

CHASE, CHARLES (1803-1866)

FAMILY PAPERS, 1830-1891.

1 box (ca. 300 items), 1 vol.

Gift of Jane L. Cayford, Concord, N.H. 1963

Biographical Information

Charles Chase was born July 17, 1803 in Cornish, N.H. He lived in Keene on a farm there and owned a mill. The papers include a few orders for hemlock boards and boxes. In 1864 he sold the mill and moved with his family to Keene. He died there August 6, 1866.

Charles Chase married Hannah Chase of Athol, Mass., June 7, 1832. Three of their children lived to maturity and have papers in the collection.

Hannah Abby was born Oct. 19, 1833. She married George Franklin Goodnow and left Keene for the west, March 13, 1859. (Diary 1856) Most of the collection consists of her letters to her family from Illinois.

Charles Dwight was born Sept. 24, 1840. He enlisted in Company I, 9th N.H. Volunteers, August 18, 1862. He died the following year, July 20, 1863, near Clinton, Mississippi. The collection includes a few of his Civil War letters.

Clara Eliza was born Nov. 17, 1847. She married John W. Sturtevant in 1871.

Lucia Maria was born July 16, 1844 and died Oct. 3, 1859, age 15 years. She received letters from her sister Abbie in Illinois.

Cards made for catalogue

Chase, Charles	Civil War
Chase, Charles Dwight	Household goods
Goodnow, George F.	Illinois, Rockford
Stowe, Harriet Beecher (Subj.)	Mills
Sturtevant, Charles C.	

Accounts

Diaries

Keene, N.H.

CHARLES CHASE - FAMILY PAPERS

Inventory

Folder

1. Charles Chase (1803-1866). Papers, 1830-1866.
Correspondence and bills. Includes orders for hemlock boards and boxes, bills for household goods; a letter from Bela to Stephen Chase, brothers, 1830; news from cousins.
2. Mrs. Charles Chase (Hannah). Accounts, 1866-1872.
Notebook of domestic accounts; bills for groceries, newspapers, taxes. A few bills for daughter, Clara Chase.
3. Mrs. Charles Chase (Hannah). Diaries, 1856, 1872-1874. 4 vols.
Pocket diaries. Vol. for 1856 has a few notes about the family. November 28, 1872 mentions hearing Mrs. H.B. Stowe read.
4. Mrs. Charles Chase (Hannah). Correspondence, 1864-1871.
Letters from sister, M.C. Elinwood, and niece in Massachusetts.
5. Charles Dwight Chase (1840-1863). Papers, 1853-1864.
Notebook of accounts, 1853 with money spent for mill, 1855-56; pocket diary 1861, and a few pages kept while in the army, 1863; a few Civil War letters from friends and to his family; letter announcing his death.
6. Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow. Letters, 1859-1861.
Frequent letters to members of the Chase family in Keene from Pecatonica and other places in Illinois; includes a few from her husband George F. Goodnow.
7. Hannah Abbie (Chase) Goodnow. Letters, 1864-1865.
Letters to family from Rockford, Illinois, mostly domestic news. Letter from George F. Goodnow, July 18, 1864, mentions sale of mill in Cornish, hopes family will move to Illinois, price of cattle, etc. in Chicago.
8. George D. Gordon. Papers, 1872-1881.
Receipts for board from R.E. Dixon in Dedham, Mass., 1872-1875; a few bills, including certificates for weighing hay, 1881.
9. Charles C. Sturtevant. Poultry Account, 1889-1891. 1 vol.
Accounts of a poultry business. Also a volume unidentified.

Volumes

- Charles Chase, Ledger, 1832-1856. 1 vol.
Farmer in Keene. Includes account with the town.