

Guide to the Bryant Family Papers, 1827-1894

Administrative Information

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1 box ; 0.42 linear feet

Abstract:

Elias Parkman Bryant (1806-1895) was born in Stoneham, Massachusetts. He married in Francestown, New Hampshire, and remained there working as a farmer and shoemaker. He and his wife, Susannah Wilson, raised eight children. Their son Elias A. served with the 4th New Hampshire Regiment from 1861 to 1864.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Bryant Family Papers were a gift from the New Hampshire State Library on April 30, 2002.

Processing Information:

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Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Elias Parkman Bryant was born at Stoneham, MA, on July 16, 1806, the son of Elias Parkman and Betsey (Ingols) Bryant. He married Susannah Billings Wilson on September 4, 1834 at Francestown, NH. She was the daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Fairbanks) Wilson, born April 23, 1814 at Francestown.

Their children were Susannah M. (1835-1865); Mary J. (born circa 1838); Elias A. (1840-1927); Sarah A. (born 1844); Charles T. (1849-1904); Samuel Edward (1851-1918); Joseph Willey (1854-1944); and Jessie Elizabeth (1856-1862).

Elias P. made a living as a shoemaker and farmer in Francestown. He died there on October 1, 1895. Susan died two years later on October 25, 1897.

Elias A. Bryant (1840-1927) joined the 4th New Hampshire Regiment on September 9, 1861 as a private. He was appointed principal musician on November 1, 1863. On July 30, 1864, he was wounded at the Petersburg, VA, mine explosion, losing his right leg, and was discharged three months later.

Elias married Laura Etta French on October 26, 1868. They had two children: Harriet Maria born July 29, 1870 at Reed's Ferry, NH; and Mary Louise born March 20, 1872 at Boston. Laura died at Merrimack on June 20, 1872. Elias died at Meredith on July 2, 1927.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Bryant Family Papers, 1827-1894, contain family correspondence and papers, receipts, deeds, miscellaneous papers, diaries, and account books. The diary of Elias A. provides some detail of his time with the 4th New Hampshire Regiment in 1864. Undated material documents his activity teaching penmanship: a list of students interested in taking his class, examples of exercises, recipes for ink, and an advertising card for a teaching method.

Sarah's 1864 diary notes her daily activities, schooling, and letters from her brother Elias. The account books show Elias P.'s work as a farmer and shoemaker. The printed matter contains music such as "Trumpet Signals" and the miscellaneous papers consist of memoranda, recipes, a record of roads built, and school programs. Financial records related to non-Bryant family members consist of land records and receipts. There are a few photographs in this collection, including Addie Bryant and Otis Woodard.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into folders alphabetically by author of items, then chronologically, then by subject.

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Box 1

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- Folder 2 Bryant, Elias A. correspondence, 1862-1888, undated
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- Folder 5 Bryant, Elias P. correspondence, 1827-1888, undated
- Folder 6 Bryant, Elias P. financial records, 1832-1890, undated
- Folder 7 Bryant, Elias P. financial records, 1842, 1846-1852
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- Folder 9 Bryant, Sarah A. ("Addie") diary, 1864
- Folder 10 Bryant, various, correspondence, 1830-1888
 - Eddie, 1869
 - Elizabeth, 1830
 - French, 1873
 - Joseph W., 1875-1888
 - Parkman, undated

Samuel, 1862-1878, undated
 Susan, 1875
 William, 1875-1879
 unidentified, 1856, 1879-1880
 Folder 11 Sullivan, Anna correspondence, 1881-1887
 Folder 12 Financial records, non-Bryant, 1830-1889, undated
 Folder 13 Printed matter, 1855, undated
 Folder 14 Property boundary sketches, unidentified locations, undated
 Folder 15 Miscellaneous, unidentified authors, 1837-1894, undated
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 Folder 17 Empty envelopes, blank empty leather-bound journal/pocketbook, 1886-1888,
 undated

Subject Terms

People:

Bryant family
 Bryant, Elias A., 1840-1927
 Bryant, Elias P., 1806-1895
 Bryant, Sarah A., 1844-
 Sullivan, Anna

Organizations:

United States. Army. New Hampshire Infantry Regiment, 4th (1861-1865)

Subjects:

Account books
 Correspondence
 Diaries
 Genealogy
 Penmanship
 Portrait photography
 Real property
 United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Locations:

Francetown, NH

Occupations:

Farmers
 Shoemakers
 Soldiers