

George Family Papers 1805-1901

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Charles Smith George (1816-1896)
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Biographical Note:

Enos George, 1781 - 1859, was born in South Hampton NH and educated at Atkinson Academy. He began his preaching career as a Methodist in 1801 but became a Congregationalist in 1803 and was ordained and installed as the first minister of Barnstead's Congregational Church in 1804, a position he held until his death. He also taught in various schools in town and was

elected Town Clerk every year from 1816 to 1859. In 1829 he was Chaplain of the New Hampshire Legislature and in 1843 and 1844 he represented Barnstead in the state legislature. He married Sophia Chesley of Durham NH in 1804; she died in 1858. They had six children.

Charles Smith George, 1816 - 1896, son of Enos, was born in Barnstead NH and educated at Gilmanton Academy. He taught school, then studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1845. After practicing for 10 years, he became a farmer but remained active in state and local politics. He was representative to the NH Legislature 1860-61, Selectman 1865-66, Justice of the Peace 1847-94, member of the 1876 Constitutional Convention, president of the first Greenback state convention 1878, State Senator 1887. He married Almira Waldron of Stratford NH, who died in 1893. They had ten children.

Franklin George, 1814 - 1883, son of Enos, was born in Barnstead NH and was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1837. He was principal of Henniker NH Academy for, then moved to Georgia, where he taught at Summerville GA Academy. He then studied medicine in Augusta, graduating from the Medical College of Georgia in 1843. He practiced at Shady Dale and Madison, both near Augusta. He married Emily Holland of Georgia, who died in 1891. They had seven children.

For more information, see:

Barnstead Reunion Aug 30, 1882. Pub. 1884

Dartmouth Necrology. 1876 - 1898

George Genealogy. Keith H. George, 1991

History of Barnstead, 1727 - 1872. Jeremiah P. Jewett, 1872

History and Genealogy of the Barnstead Early Families, 1727 - 1970. Stuart Merrill, 1979.

New Hampshire Native Ministry. N.F. Carter, 1906.

Summary:

This collection was found in a house in Barnstead and no doubt represents a typical accumulation of the private and public records of a Congregational minister and his family in rural New Hampshire in the first half of the 19th century.

The papers are arranged in four sections:

Enos George: Box 1, entire; box 2, folders 1 - 7

Charles Smith George: Box 2, folders 8 - 11

Franklin George: Box 2, folder 12

Unidentified other family members: Box 2, folder 13

Most of the papers relate to the professional life of Reverend **Enos George** in his various capacities of minister, town clerk and teacher. In his journals, he lists which meetinghouse(s) he preached in on a given Sunday along with the Biblical verses upon which the sermon was based. He also notes **deaths**, often with the age of the person and cause of death and occasionally with a comment about the person. His professional papers include items such as wills and estates for which he was executor, correspondence with Congregational colleagues about church issues and committees, requests from and to officials of other towns ascertaining contents of town records regarding marriages, pension eligibility etc. The folders labeled "**Professional papers**:"

marriages" are actually "intentions of marriage" sworn to him as Town Clerk. George's sermons are largely undated and are difficult to read, being written in a tiny hand on much-folded and used paper. Many of them seem to have been given from notes and/or outlines, of which there are a great number, always with the Biblical verses upon which the talk was based.

The letters of Enos' son, **Charles Smith George**, apparently date from the years before his marriage; they are largely from friends and offer suggestions about what he should do with his life, observations upon mutual friends, etc.

Another son of Enos, **Franklin George**, is represented by only nine letters to family members, but in many ways these are the most personal and evocative of the entire collection. Franklin became a physician in Georgia, and his letters detail his impressions of the place and people and what his practice is like. They are notable for a gap during the Civil War years, and the sole post-war letter, from 1869, says nothing about his experiences in the war.

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- Folder 3. Enos George: Financial (receipts, etc.) 1830 - 1845, 1858
- Folder 4. Enos George: Journals, 1806-08, 1810-12 (3)
- Folder 5. Enos George: Journals, 1812-17 (1)
- Folder 6. Enos George: Journals, 1818-26 (1)
- Folder 7. Enos George: Journals, 1827-36 (1, loose pages)
- Folder 8. Enos George: Journals, 1837-38 (3 pages)
- Folder 9. Enos George: Journals, 1839-46 (1, loose pages)
- Folder 10. Enos George: Journals, 1847-49 (1, 1 loose page)
- Folder 11. Enos George: Journals, 1850-53 (1, 1 loose page)
- Folder 12. Enos George: Journals, 1855-56 (1)
- Folder 13. Enos George: Journals, 1857-58 (1)
- Folder 14. Enos George: Professional Papers, 1820-29 (16)
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- Folder 18. Enos George: Professional Papers: Marriages, c. 1805-19, n.d. (4)
- Folder 19. Enos George: Professional Papers: Marriages, 1824-25 (24)
- Folder 20. Enos George: Professional Papers: Marriages, 1825-26 (23)
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- Folder 22. Enos George: Professional Papers: 1833, 43, 46, 54-58 (5)
- Folder 23. Enos George: Professional Papers: Printed Materials, 1821-55, n.d. (11)
- Folder 24. Enos George: Professional Papers: Tax Lists, 1808, 19, 21, 23, 31-32, 34. (5)

Box 2

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Folder 12. Franklin George: Correspondence, 1843-69 (9)
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Folder 13. Miscellaneous family members: Correspondence, 1848-1901 (6)