Folder 23	Nathaniel White, 1879-1880 [Profile House, RR]
Folder 24	[Nathaniel White] to John White, Nathaniel's son, 1880-1888 [re Nathaniel's business]
Folder 25	Nathaniel White, undated
Folder 26	Nathaniel and Armenia White, 1846-1847 [from family]
Folder 27	Nathaniel and Armenia White, 1852-1855 [from family]
Folder 28	Nathaniel and Armenia White, 1863-1869 [group letter to John C. Fremont]
Folder 29	Nathaniel and Armenia White, 1870-1876 [from Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone]
Folder 30	Empty envelopes, undated

Series II: Financial Papers, 1793-1917

Extent: 24 folders

Scope and Content: The financial papers of the White family mostly originate from Nathaniel White's business, political, and social activities. The first section of bills and receipts concern Nathaniel White's activities with the Eagle Coffee House, which became the Eagle Hotel. The Eagle Hotel was a popular political and social meeting place, which was frequently a stop on many stage routes. There are also financial papers from different aspects of Nathaniel's railroad and stage route interests. There are also deeds and legal documents concerning the White family's estate and business holdings. Other

miscellaneous financial papers include payroll from the Sunapee Lake Hotel and some waybills.

Folder 31	Bills and receipts, 1844-1848 [and correspondence re mother's pension]
Folder 32	Bills and receipts, 1850-1852 [Eagle Coffee House]
Folder 33	Bills and receipts, 1853 [Eagle Hotel]
Folder 34	Bills and receipts, 1854 [Eagle Hotel]
Folder 35	Bills and receipts, 1855 [Eagle Coffee House, Eagle Hotel]
Folder 36	Bills and receipts, 1856 [Eagle Hotel]
Folder 37	Bills and receipts, 1857 [Eagle Hotel]
Folder 38	Bills and receipts, 1858-1859 [various, including Eagle Hotel]
Folder 39	Bills and receipts, 1860-1869 [various, including Eagle Hotel]

Box 2

Series II: Financial Papers, continued

Folder 1	Bills and receipts, 1870-1875 [various, including Profile House and Flume Bridge]
Folder 2	Bills and receipts, 1876-1878 [various, including Profile and Franconia Notch RR]
Folder 3	Bills and receipts, 1879 [various, including purchase of sleigh for Nathaniel White by grateful employees]
Folder 4	Bills and receipts, 1880-1889 [various]
Folder 5	Bills and receipts, "Upton St. Boston" 1871-1883 [re real estate. Includes deed]
Folder 6	Bills and receipts, 1896-1899 [includes some financial correspondence]
Folder 7	Bills and receipts, 1900-1917, undated
Folder 8	Deeds and legal documents, 1793-1837
Folder 9	Deeds and legal documents, 1850-1852
Folder 10	Deeds and legal documents, 1862-1868
Folder 11	Deeds and legal documents, 1871-1877
Folder 12	Deeds and legal documents, 1886-1889
Folder 13	Payroll, undated [for work on foundation of Sunapee Lake Hotel]
Folder 14	Waybills, 1842-1845 Concord, New-London and Hanover, 1842-43 Hopkinton, New-London and Hanover, 1842 Old Mail Pilot Line, 1842-1845
Folder 15	Empty envelope "Bills Paid from Jany 1869 to July 1869"

Series III: Ephemera and Bound Materials, 1817-1927 [see also oversize]

Extent: 10 folders and 6 oversize documents

Scope and Content: The ephemera and bound materials contain various items that belonged to the White family concerning their social and political activities as well as a printed copy of *In Memory of Nathaniel White*, a biography and memorial to Nathaniel White. This series contains some membership certificates and event programs. Pamphlets in this series concern social and religious movements and activities.

Folder 16	Bound volume. <i>In Memory of Nathaniel White</i> . Concord, NH: Republican Press Ass'n, 1881, 123 pp. "Printed for Private Presentation"
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- Folder 17 Certificates, memberships of Armenia White, 1872-1911
- Folder 18 Certificates, memberships of Nathaniel White, 1862-1876, undated
- Folder 19 Handbills and programs for Eagle Hall and White's Opera House, Concord, NH, 1866-1904, undated
- Folder 20 Handbills, programs, 1843-1927, undated [also post cards]
- Folder 21 Pamphlets, *Essays on Man in Four Epistles*, Alexander Pope. Concord, NH: Isaac Hill, 1817, on title page: "Armenia S. Aldrich from my father"
- Folder 22 Pamphlets, *Centennial Celebration, Town of Lancaster, NH*, July 4, 1864
- Folder 23 Pamphlets, *Rand McNally Vest Pocket Map of Vermont*. 1901 [paper brittle, stained, folded]
- Folder 24 Pamphlets, undated
 - Souvenir of White Mountains*, undated; Photogravure images
 - Souvenir of Concord NH*, undated; Photogravure images
- Folder 25 Pamphlets, *Beauty Don'ts for Lovely Woman*. New York: A.A. Vantine & Co, Orientalists, undated

Box 3

Series IV: Photographs, 1858-1940

Extent: 2 folders

Scope and Content: Series four contains photographs of Nathaniel and Armenia White as well as some of their descendants.

- Folder 1 Armenia and Nathaniel White, 1858. Label on paper on back of frame [frame removed]: "Property of Rose Winship. Grandma White wrote inside 'My dear husband is reading to me.'" Label on paper backing glass image: "Taken by Mr. Moore 1858. I am reading to my good husband. A.S. White." [stereograph image is on glass; glass is broken. Image has been placed in several layers of polyester sleeves, then in a stiff cardboard envelope.]
- Folder 2 Photographs, 1939-1940, undated
 - [Armenia White?] cabinet card, undated
 - "[illegible] at about 5 or 6 at 8 Pine St., Concord" [image of child with dog]
 - "Photo of painting of Rose Aldrich White Winship, painted 1939 or 1940 by her friend [blank] Foster, of Concord, NH."

Series V: Family and Genealogy Materials, 1866-1992

Extent: 6 folders

Scope and Content: The White family and genealogical materials consists of items from the descendants of Nathaniel and Armenia White as well as some early genealogical information for the family.

- Folder 3 Manuscript primary source information, 1866-1904, undated
 - 1866 'Short description of my husband's business life written by himself'
 - 1904 memo re an 'old fashioned spoon'
 - Undated genealogy of the Whites [list] 'In Armenia White hand'
 - Undated Emery Crest

- Folder 4 Manuscript correspondence, lists, 1914-1992
- Folder 5 Printed matter, 1976, undated
 - Undated *Concord Monitor* article about The White Family
 - Undated newspaper clipping reproducing a photograph of Steamer White on Sunapee Harbor
 - Pamphlet, *Underground Railroad in New England* published 1976 with a paragraph about the White Farm
- Folder 6 Rose Winship materials, 1950-1981, undated
 - 1950 passport
 - 1979-80 Music Club of Concord Yearbook
 - 1981 obituary and funeral services notice
 - Undated recipe for Salmon Mousse
- Folder 7 Stephen Winship materials, 1936-1987
 - 1936-1937 athletic letters certificates in baseball, football and hockey awarded by Concord Senior High School
 - 1987 announcement of 50th reunion of Concord High School class of 1937
 - 1987 invitation to the inauguration of James O. Freedman as President of Dartmouth College with note from Freedman
- Folder 8 Stephen Winship materials, 1937
 - 1937 Concord High School yearbook

Separated Material:

Oversized materials placed in folder in drawer 66

1. Modern photocopy of older print mounted on cardboard, Steamer *Armenia White* in Sunapee Harbor, c. 1910 [16x20"]
2. Broadside advertisement for "Walker & Co's Express," 1844 [on cardboard. 16x18"]
3. Broadside "Dedication of Eagle Hall, address by Wm. L. Garrison," 1863 [16x18 ½"]
4. Broadside "Grand National Jubilee in Boston," 1869 [20 ½x14"]
5. Broadside "Programme of Exercises, Centennial of Lancaster NH," 1864 [8x21 ½"]
6. Broadside "NH Agricultural Society Fair," Concord, 1856 [8x22"]

Subject Terms

People:

- Anthony, Mary S., 1827-1907
- Anthony, Susan B., 1820-1906
- Blackwell, Alice Stone, 1857-1950
- Blackwell, Henry, 1825-1909
- Garrison, William Lloyd, 1805-1879
- Haynes, Lorenza, 1820-
- Howe, Julia Ward, 1819-1910
- Livermore, Mary A., 1820-1905
- Phillips, Wendell, 1811-1884
- Pillsbury, Parker, 1809-1898
- Ray, Ossian, 1835-1892
- Stanton, Elizabeth Cady, 1815-1902

Stone, Lucy, 1818-1893
Thompson, George, 1804-1878
White, Armenia S., 1817-1916
White, Nathaniel, 1811-1886
Willard, Frances, 1839-1898

Organizations:

American Woman Suffrage Association
Concord, NH High School
National Woman Suffrage Association

Subjects:

Abolition
Eagle Hotel, Concord, NH
Railroads – NH
Philanthropy
Temperance
Woman Suffrage

Locations:

Concord, NH

Occupations:

Farmers