

Guide to the Otis G. Hammond Signature Collection, 1683-1914, undated

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Hammond, Otis Grant, 1869-1944

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The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

This collection contains signatures for over 250 different individuals. It is believed that the majority of the collection was compiled by Otis G. Hammond, who was the director of the New Hampshire Historical Society from 1911 to 1944. This collections spans from 1683 to 1914.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

This collection was found at the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1998. There is no acquisition information for this collection. It is believed that the majority of the collection was compiled by Otis G. Hammond, who was the director of the New Hampshire Historical Society from 1911 to 1944.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by an unknown person at an unknown time and was finalized by Mylynda Gill in March 2023. The finding aid was written by Mylynda Gill in March and April 2023 and updated by Korrena Cowing in August 2023. 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:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Otis Grant Hammond was born on May 4, 1869 in Manchester, NH. His parents were Isaac (1831-1890) and Martha Ann (Kimball) Hammond (1836-1906). He married Jessie Anna Prescott (1875-1918), daughter of Samuel F. (1826-1904) and Mary (Day) Prescott (1827-1906), on January 19, 1898 in Concord, NH. They had one daughter, Priscilla (1900-1977), and an unnamed son (1905-1905).

Otis held many positions in his lifetime and was a member of many organizations. He was president of the Concord Foundry and Machine Company from 1896 to 1913; was elected in 1896 as Assistant New Hampshire State Librarian; was director of the New Hampshire Historical Society from 1911 to 1944; was on the staff of New Hampshire Governor Rolland H. Spaulding;

and served as president of the New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution. His memberships included the Blazing Star Lodge, F. & A. M.; St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Concord Country Club; the American Antiquarian Society; and the Wonalancet Club. In addition, he spent much of his time as editor of the New Hampshire State Papers.

Otis was also a military man, and held many positions in various units. He served in the New Hampshire National Guard from 1891 to 1899, and it was during the Spanish-American War in 1898 that he was made Captain of the First Regiment for the New Hampshire Volunteers. He served in the New Hampshire National Guard again from 1910 until 1915 and was Major of the 1st Infantry of the New Hampshire State Guard from 1917 to 1923.

His wife, Jessie, passed away unexpectedly on February 10, 1918. Otis Hammond passed away on October 2, 1944.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Otis G. Hammond Signature Collection contains signatures for over 250 different individuals, including both local and national figures. The majority of these signatures belong to New Hampshire governors, politicians, and lawyers from the mid-18th century to the end of the nineteenth century, including Daniel Webster and John Parker Hale.

Signatures from governors run from Meshech Weare to Samuel Felker. Other signatures belong to authors such as Rudyard Kipling, Lydia Sigourney, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and entertainers such as Buffalo Bill. This collection also contains the signatures of two United States Presidents, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Pierce.

Some of the signatures appear to have been part of a book at some point. For example: with the Peter Carleton signature there is a note that states "From collection made in 1834 by Cyrus P. Bradley." This may refer to the Cyrus P. Bradley autograph collection, part of the Cyrus P. Bradley Papers, 1913.001. Some signatures also have notes on the back that state "Found in Misc. in 1974." Therefore, it appears as though these signatures have been collected and added to by multiple contributors over the years.

Some items have signatures on both the front and back of the pages, while others have multiple signatures on one side. Some signatures include biographical information on the person, while others are just the clipped signature. A few items in this collection are full documents, such as a note from P.T. Barnum dated April 3, 1882 and an identification card for Charles H. Hoyt noting his residence and room during the session. The signatures in this collection range in date from 1683 to 1914, with many undated.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically by last name. For items with multiple signatures, the item is filed under the last name that comes first in the alphabet, unless a more prominent individual is listed. For example: Franklin Pierce and William Marcy are both listed on the same side of the item, but it is in the "P" folder for Pierce.

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Subjects:

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