



Guide to the Horace Wood Family Papers, 1806-1868

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Horace Wood Family Papers, 1806-1868

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Creator:

Nathaniel Waldo Sr.
Benjamin Payne Wood, 1807 –
Horace Wood, 1810-1886
Gilbert Wood, 1822-1850

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 Manuscript Box

Abstract:

The Horace Wood Family Papers contains materials relating to Reverend Nathan Waldo Sr., Benjamin Payne Wood, Reverend Horace Wood, and Gilbert Wood.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

Gift of Robert F. Wood, February 1952.

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:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

Nathan Waldo Sr. was one of the original proprietors of Orange, NH. His son, Nathan Waldo Jr. (1767-1832) was practicing law in Canterbury, CT. He was ordained in 1806 and preached in Williamstown, VT until he returned to Orange, NH in 1825. In 1830, he moved to Haverhill, MA where he died in 1832. Nathan Waldo's sister Abigail Waldo married Benjamin Wood Jr. (1777-1842). Three of their children were Benjamin Payne Wood, Horace Wood, and Gilbert Wood.

Benjamin Payne Wood (1807-) was raised in Orange and East Alstead, NH. He married Matilda E. Carter of Cornish, NH. In his early years he tried his hand at wall building and later appears to have worked with mechanical equipment.

Horace Wood (1810-1886) studied at Kimball Union Academy and graduated from Gilmanton Theological Seminary in 1838. He was ordained in 1839. He served in many places in New Hampshire including Dalton, Whitefield, Gilmanton, Centre Ossipee, Gilsum, and Keene, as well as Winslow, Maine. He married Mehitable Gale of

Gilmanton, in 1839. She died in 1849 and he married Sarah Ann Greene of Winslow, ME in 1849.

Gilbert Wood (1822-1850) began his career as a teacher in Gilsum, NH in 1842. In 1846 he also became a daguerreotypist. He died of illness in 1850 at 28 years old.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Horace Wood Family Papers, 1806-1868, contains the papers of Reverend Nathan Waldo, Horace Wood, Gilbert Wood, and Benjamin Payne Wood. The collection is organized into five series, relating to each of the men. The collection includes personal correspondence, sermons, notes, essays, and diaries.

Arrangement:

- Series I. Wood Family Genealogical Materials
- Series II. Reverend Nathan Waldo Sr.
- Series III. Horace Wood
- Series IV. Gilbert Wood
- Series V. Benjamin Wood

Contents List

Series I. Wood Family Genealogical Materials

Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Content: Folder 1 contains genealogical notes for the Waldo, Wood, and Gale families.

Folder 1 Wood Family Genealogical Materials

Series II. Reverend Nathan Waldo Sr.

Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Content: Rev. Nathan Waldo is represented by five sermons written in the early 1800s.

Folder 2 Sermons, 1806, 1809, undated

Series III. Horace Wood

Extent: 4 folders

Scope and Content: Horace Wood's letters to his family include subjects such as his career as a school teacher and preacher, concerns for ill & poor, use of *Brown's Bronchial Troches* and prohibitory liquor laws. The notes from Gilmanton Theological Seminary cover such topics as how to deliver sermons and habits of minister. His essays cover various topics including the rights of Indians, the manufacture of alcohol, and the life of Cicero. There are also two account books of the Temperance Society from 1868.

Folder 3 Correspondence, 1836-1855

Folder 4 Gilmanton Theological Seminary, 1837-1839

Notes from lectures from the professor on Wednesday evenings,

- 1837-1838; bound volume
Folder 5 Essays, 1832, undated
Folder 6 Temperance Society Account Books, 1868

Series IV. Gilbert Wood

Extent: 2 folders

Scope and Content: Gilbert Wood's correspondence covers family activities and health and touches on his writing schools and photography miniatures. His diary entries include mention of vaccination for H pox, snow storms, letters sent and received, and going and returning from schools. He also was apparently interested in phrenology as shown by the booklet and chart on the subject.

- Folder 7 Correspondence, 1846-1850
Teaching Certificates, 1842, 1844
Folder 8 Diary, 1846-1847
Phrenological booklet & chart, 1842

Series V. Benjamin Panye Wood

Extent: 1 folder

Scope and Content: Benjamin Payne Wood's letters are to his parents and his brother and cover his efforts to find work and later when he is settled, his suggestions for his brother Horace, as well as other family members.

- Folder 9 Correspondence, 1832-1839

Subject Terms

People:

Wood, Benjamin Payne
Wood, Gilbert
Wood, Horace
Wood, Nathan

Organizations:

Gilmanton Theological Seminary
Temperance Society

Subjects:

Diaries
Liquor
Native Americans
Sermons
Temperance

Locations:

Alstead, NH
Center Ossipee, NH
Dalton, NH
Gilmanton, NH

Occupations:

Teachers

Preachers

Daguerreotypists