

## Guide to the Brackett-Weeks Papers, 1791-1829

### Summary Information

#### **Brackett-Weeks Papers, 1791-1829**

#### **Repository:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
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**Collection Number:** M 1999.020

**Finding Aid:** Updated by Sarah Galligan, October 2013 based on an earlier finding aid.

**Creator of the Collection:** Adino Nye Brackett, 1777-1847

**Language:** English

**Extent:** 1 box, approximately 250 items and 1 volume

**Abstract:** Papers, 1791-1829, mainly of Adino Nye Brackett of Lancaster, NH. The papers include correspondence, deeds, promissory notes, and diaries. Correspondents include John Wingate Weeks, 1781-1853, Joseph Warren Brackett, and Mary Elizabeth Brackett.

### Access and Use

**Acquisition Information and Provenance:** Gift of James W. Wheaton, July, 1999.

**Processing Information:**

This collection was originally processed following accession. The finding aid was updated by Sarah Galligan in October 2013. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

**Access Restrictions:** Available for research

**Location:** This collection is located at the New Hampshire Historical Society.

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## Biographical Information

Adino Nye Brackett, 1777-1847, was a surveyor and historian who moved to Lancaster, NH in 1789. There he met and married Mary W. Weeks in 1807 with whom he had six children. Brackett held a number of political offices from hog reeve to selectman to state representative and clerk of the superior court. He surveyed the White Mountains establishing altitudes for much of the Presidential Range. Brackett also delivered lectures throughout his life.

John Wingate Weeks, 1781-1853, a United States Congressman originally from Greenland, NH, was the son of Captain John Weeks. Captain John Weeks, born 1749, served in the American Revolutionary War and later settled in Lancaster, NH in 1787 with his son, John Wingate Weeks. John Wingate Weeks married Martha Brackett in 1805, but she died two years later. He then married Persis F. Everett. Weeks served during the War of 1812 and was later elected to the United States House of Representatives, 1829-1833.

## Collection Scope and Content

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The Brackett-Weeks Papers consist primarily of letters written to and from Adino Nye Brackett during the period from 1791 to 1829. Most of the letters in this series were sent between Brackett and his brother, Joseph Warren Brackett, his wife, Mary Elizabeth Brackett, and his cousin, John Wingate Weeks. A few of the letters and accounts in this

collection are photocopies of material located in other collections, but most of the material is original.

There are also five diaries in this collection. Two relate to school and public education matters, including essays (one set of entries was written on the verso of a reference letter), and the other three are personal in nature, documenting the thoughts of young Adino and Joseph Brackett. The letters and diaries also contain discussions of foreign relations, the New Hampshire legislature, and the presidential election of Andrew Jackson.

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15. Correspondence: Adino Brackett- Mary Brackett, 1828
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## Subject terms

### **Organizations:**

- Dartmouth College.

**Subjects:**

- Diaries.
- United States—History—War of 1812.
- Weather.

**Locations:**

- Lancaster, NH
- Coos County, NH
- New York, NY
- Concord, NH

**People:**

- Weeks, John Wingate, 1781-1853
- Brackett, Mary Elizabeth
- Brackett, Adino, Nye, 1777-1847
- Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845

## Related Materials

Brackett, Adino Nye. "Address delivered before the Coos County Agricultural Society, October 17, 1821." Concord, NH: Hill & Moore, 1821. 630.4 B797

John Wingate Weeks Papers, 1804-1899, M 1974.072. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

Wingate Family Papers, 1769-1897, M 1907.001. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.