Guide to the Wood Family Papers, 1794-1938, 2011

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:
Wood Family Papers, 1794-1938, 2011

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Wood, Sumner Gilbert, 1855-1942

Language:
The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:
1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:
The Wood Family Papers contain the correspondence, deeds, ephemera, family writings, photographs, and genealogical research of the Wood family as compiled by Reverend Sumner Gilbert Wood. The documents date from 1794 to 1938, with additional genealogy notes by John C. Chadbourne in 2011.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The Wood Family Papers were a gift of John C. Chadbourne on October 5, 2011.

Processing Information:
This collection was processed by Korrena Cowing in July 2019. The finding aid was written by Korrena Cowing in July 2019. 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:
The materials in this collection are paper based and have no special technical requirements for use.

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:
Sumner Gilbert Wood was a reverend and writer born in Boston, MA, on May 23, 1855. He attended school in Waltham, MA, graduating in 1877 before attending Andover Seminary, from which he graduated in 1880. He married Emma Frances Chadbourne on March 24, 1881. Together they had three children: Robert Franklin (1883), Horace Winbourne (1885), and Stanley Chadbourne (1895-1895).

Wood went on to serve as pastor of several churches, including the New Ipswich, NH, Congregational Church from 1880 to 1883; the Third Congregational Church in Fall River, MA, from 1883 to 1888; the First Congregational Church in Easthampton, MA, from 1888 to 1901; the Congregational Church at Blandford, MA, until fall 1911; in Winchester, NH, until 1922; and in East Berkshire, VT, until 1924. After retirement, he moved to West Medway, MA. During his life he also wrote several books, including *The Taverns and Turnpikes of Blandford, 1733-1833* in 1908; *Ulster Scots and Blandford*

Scouts in 1928; and *Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution from Blandford, Mass.* He died in Framingham, MA, in September 1942.

Collection Scope and Content Note:
The Wood Family Papers consist of correspondence, deeds, ephemera, family writings and stories, photographs, and genealogical research of and by the Wood family from 1794 to 1938. The materials in this collection were collected by Reverend Sumner Gilbert Wood, who passed them on to his son Horace Winbourne Wood. They were then given to Fred Garland Barber in about 1978 and then to John C. Chadbourne. Chadbourne provides numerous notes throughout the collection, primarily with the correspondence. These notes, written in 2011, contain information on the author and recipient, including their dates and relation.

The correspondence consists primarily of letters to and from family members in Orange and Alstead, NH. Other towns represented include Columbia, Lebanon, Acworth, Meriden, and Gilmanton, NH, and Boston, Easthampton, and Fitchburg, MA. The majority of letters are to or from Benjamin Wood Jr., Zeruiah Waldo, Horace Wood, and John Wood. Other materials include deeds from Benjamin Wood, Gilbert Wood penmanship and daguerreotype advertisements, obituaries, poetry, family writings, a photograph of Paul Ansel Chadbourne, and photographs of houses.

The family genealogy includes research notes and genealogical charts for the Wood, Waldo, Huntley, and Chadbourne families and includes an application to the Daughters of the American Revolution by Elizabeth A. Wood.

Arrangement:
The materials in this collection are organized by type of material, then chronologically.

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Folder 6	Deeds, 1797-1799
Folder 7	Envelopes, 1896-1933
Folder 8	Ephemera, 1845-1937, undated
Folders 9-10	Family genealogy research and charts, 1838-1934, 2011, undated
Folder 11	Newspaper clippings and obituaries, 1800-1938, undated
Folder 12	Photographs, undated
Folder 13	Poetry and writing, 1820-1933, undated

Separated materials:
Four books and three Wood family chairs were donated with this collection. The circa

1810 chairs were transferred to the museum, see objects: 2011.025.01, 2011.025.02, and 2011.025.03.

The books were transferred to the library, see:

Green, Ezra. *Diary of Ezra Green, M.D. Surgeon on Board the Continental Ship-of-war "Ranger," under John Paul Jones, from November 1, 1777, to September 27, 1778*. Boston, 1875. Call number: 920 G7954

Lincoln, Waldo. *Genealogy of the Waldo Family: A Record of the Descendants of Cornelius Waldo of Ipswich, Mass. from 1647 to 1900*. Worcester, MA: Charles Hamilton, 1902. Call number: 929.2 W1651

Wood, James Amasa. *Descendants of the Twin Brothers John and Benjamin Wood*. Concord, NH: Rumford Press, 1902. Call number: 929.2 W876

Wood, Sumner Gilbert. *Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution from Blandford, Mass*. West Medway, MA. Call number: 973.34 M414bl

Subject Terms

People:

Chadbourne, John C., 1935
Chadbourne, Paul Ansel, 1824-1883
Waldo family
Waldo, Anna
Waldo, Caroline, 1812
Waldo, Lois
Waldo, Zeruiah, 1765-1850
Wood family
Wood, Benjamin, Jr., 1777-1841
Wood, Elizabeth A., 1895-1963
Wood, Gilbert, 1822-1850
Wood, Horace
Wood, John, 1809
Wood, Laura
Wood, Mary
Wood, Nathan, 1806-1857
Wood, Sumner Gilbert, 1855-1942
Wood, Thomas

Organizations:

Daughters of the American Revolution

Subjects:

Advertising
Correspondence
Deeds
Families

Genealogy

Locations:

Acworth, NH
Alstead, NH
Boston, MA
Columbia, NH
Easthampton, MA
Fitchburg, MA
Gilmanton, NH
Lebanon, NH
Meriden, NH
Orange, NH

Occupations:

Clergy
Photographers

Related Materials

Wood, Robert Franklin. *Biography of Gilbert Wood (1822-1850): Writing Teacher and Daguerreotypist (A True Story of a Century Ago)*. 1939. Call number: 920 W875

Wood, Robert Franklin. *Benjamin Wood, Jr.: His Family and His Home*. 1937. Call number: 929.2 W8731w

Wood, Sumner. *Our Story of New Ipswich, N.H.* 1963. Call number: 920 W8765