

# Finding Aid

## Summary Information

**Title and Dates:**

Ezra Bartlett papers, 1770-1848

**Repository:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
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**Collection Number:**

M2011-001 and M2011-015

**Author of Finding Aid:**

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**Creator:**

Bartlett, Ezra

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

2 boxes

**Abstract:**

The collection consists of the correspondence of Dr. Ezra Bartlett, the son of Josiah Bartlett, 1729-1795, a New Hampshire physician from Haverhill, NH, and his family, including his wife Hannah (Gale) Bartlett, their children, as well as fellow physician John French.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The Ezra Bartlett papers were purchased by the New Hampshire Historical Society in 2011.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was processed by Suzanne Huggard in June 2011. The finding aid was written by Suzanne Huggard in June 2011, and revised by Rebecca Enman in February 2013. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Access Restrictions:**

The collection is open for research use. However, permission to publish potentially private information must be granted on an item-by-item basis. Please contact the librarian for more information.

### **Location:**

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

### **Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

The collection is in good physical condition.

### **Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:**

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Biographical Information

Ezra Bartlett, the third son of Josiah Bartlett, was a physician from Haverhill, NH. He was a member of the New Hampshire Medical Society, as well as the Chief Justice of Enfield, NH, collector of Internal Revenue for the 5th district of New Hampshire, and state senator. Together with his wife, Hannah Gale, they had eleven children, including two sons, Levi and Josiah, who both attended Dartmouth College.

## Collection Scope and Content

### **Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Ezra Bartlett papers consist of letters sent to Ezra Bartlett and his family between 1770-1848, as well as several drafts of Bartlett's outgoing correspondence. Family correspondence includes letters written by Bartlett's sister Rhoda True, his wife Mary and their children. Two of Bartlett's sons, Levi and Josiah, wrote letters home while attending Dartmouth College, 1821-1827. The collection also includes letters written by Dr. John French of Landaff, NH from 1808-1844, when he sought medical advice on the use of herbs. They offer valuable insight into early 19<sup>th</sup>-century medical practices, patient symptoms and treatments. The collection also contains printed circular letters from Republican candidates, 1804, and the Concord Infirmary.

### **Arrangement:**

The Ezra Bartlett Papers, 1770-1848 are arranged chronologically by type.

## Subject terms

### **Organizations:**

- Concord Infirmary (Concord N.H.).
- Dartmouth College.
- New Hampshire Medical Society (New Hampshire).
- Republican Party (U.S.).

### **Corporations:**

### **Locations:**

- Haverhill (New Hampshire).

### **People:**

- Bartlett, Ezra.
- Bartlett family.
- Bartlett, Josiah, 1729-1795.
- French, John.

## Contents List

### **Box 1**

Folder 1      Letters to Rhoda True (sister of Ezra, 1789, 1790)

- Folder 2      Letters to Ezra from Wife & Children, 1822-1842
- Folder 3      Letters from son Josiah at Dartmouth, 1821-1822
- Folder 4      Letters to/from son Levi at Dartmouth, Feb 1823 - March 1827
- Folder 5      Letters to Hannah Gale Bartlett by various writers, 1803-1846
- Folder 6      Various letters to children of Ezra, 1825-1863
- Folder 7      1798 agreement to build barn on Ezra's property
- Folder 8      Printed circular letter re: Republican candidates, Concord, NH, Jan 10, 1804

**Box 2**

- Folder 1      Letters to Ezra, misc., Dec 1808 – Oct 1810
- Folder 2      Letters to Ezra, misc., 1822-1844
- Folder 3      Letters to Ezra from John French, Oct 5, 1807-Dec 6, 1809
- Folder 4      Letters to Ezra from John French, 1810-1812
- Folder 5      Letters to Ezra from John French, 1821-1844

## Related Materials

For additional materials on Ezra Bartlett, as well as biographical information on the Bartlett family, see the following:

- Bartlett family papers, accession # M1989.050
- Josiah Bartlett Papers, and Bartlett family papers, accession # M 1940-003 (V)
- Account Books of Ezra Bartlett, 1814-1818, accession # M 1918-003
- Letter from Jesse Johnson to Ezra Bartlett, 1813, call # M 1972-058 (V)
- Levi Bartlett papers, accession # 1987-083
- Records of the collector of revenue for the fifth New Hampshire district, 1814-1816, call # 336.21 N532b

Portrait of Ezra Bartlett, painted by Alonzo Slafter, and drawing of Josiah Bartlett, drawn by John Trumbull:

- Painting, Dr. Ezra Bartlett, 1840, object ID: 2010.008
- Drawing, Bartlett, Josiah, 1790, object ID: 1880.033.02