Guide to the Henry Carroll and Nathaniel Baker Papers, 1833-1846

Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**
Henry Carroll and Nathaniel Baker Papers, 1833-1846

**Repository:**
New Hampshire Historical Society  
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Concord, NH 03301  
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**Collection Number:**
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**Author of Finding Aid:**
Original author unknown, rewritten and formatted by Laura Heath Reboul, June, 2014.

**Creator:**
Carroll, Henry  
Baker, Nathaniel B., 1818-1876

**Language:**
The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**
4 boxes ; Approximately 600 items.

**Abstract:**
These papers, 1833-1846, of Henry Carroll and Nathaniel Baker are mainly related to their time as owners of the *New Hampshire Patriot*, the state’s foremost Democratic paper. The collection mainly consists of correspondence with some rough drafts for editorials and items related to their state printing assignments.
Access and Use

**Acquisition Information and Provenance:**
Purchased on December 21, 1983.

**Processing Information:**
This collection was processed an unknown person at an unknown date. The author of the original finding aid is likewise unknown; it was rewritten and formatted by Laura Heath Reboul in June 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

**Access Restrictions:**
Available for research.

**Location:**
The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**
Four boxes with 32 folders, approximately 600 items.

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**Preferred Citation:**

Collection Overview

**Administrative Information:**
Henry Carroll and Nathaniel Baker owned the *New Hampshire Patriot*, the state’s foremost Democratic paper, from 1841 to 1846. Prior to that time, the *Patriot* had been owned by Isaac Hill and Cyrus Barton. Hill left the paper in 1829 when he was appointed to a post in the Department of Treasury, and in 1840, Henry Carroll joined Barton. Barton sold his interest to Nathaniel B. Baker in 1841. When Carroll died in 1846, the *Patriot* was sold to Joseph Merriam and John Hill, the son of Isaac Hill. Carroll and Baker were also selected as state printers and, in the early 1840’s, printed statutes and other official items for the state of New Hampshire.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**
Henry Carroll and Nathaniel Baker owned the *New Hampshire Patriot*, the state’s foremost Democratic paper, from 1841-1846. Carroll and Baker were also selected as state printers and, in the early 1840’s, printed statutes and other official items for the state
of New Hampshire. This collection contains letters from Democratic office holders, letters to the editor, rough drafts for editorials in the *Patriot*, items relating to their state printing assignments, and letters to Charles T. Jackson, New Hampshire’s state geologist. Most of the correspondence is from 1840-1845, with a few letters from the 1830’s. The major themes reflected in the collection concern the Radical and Conservative split within the Democratic party, and the turmoil caused by John Parker Hale’s denunciation of the Texas annexation.

**Arrangement:**
The collection is chronologically arranged. Boxes 1, 2, and 3 contain correspondence dated 1833-1846. Box 4, folder 1, contains the Charles T. Jackson correspondence, 1843-1844; Jackson was New Hampshire’s state geologist. Box 4, folder 2, contains undated correspondence. Box 4, folders 3, 4, 5, and 6 contain a range of miscellaneous material, including items relating to the Democratic party, Henry Clay, William Henry Harrison and Martin Van Buren. Folder 4 in Box 4 contains newspaper clippings on Isaac Hill. Folder 5 contains an Account Book.

**Contents List**

**Box 1**
- Folder 1: September 8, 1833 – June 17, 1840
- Folder 2: January 3, 1841 – June 26, 1841
- Folder 3: July 4, 1841 – December 11, 1841
- Folder 4: January 3, 1842 – February 25, 1842
- Folder 5: March 2, 1842 – April 27, 1842
- Folder 6: May 1, 1842 – July 31, 1842
- Folder 7: August 14, 1842 – October 25, 1842
- Folder 8: November 6, 1842 – December 31, 1842

**Box 2**
- Folder 1: January 3, 1843 – January 31, 1843
- Folder 2: February 1, 1843 – February 28, 1843
- Folder 3: March 1, 1843 – April 30, 1843
- Folder 4: May 2, 1843 – June 27, 1843
- Folder 5: July 14, 1843 – October 21, 1843
- Folder 6: November 3, 1843 – December 30, 1843
- Folder 7: January 2, 1844 – February 28, 1844
- Folder 8: March 2, 1844 – April 30, 1844
- Folder 9: May 1, 1844 – May 31, 1844

**Box 3**
- Folder 1: June 5, 1844 – September 28, 1844
- Folder 2: October 2, 1844 – December 27, 1844
- Folder 3: January 2, 1845 – January 29, 1845
- Folder 4: February 4, 1845 – February 28, 1845
Folder 5  March 1, 1845 – March 31, 1845
Folder 6  April 4, 1845 – August 8, 1845
Folder 7  September 8, 1845 – December 21, 1845
Folder 8  February – June, 1846, not dated

Box 4
Folder 1  Charles T. Jackson Correspondence, 1843–1844
Folder 2  Undated Correspondence
Folder 3  Miscellaneous
Folder 4  Miscellaneous
Folder 5  Miscellaneous
Folder 6  Miscellaneous
Folder 7  Account Book Expenses

Subject Terms

People:
Atherton, Charles Gordon, 1804-1853
Ayer, Samuel Hazen
Baker, Nathaniel, 1818-1876
Barton, Cyrus, 1795-1855
Burke, Edmund, 1809-1882
Carroll, Henry
Eastman, Ira
Fowler, Asa, 1811-1885
Hale, John Parker, 1806-1873
Hibbard, Harry, 1816-1872
Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851
Jackson, Charles T., 1805-1880
Norris, Moses, 1799-1855
Lane, Charles E., 1837-1868
Swaysey, Samuel
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851

Organizations:
New Hampshire Patriot

Subjects:
New Hampshire Politics – 19th Century

Locations:
Concord, NH

Occupations:
Geologist