DEMERRITT FAMILY (of Madbury, NH)
FAMILY PAPERS,
X Linear Feet

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

John DeMerritt Sr. (b. 1698) built the Madbury house between 1723-1724 on the Southwest side of Mahariment’s Hill (Hichs Hill)

“Powder Major” John DeMerritt (1728-1826) was a fine woodworker and finish carpenter. He married Elizabth Cate of Northwood in 1756. She died in April of 1762 after the birth of their third child John Jr. He then married Elizabeth Davis. DeMerritt assited in laying out the towns of Peeling (N. Woodstock, NH) and New Madbury (Jackson, NH). In December 1774 re aided in removing gun powder from Ft. William and Mary and secreted a portion of it in his cellar in Madbury. Family tradition states that he moved it to Cambridge, MA in time for the Battle of Bunker Hill. He was appointed major in the 2nd. NH regiment by the Provincial Congress in Exeter in 1775 and represented the town in the State Legislature from 1776-1777.

John DeMerritt (1762-1846) Married Lois, daughter of Elizabeth Davis in 1785, she died in 1786 leaving a new son David DeMerritt. John married again in 1789 to Deborah Meserve. He was appointed Captain in the 5th Co, 25th NH by Gov. John Langdon.

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Other Demerritt /Goss Family Members

"A", 1848, 1860-62, Boston; Albert, 1883, Boston; Alaric, 1853, Woodstock

Betsey, 1889-1893, Dover

Curtis, 1824-1835, Portsmouth/Dover

Davis, 1808, Madbury; "E.B.", 1937, Georgia

Ebenezer, 1773, Madbury, witch trial

Ebenezer F., 1850-65, Barrington; Ezra T., 1863-65, 70;
"E", 1836-1869, Dover, Madbury, Durham

Eli's (1696-1774) & (1787-1877)

Eunice, 1825; Frank, 1838, Exeter; Isaac, 1824, Peeling

"J.F.", James, Peeling

John & John P. Jr., 1860-1891, Vermont

Mary, 1856-57, Durham

Olivia, 1863, Dover; Paul, 1787, Madbury

Samuel, 1802-1807, 1842-47

Sophia, 1844

Miscellaneous Demerritts

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William Goss, 1845-69, 81, 1913 Epsom

Jonathan Goss, 1857-1893 Epsom

Jonathan Goss, Pittsfield Building Assn.

Winifrid L. Goss, correspondence, 1894-1953

Estate of Jennie M, Executrix, misc. & visitor's book, 1930

Mary Parker Woodworth (1849-1919)

Genealogy & biographical information

Correspondence, 1867-69, 1873, 1917

Transcriptions of letters from Vassar College, 1867-1868

Diaries, 1905-1919, 3 vols.

Correspondence to M.P.W.

Article on Concord Women's Club, 1895

Travel Journal from Greece, 1909

Writings, undated

Misc writings

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Miscellaneous
Related Families

- Fannic Biddle, Concord, Autograph book, 1859
- Emerson
- Hayes
- Perkins
- Pierce
- Pitman
- Snell
- Stoll, Anna to Jane Demerritt
- Thompson
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Town Papers

- General
- Xmas presents
- Town Buildings
- Church
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- History
- Library
- Marriages & deaths
- Military & garrison
- Politics & voting
- Post Office
- Railroad
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Town Clerk Accounts volume 1853-1929

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- Diary pages, author unknown, 1859-1864
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