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GEORGE FROST (FFROST) FAMILY COLLECTION (1701–1845)
Durham, New Hampshire

The Frost Papers (1701–1845) contain both the business and personal records of George Frost (1720–1796) and his son George Jr. (1765–1841). The Frost business records are made up of shipping accounts and correspondence, store, mill, and farm accounts, business correspondence, deeds and legal documents. Personal Papers contain family accounts, personal correspondence and tax receipts. There is one item, a "pockitt book", dated 1704–1712, that belonged to John Frost, father of George Frost and is located at the beginning of the Personal Papers.

Harvard Business School's Baker Library also houses a Frost Business Collection (1759–1884) which contains records of general store and other mercantile accounts kept by George Frost Jr. and his sons George and William Frost.

The Frost Papers were given to the Historical Society in 1975 by Charles Henry Sawyer and George Frost Sawyer who are directly descended from George Frost.

GEORGE FROST (1720–1796)
Biographic Sketch

The elder George Frost was born in Newcastle, New Hampshire July 26, 1720. As a young man he married widow Mary Richards who died October 10, 1757 leaving no children. In 1760 George married a second time to the widow Margaret Weeks Smith (1729–1816) and raised a family of four children, George Jr., Mary, Martha Wentworth, and Col. John.

George Frost received an education from his Uncle the Rev. John Blunt. Upon completion of his education he entered the counting house of his Uncle Sir William Pepperrell and soon became supercargo and captain of one of his uncle's vessels, Flying Fish in 1740. Frost was a merchant for twenty years. From 1760–1770 he lived on his farm at Rye, New Hampshire and resided there until 1779 when he moved to Durham, New Hampshire. Following the organization of Strafford County he was appointed Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas and held office until 1791. He was appointed Justice fo the Peace in 1768 and served as Judge from 1773–1791. George was a delegate to the Continental Congress in 1777, 1778 and 1789, Councillor in New Hampshire 1780–1784, moderator of the Durham New Hampshire town meetings 1775–1777, 1779, 1781, 1789, and Selectman of Durham in 1776 and 1781. He was delegate to the Fourth Provincial Congress convened at Exeter, May 17, 1775 and was also a member of the town's Committee of Correspondence. He died at Lubberland on Great Bay June 21, 1796.

GEORGE FROST JR. (1765–1841)
Biographic Sketch

George Frost Jr. born December 3, 1765, married Margaret Burleigh (1770–1846) of Newmarket, New Hampshire and had four children named Mehitable Sheafe, George, William Pepperrell, and Elizabeth. George Jr. was also a merchant, magistrate, and farmed extensively throughout
his lifetime. In 1807 he was representative from Durham to the New Hampshire Legislature. He served as the fourth Postmaster of Durham, appointed July 1, 1808. He served in Captain Alfred Smith's company of militia during the War of 1812 and was moderator of the town meetings at Durham from 1812-1814 and 1828. In 1800 he purchased of Jonathan Woodman the Valentine Hill house, erected in 1749 in Durham, N.H. George Frost died on April 10, 1841.

The Frost Collection is arranged chronologically into two series; eighteenth and nineteenth century Business Papers and eighteenth and nineteenth century Personal Papers.

The following sub-series of Business Papers are; the shipping correspondence and accounts, farm accounts, deeds and general business correspondence of George Frost and George Jr. and the store, mill and legal documents of George Jr.

Shipping accounts include all bills, receipts and invoices as well as two ships logs dated 1757 which reveal general expenses of voyages made, cargo bought and sold, and weather reports kept during that year. Legal documents include estate papers, wills, official records of land purchases and sales and various lawsuits involving patrons of George Jr's store in Northwood, New Hampshire.

Series Two, eighteenth and nineteenth century Personal Papers, is divided into the personal accounts, personal correspondence and tax receipts of both George Frost and George Jr.

Personal Correspondence contains two letters from William Plumer dated 1821 and 1825 and a eulogy to Henry Mellen written sometime after July 1809.

A genealogy of the Frost Family can be found at the beginning of the collection.

Reference material pertaining to the Frost Family can be found in the following books.


INVENTORY

Business Papers

Shipping Correspondence

Box 1

Folder 1  June 1746 - 25 Nov. 1749
Folder 2  Jan. 1750 - 19 Nov. 1750
Folder 3  8 March 1751 - 14 Nov. 1753
Folder 4  Jan. - Dec. 1755
Folder 5  12 Jan. 1756 - 7 June 1757
Folder 6  26 April 1760 - 4 Aug. 1791

Shipping Accounts

Folder 7  1734 - 1739  Flying Fish
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Folder 9  1746  
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Folder 12  1750  

Box 2

Shipping Accounts Cont'd

Folder 13  1751  Flying Fish, Molly, Betsy
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Folder 15  1753  
Folder 16  1754  
Folder 17  1755  Lovely Lass
Folder 18  1756  Richard, Lion
Folder 19  1757  Lion
Folder 20  1758  
Folder 21  1759  
Folder 22  1760 - 1763  
Folder 23  1782 - 1792  Accounts - General
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BUSINESS PAPERS CONT'D

Store Accounts

Box 2
Folder 8  1750 - 1769
Folder 9  1770 - 1773
Folder 10  1775 - 1786
Folder 11  1787 - 1790
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Folder 16  1801 - 1819
Folder 17  1820 - 1841
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Folder 19  undated material

Store, Mill, Farm Accounts

Box 3
Folder 1  Northwood Store 1791 - 1800
Folder 2  Lamphrey River Mills 1772 - 1792
Folder 3  Farm Accounts 1746 - 1767
Folder 4  Farm Accounts 1768 - 1801

Business Correspondence

Folder 5  1760 - 1820
Folder 6  1821 - 1839

Legal Documents

Lawsuits

Folder 7  1771 - 1775
Folder 8  1796 - 1800
Folder 9  1801 - 1836

Legal Documents

George Frost

Folder 10  1771 - 1810
BUSINESS PAPERS CONT'D
Legal Documents
Land Docs.

Box 3
Folder 11  1776 - 1887
Legal Documents
General

Folder 12  1787 - 1835
Legal Documents
Undated

Folder 13  not dated material

Box 4
Folder 1  Estates, Deeds
  John Burleigh estate papers
  1763 - 1779

Folder 2
  John Burleigh estate papers cont'd
  1782 - 1789

Folder 3
  John Burleigh estate papers cont'd
  1790 - 1799

Folder 4
  Henry and Mehitable Burleigh estate papers
  1800 - 1812

Folder 5
  John, Henry, Mehitable Burleigh
  no date

Folder 6
  George Frost (1720 - 1796) estate papers
  1794 - 1803

Folder 7
  Ebenezer and John Smith estate papers
  1749 - 1785

Folder 8
  Clough and Ayers estate papers
  1794 - 1808

Folder 9  1740 - 1788 Deeds
  Durham, Northwood, Portsmouth, Sanbornton, Gilmanton.

Folder 10  1790 - 1794 Deeds
  Durham, Northwood, Portsmouth, Pittsfield, Hampton
  Chichester, Greenland.

Folder 11  1795 - 1799 Deeds
  Durham, Northwood, Dover
  Pittsfield.

Folder 12  1800 - 1805 Deeds
  Northwood, Durham, Portsmouth, Exeter, Newmarket.

Folder 13  1806 - 1810 Deeds
  Durham, Northwood, Dover
  Barnstead, Pittsfield.

Folder 14  1811 - 1826 Deeds
  Durham, Northwood, Portsmouth, Gilmanton, Newcastl
  Barrington.
Box 5

Folder 1  John Frost's "Pockitt Book"
1704 - 1712

Store Accounts
Folder 2  1744 - 1767
Folder 3  1769 - 1774
Folder 4  1775 - 1787
Folder 5  1787 - 1790
Folder 6  1791 - 1792
Folder 7  1793 - 1799

Personal Correspondence
Folder 8  1780 - 1835  2 William Plumer letters
Jan. 19, 1821; May 21, 1825
Eulogy to Henry Mellen
July 1809.

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