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BARTLETT FAMILY PAPERS

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Josiah Bartlett was born in Amesbury, Massachusetts in 1729. At age sixteen he was placed with Dr. Ordway of Amesbury to study medicine. In 1750 at age twenty-one he began what was to be a highly successful practice in Kingston, New Hampshire.

Josiah Bartlett was active as a magistrate, state legislator and militia commander. In 1775 he was chosen as a delegate to the Continental Congress. Josiah's was the first vote for the Declaration of Independence and he was the second signer just after John Hancock. In 1780 he was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. From 1782 until 1788 he was a Justice of the NH Supreme Court, retiring as chief Justice. Josiah Bartlett was elected Chief Magistrate, later retitled Governor, of New Hampshire from 1790-1793. He died in 1795.

Josiah Bartlett was married to Mary Bartlett of Newtown, NH who died in 1789. They had three sons, Levi, Josiah Jr. and Ezra and also five daughters Mary (Greeley), Lois, Miriam (Calef), Rhode (True), and Sarah (Gale).

Levi, Josiah's eldest son, was born in 1763. He attended Dummer School in Newbury, Massachusetts and completed his medical training with Dr. Kitteridge of Andover. He practiced in Kingston where he was also Justice of the Peace, Postmaster and a Colonel in the militia. He was Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and Judge of the Circuit Court. He married Sally Hook, who died two years later, and then Abigail Stevens. Their children were Luella Julietta, Junia Loretta, and Levi Stevens Bartlett. He died in 1828.

Luella J. Bartlett married Eliphalet Case, editor of several newspapers and postmaster at Lowell, MA. She authored several successful books and contributed to periodicals. Junia L. Bartlett married Frances O.J. Smith, a lawyer and Representative to the Congress from the State of Maine.

Levi Stevens Bartlett (1811-1865) received his training as a physician at Dartmouth and Bowdoin Colleges. He practiced in Kingston where he was also postmaster. In 1844 he married Aroline E. Sanborn. They had one son Levi S. Bartlett Jr. who ran a groceries store. They also had ~~three~~ daughters Ella A. Bartlett and Anna Levietta Bartlett (Etta), + ~~Junia Bartlett~~.

Josiah Bartlett, Jr. (1768-1838) was also a physician and prominent in public life as a member of the NH State Senate and a Representative to Congress. He married twice but left no decedents.

Ezra Bartlett (1770-1848) was a physician practicing in Warren and Haverhill New Hampshire. He was Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Circuit Court, and

Chief Justice of the Court of Sessions. He was also elected to the NH Senate. He married Hannah Gale and they had eleven children.

For further information on the Bartlett Family see :

Bartlett, Levi, Genealogical and Biographical Sketches of the
Bartlett Family in England and America, Lawrence, 1879.

Luce, Thomas, The Medical Signers, pamphlet Series G 1:12 of this collection

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE:

The Bartlett Family Papers (1743-1888) were purchased at auction in June 1989. The largest part of the collection is correspondence between the children and grandchildren of Josiah Bartlett (1729-1795).

Included with Josiah Bartlett's papers is the 1765 partnership indenture with Doctor Amos Gale. Papers of the New Hampshire Medical Society are included with Josiah Bartlett's papers as he was the Society's founder. The papers from 1791-1845 include a copy of the original charter from 1792, minutes of annual meetings, and Josiah Bartlett Jr.'s address to the Society in 1837 on dropsy.

Levi Bartlett is represented through extensive correspondence with his brothers Josiah Jr. and Ezra (1789-1824), daybooks of his medical practice (1816-1828), and many treatises which he wrote as textbooks for his children on subjects ranging from rhetoric and grammar to medicine and the law (1772-1818).

For Levi Stevens Bartlett the collection contains correspondence, business and legal papers, and account and daybooks for his medical practice. These papers cover the years 1820-1859. Luella J. Bartlett Case and Junia L. Bartlett Smith maintained an extensive correspondence concerning family matters. The papers of these two sisters are a gift in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Albertus T. Dudley of Exeter and Col. & Mrs. Frederick J. Shepard of East Derry.

Levi Stevens Bartlett Jr. is represented by receipts and an account book from his retail groceries store (1867-1888). There is also correspondence to and from his sisters Ella, Etta, and Junia.

Daniel Webster is mentioned peripherally in letters from Junia Smith in Washington, DC to sister Luella. His name also appears as attorney in the Court of Common Pleas material of Levi Bartlett 1810-1812.

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INVENTORY

SERIES A: Josiah Bartlett (1729-1795)

Box	Folder		
1	1	School Book, 1743	1 item
	2	Correspondence 1776, 1794	2
	3	Business & Legal Papers 1752-1792	17
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	12	"The Medical Signers" pamphlet by Thomas Luce	1

SERIES B: Mary Bartlett (-1789)

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SERIES C: Mary Bartlett Greeley (1754-1826)

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1	1	Correspondence 1821-1824	2

SERIES D: Levi Bartlett (1763-1828)

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1	1	Regulations of Dummer School, 1778	1
	2-9	Correspondence to brothers, 1789-1824	101
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	13A+B	Minute Book for farm, 1797, 1798	1
	14-16	Medical Daybook 1816-1828, Medical Misc.	3
	17	Medical chemical tables (in oversize file)	2
Box 2	18-34	Lecture notes & Misc writings 1772-1818 <i>includes accounts 1803-1818 in folder 34</i>	20
Box 3	35-37	Court of Common Pleas, Rockingham County 1810-1812 & Textbook 1813	3
	38	Miscellaneous	4

SERIES E: Abigail Stevens Bartlett

Box	Folder		
3	1	Correspondence, 1814-1838	13 items

SERIES G: Levi Stevens Bartlett (1811-1865)

Box	Folder		
3	1	New York Primer & Report Card	2
	2-5	Misc Lecture Notes & Memoranda, 1828-1830	5
	5	Recipes 1831-1851	
	6-8	Correspondence, 1825-1859	33
	9-10	Business & Legal Papers, 1835-1864	23
	11-14	Rent, Farm, & Household accounts 1820-24, 1846	4
	15	Medical account book, 1845-1851	1

SERIES H: Aroline E. Bartlett (Sanborn)

Box	Folder		
3	1	Correspondence, 1840, 1856, 1867	4

SERIES I: Levi Stevens Bartlett Jr.

Box	Folder		
3	1	Correspondence, 1877-1879	2
	2-3	Receipts, 1867-1888	38
	4	Business Account Book- Groceries Store, 1884	1

SERIES J; Ella A. Bartlett

Box	Folder		
3	1	Child's Book, n.d.	1
	2-4	Correspondence, 1857-1880 & undated	45

SERIES K: Anna Levietta Bartlett (Etta)

Box	Folder		
3	1	Child's Primer	1
	2	Correspondence, 1866 & undated	3

SERIES L: Luella J. B. Case (1807-1857)

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4	1	School Book & Papers	5 items
	2-3	Correspondence to Parents & Brother 1840-1855	19
	4	Correspondence to E. Case, 1826-1828	15
	5-12	Correspondence to sister Junia L.B. Smith 1825-1848	87
	13	Correspondence with Bartlett Family Members 1817-1854	18
	14-18	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1820-1857	59

SERIES M: Eliphalet Case

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4	1-4	Correspondence to Luella J.B. Case, 1825-1851	53
	5	Correspondence to L.S. Bartlett & Junia L.B. Smith, 1844-1855	27
	6-7	Miscellaneous Correspondence, 1834-1844	24

SERIES N: Junia L. B. Smith (1810-1849)

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5	1-2	School Books	4
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	4-5	Correspondence to Abigail S. Bartlett & L.S. Bartlett, 1829, 1836-1847	17
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SERIES O: Frances O. J. Smith

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5	1	Correspondence, 1836-1858	11

SERIES P: Josiah Bartlett, Jr. (1769-1838)

Box	Folder		
6	1	Correspondence, 1797-1829	5 items
	2	Miscellaneous, 1828 & undated	2

SERIES Q: Ezra Bartlett (1770-1848)

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6	1-3	Correspondence 1794-1843 <i>Incl. letter from Hannah (Gilman) Gale to Hannah (Gale) Bartlett</i>	28
	4	Business & Legal Papers, 1798, 1818	3

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SERIES R: Miscellaneous

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6	1	Misc Bartlett Family Correspondence 1845-1888	5
	2	Misc. Correspondence, 1845-1888	13
	3	Misc. Memoranda	7
	4	Misc. Medical Memoranda	2
	5	Handwritten Sheet Music and Song Lyrics	7
	6	Miscellaneous	6

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Eliphalet Case

Junia L.B. Smith (1810-1849)

Frances O.J. Smith

New Hampshire Medical Society

Occupations-Physician

Medicine

Kingston, NH

Stratham, NH

Warren, NH

Haverhill, NH

Court of Common Pleas

Maine (State)

Dummer School, Newbury Ma

Occupations-Judge

Daniel Webster

Women

Copybooks

MUSIC