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KENT / THOMAS FAMILIES (Concord, NH)
FAMILY PAPERS, 1679-1888
2 Boxes, ca. 380 items

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

William A. Kent (1765-1840) Col. Kent was the son of Ebenezer and Mary Kent of Charlestown, Mass. He moved to Concord, NH in 1789. He was trained as a tin worker but also ran a store selling West Indies merchandise. He served as Justice of the Peace and was a state representative and senator. He served in the militia and as an aid to Governor Gilman, retiring as Colonel. He married twice, first Charlotte Mellen and then Margaret Tucker.

George Kent (1796-1884) was born in Concord, NH son of William A. Kent and Charlotte. He studied law at Dartmouth and practiced in Concord until 1840. He also served as cashier at the Concord Bank and as associate editor of the New Hampshire Statesman. He was a representative in the state legislature in 1828 and 1838. He practiced in Maine with his brother Edward Kent and was appointed consul to Valencia Spain by resident Lincoln in 1861 and later served in the Treasury Department in Washington DC. He was active in the abolition movement and wrote volumes of poetry.

Moses G. Thomas (1805-1880) graduated from Harvard Divinity School and ordained minister in 1829. He served as pastor of the Unitarian Church in Concord from 1829-1845. He then served in Massachusetts and returned to Concord in 1874 and died there in 1880. He married Mary Jane Kent daughter of William A. Kent.

William C. Thomas, son of Rev. Moses G. Thomas and Mary Jane (Kent)Thomas was born January 3, 1843 in Concord, NH. He served in the Civil War in the 38th Regiment of Massachusetts volunteers as a private and promoted to Captain. He died June 16, 1914 at the Soldiers and Sailors Home in Bath, NY.

See attached photocopies for further biographical information.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The first box of papers contains a collection from various Kent and Thomas family members. There are six items of political correspondence to George Kent plus a great deal of his poetry. There is correspondence to Moses G. Thomas, a reminiscence of a White Mountains trip by Mary Jane Kent in 1830 plus a few items each for various other family members, see below.

The Civil War Letters of William Channing Thomas extend from July, 1862 through April, 1865. He served with Co. H of the 38th Massachusetts Regiment. Thomas writes of Camp Shanton and then camp Belger in Baltimore. His regiment then marches to Camp Cram and Powhalton Hill. In September of 1862 he writes of hiding a slave. Thomas relates details of his job as quartermaster. In Nov.-Dec. he travels by boat to Camp Kearney? six miles from New Orleans. He mentions seeing from a distance the blowing up of the gunboat Mississippi. Next to Port Hudson and Baton Rouge. In May of 1864 at the rank of Captain he goes to Washington to the Office of Commissary of Subsistence 1st Div. 19th AC. In April of 1865 he notes his resignation and his engagement.

An original photo of William Channing Thomas was transferred to Special Collections.

SERIES I: KENT FAMILY

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| Box 1, fld 1 | Genealogy (4 items) |
| fld 2 | Kent House (3 items) |
| fld 3 | George Kent, political correspondence, 1832-1836 (6 items)
from S. E. Coues, Langley Boardman, Nathaniel Peabody Rogers
and by G.K. to others |
| fld 4-5 | Poetry by George Kent (19 items) |
| 2 vols. | Poetry by George Kent |
| fld 6 | Metrical Effusions, 1883 printed (1 item) |
| fld 7-8 | Moses G. Thomas, correspondence, 1822-1888 from his mother,
from Joel Parker (Keene), Jacob B. Moore, Jeremiah Smith
(Exeter), Indiana & NH Historical Societies (17 items) |
| fld 9 | Mary Jane Kent, White Mountain trips, 1830& later (1 item) |
| fld 10 | William A. Kent, correspondence, 1827, 1840 |
| fld 11 | William G. Thomas & Moses G. Thomas, 1863 (6 items) |
| fld 12 | Concord scrapbook |
| fld 13 | Misc. sermon 1679 (Samuel Whitney?), lithograph of letter from
Ebenezer Kent to Molly, 1766 (3 items) |

SERIES II: WILLIAM CHANNING THOMAS

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| Box 2, fld 1 | July-Aug., 1862 (4 items) |
| fld 2-3 | Sept., 1862 (18 items) |
| fld 4 | Oct., 1862 (9 items) |
| fld 5 | Nov., 1862 (15 items) |
| fld 6 | Dec. 1862 (8 items) |
| fld 7 | Jan., 1863 (12 items) |
| fld 8 | Feb., 1863 (10 items) |
| fld 9 | Mar.-Apr., 1863 (13 items) |
| fld 10 | May-June 1863 (13 items) |

fld 11	July-Aug., 1863 (16 items)
fld 12	Sept.-Oct., 1863 (12 items)
fld 13	Nov.-Dec., 1863 (14 items)
fld 14	Jan.-Feb., 1864 (16 items)
fld 15	Mar-Apr., 1864 (14 items)
fld 16	May-June, 1864 (11 items)
fld 17	July, 1864 (13 items)
fld 18	August, 1864 (7 items)
fld 19	Sept.-Oct., 1864 (9 items)
fld 20	Nov.-Dec., 1864 (4 items)
fld 21	Jan-Feb., 1865 (13 items)
fld 22	Mar-Apr. 1865 (16 items)
fld 23	Misc. (3 items)

CARDS MADE FOR THE CATALOG:

Civil War - Massachusetts	Thomas, Moses G.
Concord, NH	Thomas, William Channing
Kent, William A.	White Mountains
Kent, George	Politics- NH- 1830-1836
Poetry	Coues, S. E.
Boardman, Langley	Rogers, Nathaniel Peabody
Parker, Joel (Keene)	Moore, Jacob B.
Smith, Jeremiah (Exeter)	