



## Guide to the Whittemore Family Papers, 1756-1932

### Administrative Information

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Reverend Aaron Whittemore I, 1713-1767  
Aaron Whittemore II, 1746-1817  
Aaron Whittemore III, 1774-1850  
Aaron Whittemore IV, 1808-1890  
Aaron Whittemore V, 1849-1885  
Arthur Gilman Whittemore, 1856-1931  
Caroline Rundlett Whittemore  
Charles B. Whittemore  
Rundlett Family

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

20 boxes

**Abstract:**

Whittemore family of Pembroke, NH; includes family correspondence, personal and business receipts, town papers, probate papers of numerous estates of residents of the

town of Pembroke. The collection also includes the papers of several generations of Aaron Whittemores, the business papers of Hiram Whittemore (1811-1890) regarding bankruptcy in China, ME and personal correspondence from Kankakee, IL, as well as the papers of the Rundlett Family, and Caroline and Arthur G. Whittemore of Dover, NH.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

Gift of the heirs of Caroline Whittemore, August 1978.

### **Processing Information:**

The finding aid was updated by Katelynn Vance in October 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:**

**Reverend Aaron Whittemore I** lived from December 11, 1713 to November 15, 1767. Ordained on March 2, 1738, he was the first pastor of the Congregational Church in Pembroke, NH. Reverend Whittemore married Abigail Coffin of Newbury, MA on February 2, 1743.

**Aaron Whittemore II** lived from April 9, 1746 to May 1, 1817. Whittemore II was prominent in Pembroke, NH town affairs. He was a soldier during the American Revolution. On January 11, 1770, he married Sarah Gilman of Exeter, NH.

**Aaron Whittemore III** lived from November 28, 1774 to April 26, 1850. He and his brother Richard commended trade at the Whittemore place in Pembroke, NH as early as 1797. Aaron quit the trade and built a house where he also kept a tavern. Whittemore was elected town clerk and New Hampshire State Representative in 1803. In 1813, he settled the line between Chichester, NH and Pembroke, NH and served as Justice of the Peace from 1812-1850. He married Lydia Fisk of Derry, NH on February 28, 1776.

**Aaron Whittemore IV** lived from November 4, 1808 to March 26, 1890.

In his early years, he was active in the militia. He was a trustee of Pembroke Academy and Superintendent of Schools in 1843, 1856, and 1860. He helped found and was later president of the Peoples Literary Institution and Gymnasium. He held positions as Justice of the Peace, 1838-1890; Postmaster, 1828-1842; Deputy Sheriff, 1841-1844; and selectman, 1842-1844, 1847-1852, and 1863-1869. He served as Associate Justice of the Court of Common Pleas for Merrimack County from 1853 until the courts changed. He was a representative to the Legislature in 1849-1850 and member of the Constitutional Conventions in 1850 and 1876. He married Ariannah S. Barstow of Exeter, NH on December 13, 1840.

**Aaron Whittemore V** lived from January 18, 1849 to May 4, 1885. He was educated at Pembroke Academy and Harvard Law School. In 1870, he was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar and established a practice in Pittsfield, NH. In 1883, he served in the New Hampshire State Legislature. He was married to Achsah L. Cheney of Bradford, NH on September 27, 1876.

**Arthur Gilman Whittemore** lived from July 26, 1856 to 1931. He was the son of Aaron Whittemore IV and Ariannah Whittemore. Educated at Pembroke Academy and Harvard Law School, Arthur Whittemore was admitted to the Bar in 1879. After, he practiced law in Dover, NH. During his life, Arthur held many political offices including Mayor, New Hampshire Senator, representative to the New Hampshire Constitutional Commission, and a representative to the Governor's Council. From 1903 to 1911, Arthur was on the New Hampshire Railroad Commission.

**Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Whittemore Family Papers cover five generations of the family, 1756-1932. The papers of Aaron Whittemore (1808-1890) constitute the bulk of the collection. However, since the five generations of Aaron Whittemores did not use middle initials or distinguishing numbers, much of the collection has been organized chronologically without an attempt to separate the Aarons. This system was also used as they served consecutive but overlapping positions as Justice of the Peace and Deputy Sheriff.

The estate papers contain information of many other local families. Box 19 contains papers related to Franklin Pierce and Asa Fowler's law practice in the 1830's and 1840's. There are 19 folders of papers on the Cochecho and other railroads dated 1845 to 1870. Pembroke town history for the years 1756 to 1867 is represented through deeds, town papers, receipts, taxes and Deputy Sheriff accounts

The papers of Arthur Gilman Whittemore of Dover, NH reflect city politics of the early 1920's. Caroline Rundlett Whittemore's papers show a profile of women's social activities and clubs of the period.

**Arrangement:**

Series I. Aaron Whittemore, 1820-1874

Series II. Combined Papers of the Aaron Whittemores, 1800-1932

Series III. Pembroke Town Papers

Series IV. Miscellaneous

Series V. Arthur Gilman Whittemore, 1856-1887

Contents List

**Series I.** Aaron Whittemore, 1820-1874

**Scope and Content:** Materials relating to Aaron Whittemore, 1808-1890

**Box 1**

Folders 1-2 Militia, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 1820s-1840s

Folder 3 Merrimack County Agricultural Society, 1837-1869  
Methodist Church, 1838-1839

Folders 4-5 Post Office Accounts, 1837

Folders 6-10 Brick Yard, 1838-1867

Folders 11-18 People's Literary Institution, 1840-1874

Folders 19 Diary, 1842

**Box 2**

Folders 1-19 Railroad Papers, 1845-1870

**Box 3**

Folders 1-8 Mutual Fire Insurance

Folders 9-15 Pembroke Academy, 1818, 1838, 1842, 1855-1877

**Series II.** Combined Papers of the Many Aaron Whittemores, 1800-1932

**Scope and Content:** Materials relating to the many and often indistinguishable Aaron Whittemores. Boxes 8-11 contain estates settled by Aaron Wittemore (1800-1879) organized alphabetically by client.

**Box 4**

Folders 1-15 Correspondence, 1818-1887

Folders 16 Legal Papers, Aaron Whittemore Signed as Witness, 1806-1873

**Box 5**

Folders 1-28 Personal and unidentified accounts, 1817-1885

**Box 6**

Folders 1-5 Accounts of surveying, 1825, 1857, 1859, 1864, 1866-1868

Folders 6-9 Accounts with Williams and Hosmer, 1866-1877

Folders 10-12 Accounts with Miller and Johnson, 1878-1881

Folders 13-14 Charles B. Whittemore, accounts, 1873-1879

**Box 7**

Folders 1-30 Receipts, 1800-1898, 1932

**Box 8**

Folders 1-5 Sam Bachelder, 1800-1855  
Folder 6 Sally Baker, 1825-1829  
Folders 7-9 Thomas W. Brickett, 1857-1869  
Folders 10-17 Josiah Clifford, 1871-1879  
Folder 18 Joanna Cochram, 1839-1841  
Folders 19-23 Mary Cummings, 1839-1878

**Box 9**

Folders 1-8 Mark Fisk, 1800-1848  
Folders 9-11 Samuel Fowler, 1858-1864  
Folders 12-13 William Fowler, 1856-1859  
Folders 14-16 Susan Hamilton, 1829-1849  
Folders 17-18 James Hartford, 1852-1856  
Folders 19-20 Hale Judkins, 1869-1875  
Folder 21 Rachel Kelley, 1827-1830

**Box 10**

Folders 1-3 Thomas Kimball, 1791-1845  
Folders 4-7 Samuel McConnell, 1847-1857  
Folders 8-13 Elsey McCutcheon, 1853-1866  
Folder 14 Betsey Moore, 1849-1852  
Folders 15-16 Hubbard Moore, 1833-1876  
Folder 17 David Simpson, 1835-1844  
Folders 18-19 Benjamin White, 1835-1870  
Folders 20-24 Hiram Whittemore, 1836-1838

**Box 11**

Folders 1-6 Hiram Whittemore, 1836-1838 (continued)  
Folders 7-8 Miscellaneous Estate Papers

**Box 12**

Folders 1-3 Barstow Family, 1832-1865  
Folder 4 Nora Hartford, 1877-1878  
Folders 5-10 John M. Stonyan, 1844-1849  
Folders 11-14 Henry Willey, 1839-1854  
Folder 15 Chadwick vs. Kimball, 1874  
Folder 16 Stephen and Josiah Hagget, 1776-1789  
Folders 17-20 Josie Langmaid, 1875  
Folder 21 Sawyer-Knox, 1842-1865

**Box 13**

Folder 1 Miscellaneous Court of Common Pleas receipts, 1830s

Folders 2-6 Court or Common Pleas booklets, 1833-1844  
Folders 7-25 Court of Common Pleas papers, 1853-1854  
Folder 26 Miscellaneous Court of Common Pleas payments, 1853-1855

**Box 14**

Folders 1-26 Papers, 1777-1837

**Box 15**

Folders 1-30 Papers, 1838-1883

**Series III.** Pembroke Town Papers, 1756-1874

**Scope and Content:** Papers relating to the town of Pembroke, NH.

**Box 16**

Folders 1-10 Deeds, 1756-1871  
Folders 11-23 Town Papers and receipts, 1810-1874  
Folder 24 Bridge Account, 1827  
Folder 25 Work on Road, 1845-1848

**Box 17**

Folders 1-9 Tax Accounts, 1814-1817, 1836, 1852, 1863-1867  
Folders 10-21 Deputy Sheriff, 1835-1845

*Note: #20 & 21 are in rolls in the back of the box*

**Series IV.** Miscellaneous

**Scope and Content:** Miscellaneous Whittemore family papers.

**Box 18**

Folder 1 Correspondence, 1762-1871  
Folder 2 Business Papers, not dated  
Folder 3 Pierce & Fowler, Attorneys, 1830's-1840s  
Folder 4 Legal Papers, 1815-1890  
Folder 5 Testimony, 1850-1875  
Folders 6-7 Memoranda, 1818-1865  
Folder 8 Writings, 1858, 1860  
Folder 9 Speech regarding Women's Rights  
Folder 10 Major General O'Clark to Cadets, address, 1842  
Folder 11 Joseph Woods genealogy, Samuel Ham, Betsy and Jeremiah  
Robinson  
Folder 12 Miscellaneous  
Folder 13 "Paster" stamps  
Folder 14 Empty envelopes

**Series V.** Arthur Gilman Whittemore, 1856-1887

**Scope and Content:** Materials relating to Arthur Gilman Whittemore, 1856-1887.

**Box 19**

- Folder 1        Address Book
- Folder 2        Bank Book, 1897-1898
- Folder 3        Correspondence & Receipts, 1888-1930
- Folders 4-8     Speeches as Mayor
- Folders 9-10    Politics, 1920-1922
- Folders 11-17   Estate of Nathaniel Eaton, 1855-1903
- 1 volume        Estate Accounts including the estate of Aaron Whittemore IV in 1891
- 5 volumes       Law Practice Accounts, 1896-1927
- Folders 18       Memorial Bridge Tablet Committee, 1923
- Folders 19       Portsmouth Bridge, 1819, 1840
- Folders 20       Miscellaneous Certificates and Obituary
- 2 volumes        Whittemore & Foster day books, 1879, 1880, Cambridge, MA
- Folder 21        Dr. H. A. Rundlett Correspondence, 1878-1879
- Folder 22        J. H. Rundlett & Harry Rundlett, 1888
- Folder 23        J. H. Rundlett, time book & time slips, 1884-1886
- Folder 24        George K. Paul & Company and Swamscot Machine Company, 1888-1889
- Folder 25        George K. Paul & Company, price list, 1887
- Folder 26        C. H. McKenny & Company, accounts, 1880

**Box 20**

- Folders 1-2     Printed Materials & Invitations, 1900-1912
- Folders 3-6     New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, 1902-1909
- Folder 7        Daughter of the American Revolution & Colonial Dames DAR Membership
- Folder 8        Caroline Whittemore's American Express
- Folder 9        Miscellaneous
- 1 Volume        Lumber Accounts, 1905-1908

**Separated Materials:**

- Oversized materials are filed in Oversized Collection under "Whittemore Family."
  - Justice of the Peace Appointments, 1803-1851
  - Boundary and Plot Plans, 1790-1846, not dated
  - Notary Public & Justice of the Peace Appointments, 1878-1928
  - Caroline Rundlett Whittemore's DAR Membership

**Subject Terms****People:**

- Bachelder, Simon
- Baker, Sally
- Barstow Family
- Brickett, Thomas W.
- Clifford, Josiah



Cochram, Joanna  
Cummings, Mary  
Eaton, Nathaniel, 1826-1914  
Fisk, Mark  
Fowler, Asa, 1811-1885  
Fowler, Samuel  
Fowler, William  
Hagget, Josiah  
Hagett, Stephen  
Ham, Samuel  
Hamilton, Susan  
Hartford, James  
Hartford, Nora  
Judkins, Hale  
Kelley, Rachel  
Kimball, Thomas  
Langmaid, Josie  
McConnell, Samuel  
McCutcheon, Elsey  
Moore, Betsey  
Moore, Hubbard  
Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869  
Robinson, Betsy  
Robinson, Jeremiah  
Rundlett Family  
Rundlett, H. A.  
Rundlett, Harry  
Rundlett, J. A.  
Sawyer-Knox Family  
Simpson, David  
Stonyan, John M.  
White, Benjamin  
Whittemore, Aaron, 1713-1767  
Whittemore, Aaron, 1746-1817  
Whittemore, Aaron, 1774-1850  
Whittemore, Aaron, 1808-1890  
Whittemore, Aaron, 1849-1885  
Whittemore, Arthur Gilman, 1856-1931  
Whittemore, Caroline Rundlett  
Whittemore, Charles B.  
Whittemore, Hiram  
Willey, Henry  
Woods, Joseph

**Organizations:**

Court of Common Pleas  
Daughters of the American Revolution

C. H. McKenney & Company  
Merrimack County Agricultural Society  
Miller & Johnson Company  
Mutual Fire Company  
New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs  
George K. Paul & Company  
Pembroke Academy  
People's Literary Institute  
Swamscott Machine Company  
Williams & Hosmer Company

**Subjects:**

Accounts  
Brickyard  
Court of Common Pleas  
Democratic Party – 1850  
Lumbering  
New Hampshire Militia  
New Hampshire Militia, Regiment 11  
New Hampshire Politics  
Politics  
Railroads  
Ship of War, John Adams  
Surveying  
United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865

**Locations:**

China, ME  
Dover, NH  
Kankakee, IL  
Pembroke, NH  
Portsmouth, NH

**Occupations:**

Deputy Sheriff

Lawyer

Mayor

Judge

Justice of the Peace

**Related Materials**

Whittemore Family Papers, 1975.080

Arthur Whittemore Papers, 1979.041