

Guide to the Plumer Family of Epping Papers, 1755-1913

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Plumer family

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

This is a varied collection that spans the 19th Century, with a few items (financial records, school papers, wills) from each of various members of the large and complex Plumer family. Relationships among the individuals represented in this collection is unclear. Also present are materials from the Edgerly, Knox, and Ladd families, and even a few records of the town of Epping.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The Plumer Family of Epping Papers were purchased by the New Hampshire Historical Society on September 13, 2011.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in September 2021. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler September 2021. 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:

The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

The Plumer family settled in Epping, New Hampshire, beginning in the mid-1700s. The patriarch of the Epping branch of the family, William (1759-1850), served in the New Hampshire Legislature, the U.S. Senate, and as Governor of the state. He married Sally Fowler (1762-1852) and they had William (1789-1854), Sally (1790-1818), Samuel (1792-1871), George (1796-1883), John (1799-1849), and Quintus (1805-1805). William and Samuel in turn married and had children. The items in this collection include others with the Plumer surname (Ann, Daniel, David, and George) whose connections to William and Samuel, who were the sons of the first William, are unclear.

How the Edgerly, Knox, and Ladd families, for each of which there are also a few items, are related to the Plumers is unknown.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Plumer Family of Epping Papers is a heterogeneous collection, which spans most of the 19th Century. For each individual there is a handful of assorted papers, and the type of material present is inconsistent.

Walter Edgerly's papers include a few school standing cards, a bill, and a business letter. A different Edgerly, Joseph, appears in an 1822 affidavit found in Samuel Plumer's papers. The town of Epping has documents on their roads, supporting a minister, and taxes. The Knox family include materials for Elizabeth, Sarah, and William, including a deed, Pembroke Academy's acknowledgement of a gift, and a list of stock holdings. The Ladd family includes a wedding announcement and correspondence from Clara, Lizzie, and Peter Ladd.

Annie Plumer is represented by school essays, "Aunt Dorothy's Will," and a handwriting exercise book. Daniel Plumer's materials include deeds, contracts, and financial records. David Plumer is represented by a will, and George Plumer a poem on handbill "Old-Time Pedlers." Samuel Plumer's papers include a will, affidavit of Timothy Rix about several Plumer men and their involvement in a situation involving Joseph Edgerly, and financial records. There are probably several Samuel Plumers represented in this collection, as the will is dated 1803 and other papers date to 1860. William Plumer's papers include receipts and an anti-Jefferson memo in which the writer thinks Jefferson's recommendation of dry docks for ships is unnecessary. Other Plumer papers include a record of expenditures, many from one Plumer to another.

Also included is a folder of unidentified poems and a photograph of an unidentified man and baby.

Although one William Plumer (1759-1850) served in the New Hampshire Legislature, United States Senate, and as New Hampshire Governor, no materials here address or relate to those activities.

Arrangement:

This collection is arranged alphabetically by surname, then chronologically.

Box 1

| Folder 1 | Edgerly, Walter, 1888-1890 |
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| Folder 2 | Epping, town of, 1755, 1806, 1833 |
| Folder 3 | Knox family, 1865-1907, undated |
| Folder 4 | Ladd family, 1881-1913 |
| Folder 5 | Plumer, Annie, undated |
| Folder 6 | Plumer, Daniel, 1805-1847, undated |
| Folder 7 | Plumer, David, undated |
| Folder 8 | Plumer, George, 1890 |
| Folder 9 | Plumer, Samuel, 1792-1860 |
| Folder 10 | Plumer, William, 1803-1817 |
| Folder 11 | Plumer, various, 1795-1843 |
| Folder 12 | Unidentified, 1786, undated |
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Subject Terms

People:

Edgerly family
Knox family
Ladd family
Plumer family
Plumer, Annie
Plumer, Daniel
Plumer, David
Plumer, George
Plumer, Samuel, 1792-1871
Plumer, William, 1759-1850
Plumer, William, 1789-1854

Subjects:

Deeds Essays Schools Wills

Locations:

Epping, NH