

DOW/GRAY/ELA FAMILIES (of Dover)
 PAPERS, 1798-1899
 1 Carton

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Jabez Dow (Jan 24, 1776-Jan. 9, 1839) born in Kensington, NH. Educated under Rev. Mr. Shaw of Kensington; entered Dr. Kitteredge's office, in Dover, as a medical student in 1793; began the practice of medicine in Kensington in 1796, and moved to Dover in May 1802, where he practiced until his death in 1839. He served as Dover town meeting moderator in 1809 and 1825. In 1802 he published a booklet called Kensington Table of Mortality. Dr. Dow's booklet covers the subject of deaths from "throat distemper". He married Hannah Waitt and had five children:

Samuel W. Dow, physician, (1803-May 15, 1837) practiced medicine in Dover. Married Elizabeth Wallingford, no children.

Nathan Thompson Dow (Dec 27, 1807-1870) graduated from Dartmouth in 1828, taught school in Haverhill, NH for one year; studied law with Daniel Miltmore Christie in Dover & Richard Fletcher of Boston. Admitted to the Suffolk Bar and practiced in Grafton, MA in 1834. Moved to Worcester and then to Boston in 1839 where he stayed until his death in 1870.

John M. Dow

Charles G. Dow

Elizabeth R. Dow

Henry Dow (1806-1889) married Hannah ?

Henry Dow married Mary Ednah Hill Widow of George Gray
 Mary Ednah Hill was born in 1843. Did John M. Dow have son named Henry? Was there a Henry Dow Jr.?

Ela/Gray/Hill Families:

Nathaniel Whittier Ela (1766-1843) was a tavern keeper in Dover, NH. He married Esther Emerson in 1790 and had ten children, the following appear in the collections:

Susanna (June 19, 1795-Dec 20, 1875) unmarried.

Ruth (Jan 4, 1809-1875) presumably unmarried.

Charles Ela (1811-1838) "killed by desperados while on a business trip to Texas".

Esther (b. 1803) married Nathaniel R. Hill in 1825 had seven children including Mary Ednah Hill who married George Gray and Nathaniel E. Hill who corresponded with "Aunt Susanna"

George Gray was apparently a portrait artist and ran the Hay scales in Dover, NH.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The Jabez Dow papers have good medical content including records of patients, prices of supplies, memoranda on various medical subjects, and a list of midwifery patients. They also reflect Dow's involvement with the poor as a physician and prominent member of the community. He was also involved in shipping as shown by accounts of his cargo of shingles, labor done on boats, and bills of sale for boats.

Nathan Dow has a journal of an 1832 journey to Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Buffalo, Albany, Providence, etc. The controversy over the Tetherly fence was a surveying dispute that dragged on for years and is well documented with testimony, affidavits, etc.

There is a Cocheco Manufacturing Company account book with the collection and Ruth and Susanna Ela rented a house from the Cocheco Manufacturing Company for years.

George Gray's hay scales business is represented by two daybooks. He also appears to have been a portrait artist as shown by his business card.

The miscellaneous category includes a letterbook for the Moses family, 1853-58. There are also domestic records such as needlework pattern, cooking recipes, household inventory etc. Miscellaneous religious writing and poetry are included. There is a Strafford Enquirer subscriber's list for 1828.

SERIES I. DOW FAMILY

Subseries A: Jabez Dow

Box 1,	fld 1	Legal papers, 1805-1829
1,	fld 2	Dow & Remick grocery business, 1804
1,	fld 3	Support of the poor, 1808-1812
1,	fld 4-12	Accounts & receipts, 1798-1835
1,	fld 13	Accounts for collection, 1805-1820
1,	fld 14-17	Medical correspondence, notes, & receipts

1, fld 18 NH Medical Society, Charter &
Bylaws, 1822
1, fld 19 Ships papers, 1804-1806

Subseries B: Other Dow Family Members

Box 1, fld 20 Samuel W. Dow, 1823-1836
1, fld 21-22 Nathan T. Dow, 1832, 54, 58, 74
1, fld 23-25 Hannah & Henry Dow, 1827-1888
1, fld 26-27 Elizabeth R. Dow, 1833, 1835
1, fld 28-29 Receipts, 1802-1851
1, fld 30 Correspondence, 1833-1845
1, fld 31 Controversy over Tetherly fence
1815-1861

SERIES II: ELA/GRAY/HILL FAMILIES

Box 1, fld 31 Correspondence & legal papers,
1806, 1849-1899
1, fld 32 Receipts & Misc., 1830-1875
1, fld 33 Susanna & Ruth Ela, receipts and
correspondence, 1832-1856
1, fld 34 Hill family, 1847-51, 1871-72
1, fld 35 George Gray & Mary Ednah (Hill)
Gray, 1845-56, 1863-65
1, fld 36-37 George Gray, Daybook hay scales,
1850-1858, 1859-63

SERIES III: MISCELLANEOUS

Box 1, fld 38 Receipts & accounts, 1797-1845
1, fld 39 Moses family letterbook, 1853-1858
1, fld 40 Legal papers, 1865-1870
1, fld 41 Correspondence & memoranda, 1797,
1805, 1850, & undated
1, fld 42 Cochecho Manufacturing, Accounts,
1833-1834
1, fld 43 Music, poetry, copybook
1, fld 44 Recipes, household inventory,
needlework pattern
1, fld 45 Dover School Committee report,
undated, Strafford Enquirer
subscriber list, 1828
1, fld 46 Printed matter

Catalog cards made:

Dow, Jabez (1776-1839)

Dow, Samuel (1803-1837)

Dow, Nathan Thompson (1807-1870)

Ela, Nathaniel W. (1766-1843)

Ela Family (of Dover)

Gray Family (of Dover)

Dover, NH

Occupations-Physician

Medicine

NH Medical Society

Midwifery

Shipping

Travel Journals

Cocheco Manufacturing Co.

Moses Family (of Dover?)

Newspapers-Strafford Enquirer

Recipes

Paupers