Guide to the Whittemore Family Papers, 1756-1932

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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:**
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**Access Restrictions:**
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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 commenced 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 Cocheco 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
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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 Whittemore (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
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Whittemore, Aaron, 1849-1885
Whittemore, Arthur Gilman, 1856-1931
Whittemore, Caroline Rundlett
Whittemore, Charles B.
Whittemore, Hiram
Wilsley, 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