BURKE, EDMUND (1809-1882) 1963-24
PAPERS, 1827, 1842-1882
40 Items, 1/2 Box

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Edmund Burke was born in Westminster, Vermont, January 23, 1809. He was the son of Elijah and Grace (Jeffers) Burke. Burke studied law with Henry A. Bellows in the office of William C. Bradley of Westminster. He was admitted to the bar in 1830 and began his practice in Colebrook but soon after moved to Whitefield. In 1833 he became editor of the weekly newspaper "Argus" and moved to Claremont, NH and shortly thereafter to Newport, NH. He still continued a growing law practice while in Newport. The political editorials in the "Argus" brought him to the attention of politicians in New Hampshire and in other states.

Burke was elected to the House of Representatives in 1839 and served for six terms. Later President Polk appointed him Commissioner of Patents. He returned to Newport in 1850 and continued to practice law and write for local newspapers.

In 1840 he married Ann, daughter of Francis Matson of Stoddard. His second wife, married in 1866 was Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Whitney of Newport. He had one daughter by his first marriage.

SCOPE & CONTENT NOTE:

There is some political content in the correspondence, but most reflects his law practice and personal activities. Three copies of printed speeches of Edmund Burke are in folder four.

Fld 1  Correspondence, 1842-1850 (12 items)
       To E.B. from Rev. Nathaniel Bouton, NHHS;
       Henry Hubbard; H. L. Esworth; Jon Coffin;
       Chandler Patten

Fld 2  Correspondence, 1852-1882 (16 items)
       To E.B. from "?"; From E.B. to Jesse A. Gove;
       Dr. William Prescott; William F. Goodwin;
       Nathaniel Niles; Aaron P. Hughes; Rev. Nathaniel
       Bouton, NHHS; S.S. Cox; Mrs. Charles Pearson
       Harry Hibbard to "General"

Fld 3  1827 Appt as lawyer in Vermont
       1844, 45  Congressional papers (2 items)
1882 mortgage release
1882 memorial by Supreme Court Sullivan County
undated To President of the United States,
Recommendation for Titus Brown, Franestown, for
government post, signed by Levi Woodbury, C.G.
Atherton, & Edmund Brown

Fld 4 Printed Speeches
1841 In reply to the attack of Mr. Arnold of
Tennessee
1842 July 8, on Tariff bill
1846 letter to Facts for the People on
Slavery & Abolition

Fld 5 Misc. and newsclippings

U.S. Congress
Anti-slavery
Brown, Titus (of Franestown)
Ose-lawyer
Coffin, Jon
Gove, Jesse A.
Prescott, William Dr.
Niles, Nathaniel
Pearson, Mrs. Charles

Bouton, Nathaniel Rev.
Patten, Chandler E.
Hubbard, Henry
Esworth, H.L.
Hibbard, Harry
Hughes, Aaron
Goodwin, William F.
Cox, S.S.
Contoocook, NH
Surry, NH
Bristol, NH
Enfield, NH
Lebanon, NH
Stewartstown, NH
Kearsarge Mountain
Travel Journals
Lucas, Hiram
Concord School District, 1859
Blanchard, John (Am. Rev. soldier)