



Guide to the John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers, 1826-1905

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers, 1826-1905

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Ordway, John C. Jr., 1839-1905

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box (14 folders)

Abstract:

The John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers consists of one box that contains information on investments, family events, military commissions, correspondence, travel information, legal documents and deeds. John C. Ordway Jr. was a resident of Concord, NH for 66 years.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers were a New Hampshire Historical Society purchase.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by at an unknown date. The finding aid was updated by Amelia Buccarelli in May 2015. This finding aid follows 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, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

No special physical characteristics or technical requirements exist for this collection.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information of John C. Ordway Jr., (1839-1905):

John C. Ordway Jr. was born in Concord, NH, where he resided for 66 years. His parents, John C. Ordway Sr. (1801-1870), of Loudon, NH, and Louisa W. Bohonon (1802-1880), of Salisbury, NH, were married on April 29, 1829 in Concord. John C. Ordway Sr. was a Farmer. He was married again to Sarah Jane Adams, (1844-1920), on October 2, 1871 in Concord. They had two children, Mary Adams Ordway, (1876-1939) and Louise Adams Ordway, (1879-1943).

John C. Ordway, Jr. was educated in public and private schools in Concord and at Hopkinton Academy from 1853-1855. He started off at a telegrapher in St. Albans, VT, and moved back to Concord in 1859, where he worked for the counting room of Lewis Downing & Sons. In 1861, Ordway re-engaged in the telegraph service and at the close of the year, was appointed manager of the Northern line of telegraph in Boston. After this position, he worked for the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company at

Cleveland, OH, for 13 years. Ordway returned to Concord after he retired from the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway Company.

John C. Ordway, Jr. was an active member of the Concord community. He was trustee of the New Hampshire Savings Bank and a member of the executive committee from 1891 until his death. He served as a member of the board of alderman four years, 1887-1890 and was a member of the Board of Education from March 1898 until April 1903, serving for a period as President. He was a member of the New Hampshire Historical Society, the Society of the Sons of the Revolution, State Registrar, Secretary of the Commercial Club, and a Republican Secretary.

John C. Ordway Jr. died on April 23, 1905 in Concord of pneumonia.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

John C. Ordway, Jr. Family Papers consist of one box of 14 folders. The first six folders contain scrapbooks dated from 1896-1903. The scrapbooks were assembled back to front so the earliest material is last. It contains information on his investments, particularly in railroads such as the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua; the Illinois Central; and the Union Pacific. Other investments were in Bigelow Carpet R.L. Day Co. in New York and the Manchester Mills, Stark Mills, Amory Mills and Lowell Manufacturing. It has a varied collection of materials pertaining to areas such as the New Hampshire Society of Cincinnati, 1900; Concord school property evaluation; Concord Carnival; genealogy and the New Hampshire Historical Society; Beaver Meadow Golf Course; and the First Congregational Church. There is a letter from George Abbot about house painting as well as a few letters from James O. Lyford, B.A. Kimball, C.R. Corning, Henry MacFarland, and H.P. Dewey. There is a eulogy of Almira Rice Tappan. Folder 7 contains autograph albums.

The military commissions in the collection are for John C. Ordway, Sr. as Ensign dated 1829, Lieutenant dated 1831, Captain dated 1833 and his resignation dated 1833. There are also appointments as collector for the North Congregational Church in 1842 and highway surveyor in 1844.

Correspondence in the collection includes a letter regarding pupil Harriet Ordway at the Ladies High School in May of 1847 written by Maria L. Eastman. Two letters in August of 1865 describe the battle of Chancellorsville. There is an 1882 letter regarding travel to Ohio and 1905 New Hampshire Historical Society resolutions on the death of John C. Ordway. The letter book pages concern orders for crutch rubber and miscellaneous estate matters. The legal documents include Harriet S. and E. Frances Ordway's purchase of a pew in 1867 and William H. Pitman deeds to them for land in 1891.

Arrangement:

The contents of the John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers are organized into 14 folders that are located within 1 box.

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1	Scrapbook, 1902-1903
Folder 2	Scrapbook, 1901-1902
Folder 3	Scrapbook, 1901
Folder 4	Scrapbook, 1900-1901
Folder 5	Scrapbook, 1896-1899
Folder 6	Scrapbook, 1898-1899
Folder 7	Autograph albums, 1826-1827, 1860-1867
Folder 8	John C. Ordway, Sr., Military commissions, 1829-1833, 1842-1844 (6 items)
Folder 9	Correspondence, 1847-1905
Folder 10	Letter book pages, 1887
Folder 11	Legal documents, 1874-1894 (2 items)
Folder 12	Will of Elisha Adams, 1880
Folder 13	Bohonon Family, genealogy
Folder 14	Bohonon Family, genealogy

Separated Materials:

The following materials arrived with the John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers, but were separated.

1. Sketchbook of Harriet Ordway, Concord, N.H. and Boston, M.A. Located in the New Hampshire Historical Society Museum - 1981.084.03.
2. John C. Ordway, History of Schools, public and private, Concord, N.H., 1731-1900. (Rumford Press: Concord) 1903. Also typescript version of part of volume. Located in the New Hampshire Historical Society Library -379.778b C744

Subject Terms

People:

Adams, Elisha
Corning, Charles R.
Dewey, H.P.
Eastman, Maria L.
Kimball, Benjamin A.
Lyford, James O.
MacFarland, Henry
Tappan, Almira Rice

Organizations:

Schools – Concord, N.H.

Subjects:

Autograph albums
Civil War – Chancellorsville

Genealogy-Bohonon family

Locations:

Concord, NH

Related Materials

The following items are related to the John C. Ordway Jr. Family Papers at the New Hampshire Historical Society:

1. One envelope of material concerning Bohonon genealogy – The Bohonon Family: an offprint from the 1890 History of Salisbury, New Hampshire. – 929.B676