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BRONSON (BROWNSON), DRIN
PAPERS, 1798-1950
(Bulk 1840-1900)
2 Boxes, ca. 730 items

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Orin Bronson of Landaff, NH is listed in the 1850 NH Census. From what can be gathered from his papers, his father Jonathan dealt in lime and was prosperous enough to purchase considerable china and glassware. He may also have been a member of the NH legislature. Orin appears to have been a merchant dealing in lime and grain as well as other commodities. Receipts show that he used the railroads to ship some of his products to Vermont and to various parts of New Hampshire. He was a stockholder in the White Mountains Railroad. He had a brother named Joel who lived in Lyndon.

Gilman Aldrich (1839-1862) was born in Lisbon and resided in Lancaster. He enlisted in the 2nd NH Volunteers in March 1862 and died just a few months later after being captured at Williamsburg, Virginia. His brother Asa Gilman (1845-1864) enlisted in the 58th Mass. Volunteers in December of 1863 and died in June of 1864.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The bulk of the collection is receipts and promissory notes of Orin Bronson from 1846-1897. His diary written in 1872 relates the daily activities of working around the house, chopping wood and carrying milk to Haverhill and Lisbon.

There are a number of other families from the Landaff /Lisbon area represented in this collection. Their relationship, if any, to the Bronsons is unknown. There are letters from the two Aldrich sons and correspondence from family members regarding their deaths in the Civil War. Series III Box 2 folders 2-4 hold the literary efforts of a group of young ladies of the Landaff area. Horace Blake's diary relates activities such as logging, working at the mill, hauling grain, building a barn and the deaths of local people. The Helen P. Foster series contains extensive tracings of deeds and land surveys apparently gathered for a property dispute in the 1930's.

Series V, Box 2 folder 14 contains printed ballots of Presidential and town elections. The earliest of which is from 1926 and the latest 1964. There are three auction broadsides dated 1905-6 and 1945 in the oversize file.

SERIES I: Orin Bronson

Box 1, fld 1 Diary, 1872 (1 item)
 fld 2 Orders for lime, grain & casks,
 1850's-1870's (9 items)
 fld 3 Railroad related materials, 1853-1868
 (11 items)
 fld 4-9 Receipts and notes, 1846-1897
 (ca. 431 items)

SERIES II: BROWNSON FAMILY

Box 1, fld 10-11 Jonathan Brownson, 1798-1840
 (48 items)
 fld 12 Joel Brownson, 1831, 1856 (3 items)

SERIES III: OTHER FAMILIES

Box 2, fld 1 Asa & Gilman Aldrich, correspondence,
 1862-1867, 20 items
 fld 2-4 Literary periodicals edited by J.E.
 Hall, L.J. Chandler, and M. M. Eastman
 and L.E. Noyes, 1852-1860 (53 items)
 fld 5 Emerson, Gale & Hall Families,
 1856-1950 (7 items)
 fld 6 Dr. Charles H. & Alice Boynton
 obituaries, 1903, 1933 (2 items)
 fld 7 Horace Blake, diary, 1918 (1 item)
 fld 8 Mrs. Foster G. Clement, 1930, 38 (4
 items)

SERIES IV: Helen P. Foster, Land survey problems

Box 2, fld 9 Correspondence re land problems in
 Lisbon, NH, 1919-1926 (ca. 30 items)
 fld 10 Copies of deeds, land surveys
 (ca. 40 items)
 fld 11 Notebook including : pgs. 1-6 J.V. B.
 Posey, accounts, 1917; pgs. 27-31
 recipes for soap and corned beef;
 pgs. 33-45 Groves accounts 1890-94;
 pgs. 46-69 and 154-168 deeds etc. re
 Lisbon land.
 vol 12 Volume and papers of land surveys of
 Lisbon land. Volume also includes
 Constitution and minutes of Ladies
 Chorus, 1905-1908 (14 items)

SERIES V: LISBON & LANDAFF, NH (see next page)

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Box 2, fld 13	Lisbon & Landaff events & misc. 1923, 1947, 1964 (7 items)
fld 14	Presidential and town ballots 1926-41, 1964 (12 items)
fld 15	Landaff Old Home Day, Map of town plan of Landaff, n.d. & Misc. 1938-39 (6 items)

SERIES VI: MISC.

Box 2, fld 16	Genealogical & historical notes (8 items)
fld 17	Rug making (3 items)
fld 18	Misc. receipts & memoranda, 1830-1900 (12 items)
fld 19	Printed materials, 1905-6, 1945 (6 items)
fld 20	Newspaper clippings

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Auctions
Farmers & Mechanics Soc, Haverhill, 1831
Landaff, NH
Lisbon, NH
~~NA~~ Elections-ballots
Rug making
Deeds
Civil War, 2nd NH Vols.
Aldrich, Gilman
Aldrich Family (of Lisbon)
Bronson, Jonathan
Bronson, Joel
Bronson see also Brownson see also Bronson
Railroads
Diaries
Occ-authors, literary periodicals
Clement, Mrs. Foster G. (ca. 1930-38)
Boynton, Dr. Charles (d. 1903) & Alice
Blake, Horace (ca. 1918)
Foster, Helen P. (ca. 1919-46)
Women