

BURNHAM/STEARNS FAMILY (of Pembroke)  
 PAPERS, 1754-1898  
 134 Items, 1/2 Box

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Rev. Abraham Burnham (1775-1852)

Born in Dunbarton, NH, lived in Pembroke. Graduated Dartmouth 1804, ran a school in Concord, principal Bradford Academy, Mass. Studied divinity, ordained 1808, remained at Pembroke Congregational Church until his retirement in 1850.

Charles Guilford Burnham (1807-1866)

Born in Dunbarton, graduated Dartmouth 1829. Married Mary Anne Burnham, daughter of Abraham. Had a long career in education. Served as principal of Phillips Academy in Danville, Vt., Blanchard Academy in Pembroke, Tubbs Union Academy, etc. Served as Superintendent of schools for the State. Wrote a textbook, Burnham's Arithmetic. Retired to farm in Haverhill, MA. and then to manage a plantation in Alabama.

Samuel O. Burnham (1834- )

Born in New Jersey, resided in Pembroke, served in the 2nd NH Militia, 1861-1863. Wounded severely 1862 Williamsburg, Va.

Charles Abram Burnham (1836-1903)

Born Pembroke, resided Haverhill, MA, enlisted 1981 in the 2nd NH volunteers, discharged 1862 to accept promotion as assistant surgeon in the 3rd Nh Volunteers, discharged 1864. Finished medical training in Boston, practiced in Haverhill, MA.

Charles Augustus Stearns (1838- )

Born in Maine, resided Watertown, MA. Married Mary E. Burnham, daughter of Charles A. Burnham, in 1868.

Aaron Davis & Eliza (Tyler Barker Stearns) Davis (d. 1879)  
 Mother of Charles A. Stearns.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The Burnham/Stearns Family papers contain three sets of civil war correspondence from Samuel O. and Charles A. Burnham and Charles A. Stearns. There are materials regarding the teaching career of Charles G. Burnham. J.B. Stearns is represented by news clippings regarding his exploits as a balloon aeronaut. Also in this collection are a few legal papers and accounts of John and Nicholas White of Plaistow, NH ca. 1754-1808, 1842.

SERIES I: BURNHAM FAMILY

- Fld 1-2 Abraham Burnham  
Letter, 1829, news clippings & obituary,  
memorial discourse, 1871 (5 Items)
- Fld 3 Charles G. Burnham  
General correspondence, 1824-1866 (16 Items)  
4 Correspondence to wife, 1857-1862 (22 Items)  
5 Brochures of schools, 1834-1853 (8 Items)
- Fld 6 Samuel Burnham  
Correspondence, 1852, 61-64 (22 Items)
- Fld 7 Charles A. Burnham  
Correspondence, Civil War, 1863 (12 Items)  
8 Army contracts, orders, etc. 1862-1865 (1862-  
1865)  
9 Mary Anne Burnham and Mary E. Burnham,  
Correspondence, 1843-1865 (11 Items)
- Fld 10 Burnham Family Miscellaneous, 1827-1898  
(12 Items)

SERIES II: STEARNS FAMILY

- Fld 11 Stearn's genealogy, (4 Items)
- Fld 12 Charles A. Stearns  
Correspondence to daughter, 1861-63 (9 Items)
- Fld 13 J.B. Stearns & S.A. King, Aeronauts, 1871  
(3 Items)
- Fld 14 Eliza (Stearns) Davis  
Pension office papers re: husband Aaron Davis  
1878-1879 (4 Items)

SERIES III: MISCELLANEOUS

- Fld 15 White, Nicholas & John  
Deeds & legal papers, 1754-1808, 1842  
(12 Items)
- Fld 16 Unrelated Items, 1787-1810 (3 Items)

CARDS MADE FOR CATALOG:

Pembroke, NH  
Plaistow, NH

Burnham, Samuel  
Burnham, Charles G.  
Burnham, Samuel O.

Civil War - 2nd NH Vols.  
Civil War - 3rd NH Vols.

Burnham, Charles A.  
Burnham, Mary

Occ-Physicians  
Occ-Teacher  
Occ-Minister

Stearns, Charles A.  
Stearns, Eliza T.B.  
Davis, Aaron

True, Reuben (of Salisbury)-deed  
White, Nicholas (of Plaistow)  
White, John