



Guide to the George Abbot (1803-) Papers, 1776-1889

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

George Abbot Papers, 1776-1889

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Author of Finding Aid:

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Creator:

George Abbot, born 1803

Ezra Abbot

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

Seven boxes containing ca. 1,500 items and 17 volumes

Abstract:

The George Abbot Papers, 1776-1889, contain correspondence, travel accounts, legal papers, histories, maps, surveyor drawings, and record books related to the life of Ezra Abbot, George Abbot, and George Abbot, Jr.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

Gift of V. Bruce David in February, 1965.

Processing Information:

Processing and the original finding aid were done by unknown persons at an unknown date. The finding aid was re-written and formatted by Sandra L. Wheeler in March, 2014. 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:

All materials are on paper. No technical requirements for use.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

George Abbot, born in 1803, was the son of Ezra and Anner Abbot. Ezra Abbot served in the Revolutionary War and was with Stark in the battle of Bennington, VT in 1777. He married first Betty Andrews, and second, Anner Choate. Ezra Abbot served as surveyor of highways for the town of Concord for a number of years. George Abbot married Eliza D. Spaulding in 1836. They had two children, George and Betsey Jane. George followed his father into the profession of surveying. He also served as administrator for a number of estates and had an interest in history.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The largest portion of the collection consists of the travel accounts (all travel in New Hampshire), Justice of the Peace records, survey notes and maps of George Abbot. There are survey reports and field books, including one for Contoocook, NH, and one for the Concord, NH school district. There are also papers of more than ten persons for

whom George Abbot served as estate administrator. The collection also includes George Abbot's notes on the history of Concord. Also of interest are the Revolutionary War pension papers of George's father, Ezra Abbott. Thirteen of the seventeen bound volumes seem to have belonged to George Abbot's son, George, and contain accounts kept from 1865-1892.

Arrangement:

The materials have been arranged chronologically within categories: family correspondence with information about Ezra Abbot (especially American Revolution pension papers) and George's Abbots travel accounts, Abbot's activities as estate administrator and his historical notes and research; surveying documents and other historical matters, oversize surveying maps, and bound volumes of account books for George Abbot and his son, George Abbot.

Contents List

Box 1

- Folder 1 Inventory
- Folder 2-3 Genealogy, Abbot Family and related [39 items]
- Folder 4-6 Ezra Abbot. Misc. school writings, poetry, Revolutionary War pension papers, business accounts and receipts. 1776-1829 [25 items] [see also box 2, folder 13 below]

GEORGE ABBOT PERSONAL PAPERS

- Folder 7 School papers as student at Hopkinton Academy. 1820, 1822-1824, 1829-1830 [19 items]
- Folder 8-9 School papers, 1830-1848, 1868 [39 items]
- Folder 10 Correspondence, outgoing. 1848, 1854, 1858, 1864 [4 items]
- Folder 11-12 Correspondence, incoming. 1834-1889 [28 items]
- Folder 14-15 Correspondence, incoming from his son, George. 1857-1859, 1880-1881, 1886-1889 [23 items]
- Folder 16 Legal papers. 1853
- Folder 17-1: Military orders and duty papers. 1821-1842, 1861 [32 items]

GEORGE ABBOT TRAVEL ACCOUNTS

- Folder 19 Kearsarge Mt., Surrey, Bristol, Enfield, Lebanon, Brattleboro, VT. 1826, 1864-1866 [5 items]
- Folder 20 Stewartstown, Natick, MA. 1867-1869 [5 items]
- Folder 21 Hanover, Dartmouth, Lake Winnepisaukee, Diamond Lake. 1871, 1876-1879 [4 items]
- Folder 22-24 Notes, not dated [66 items]

Box 2

GEORGE ABBOT, ESTATE ADMINISTRATOR

- Folder 1 For Samuel Davis, 1843 [26 items]
- Folder 2 For Samuel Knolton, 1852 [13 items]

- Folder 3 For Lamson French, 1853 [10 items]
- Folder 4 For Enoch Dow, 1857 [21 items]
- Folder 5 For Jacob Tewksbury, 1857 [1 item]
- Folder 6 For David Farnun, 1859 [3 items]
- Folder 7 For William A. White, 1859 [14 items]
- Folder 8 For Jeremiah Runnells, 1864 [4 items]
- Folder 9 For John Carter, [1871?] [6 items]
- Folder 10: Miscellaneous estate papers [6 items]
- Folder 11-12 Poetic eulogies, 1848-1858 [24 items]

GEORGE ABBOT, HISTORIAN

- Folder 13 Memoranda and history written 1849 including copies of Ezra Abbot's notes, 1782-1808; Hannah Dustin's capture, snowstorm of 1717 and earthquake of 1727.
- Folder 14 Concord military men who served before and during the Revolutionary War [7 items]
- Folder 15 Ordination sermon of The Reverend Timothy Walker of Penacook, NH [3 items]
- Folder 16 Weather conditions record book, 1879-1885 [1 item]
- Folder 17 References to the Psalms, handwritten, 1833 [1 item]
- Folder 18 Memoranda and anecdotes, n.d. [8 items]

Box 3

GEORGE ABBOT, SURVEYOR

- Folder 1 Land dispute case, Eastman v. Gage, 1848 [5 items]
- Folder 2 Survey report for Contoocook [10 items]
- Folder 3 Survey field books, 1826-1886. Includes Concord School District, 1859 [15 items]
- Folder 4-9 Oversize surveyor notes and maps, see Box 4

OTHER MATERIAL

- Folder 10 Vital statistics, Concord and New Hampshire, 1792-1858, 1879.
Kept by Mrs C.C. Abbot, Mastyard, NH
- Folder 11 Miscellaneous items:
Lock of hair sewed in paper
Letter to 'Dear Parents' of September 11, 1848
Letter from ALS Hiram Lucas of Concord, NH to Elisha A. Barlow in Strafford, NH re appointment of Barlow as JP. June 17, 1837
Request for Revolutionary War Pension for John Blanchard of Dumbarton, NH; statement of service attested to by George Abbot.

Box 4 – Oversize Materials

- Folders 4-9 Oversize maps and drawings from surveyor notes in Box 3 (This box is with the oversize materials)

Boxes 5-7

Seventeen bound volumes

GEORGE ABBOT

- Volume 1 Daybook, 1857-[1886?] People paid for chopping wood, making parts, farm work, etc.
- Volume 2 Justice of Peace records, 1830-1855
- Volume 3 Justice of Peace records, 1855-1873
- Volume 4 Justice of Peace records, 1874-1887

GEORGE ABBOT, JUNIOR

- Volume 5 Daybook, 1865-1866: purchases of paint, varnishes, sleighs, putty, oil; lists of people paid
- Volume 6 Account book, 1866-1869
- Volume 7 Account book, 1869-1872
- Volume 8 Account book, 1871-1872
- Volume 9 Account book, 1873-1874
- Volume 10 Account book, 1875-1877
- Volume 11 Account book, 1878-1880
- Volume 12 Account book, 1880-1882
- Volume 13 Account book, 1882-1887
- Volume 14 Account book, 1865-1870
- Volume 15 Account book, 1872-1877
- Volume 16 Account book, 1877-1880
- Volume 17 Check receipt stub book, 1890-1892

Separated Materials:

Box 4 of oversized surveying materials has been removed to oversize documents.

Subject Terms

People:

- Abbott, Mrs. C.C.
- Abbot, Ezra
- Abbot, George, 1803-
- Abbot, George (Junior)
- Barlow, Elisha A.
- Blanchard, John
- Carter, John
- Davis, Samuel
- Dow, Enoch
- Dustin, Hannah
- Farnum, David
- French, Lamson
- Knolton, Samuel
- Lucas, Hiram

Runnells, Jeremiah
Walker, Timothy, Rev.
White, William A.

Organizations:

Schools: Concord, NH School District
Schools: Hopkinton, NH Academy
Militia – New Hampshire – Revolutionary War
United States – History – Revolution, 1775-1783

Subjects:

Account Books
Day Books
Earthquakes
Estates
Genealogy
Poetry
Travel journals
Vital Statistics
Weather

Locations:

Brattleboro, VT
Bristol, NH
Contoocook, NH
Diamond Lake, NH
Enfield, NH
Kearsarge Mountain, NH
Lake Winnepisaukee, NH
Lebanon, NH
Natick, MA
Stewartstown, NH

Occupations:

Surveyors