Guide to the Bickford-Leavitt Papers, 1797-1950, bulk 1840-1900

Administrative Information

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The materials in this collection are in English.

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2 boxes ; 0.63 linear feet

Abstract:
The Bickford-Leavitt Papers consist of a few financial and legal records of several members of the two families and an assortment of other items such as a few daybooks of two physicians. None of the families appear to be related, though the Bickfords and Leavitts both lived in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. There are also a few items related to the town of Wolfeboro, such as some early tax records (1819, 1822).

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The Bickford-Leavitt Papers were given to the New Hampshire Historical Society by Joan E. Kimball in December 2004.

Processing Information:
This collection was first processed by David Smollen in 2005 and reprocessed by Sandra L. Wheeler in September 2025. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in September 2025. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:
Available for research.

Location:
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Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:
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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:
Both the Bickford and the Leavitt families lived in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

John W. Bickford (1803-1891) appears to be the central figure in his family's papers. John was one of the eight children of Wilmot J. Bickford (1771-1834) and Dorothy Willard Bickford (1775-1872), born April 4, 1803 in Wolfeboro. He was a farmer, married to Abra Wentworth Lord (1803-1881), who was born in Lebanon, ME, to Joseph Lord and Hannah (Wentworth) Lord. John and Abra had three children: John C., Mary S., and Wilmot J. He died on July 10, 1891 in Tuftonboro, NH.

Frederick B. T. Leavitt (1815-1884), also a farmer, was the son of Samuel Leavitt and Polly Davis. He was married to Mary Whitten (1815-1887) on October 30, 1837. They had Eunice, Samuel, George, and Charles. He died on October 29, 1884 in Wolfeboro.

Collection Scope and Content Note:
This is a collection of scattered financial and legal records of unrelated families who lived in the Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, area. It contains:

The daybooks of Ezekiel B. Andrews, M.D., for 1894 and 1908, which contains lists of his patients, their treatments, and births and deaths he attended in Wolfeboro and surrounding towns.

Papers centering around John Bickford include depositions and documents around a law suit that involved him and his mother, Mary; and financial documents (receipts, deeds) and legal matters involved in settling the estate of his father, Wilmot Bickford.

There are scattered financial records of Frederick Leavitt and his son, Samuel, George and Charles.

Also included are daybooks of another physician, David Murray, from an unidentified location.

A few town records for Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, include some tax records for 1819 and 1822, a railroad waybill register for 1917/1918, and ephemera (newspaper clippings) written by Noyes Moore about serving on the front in World War I.

Currency includes an 1832 $5.00 bill issued by the state of Maine.

There are no photographs, and there are two locks of Wilmot Bickford's hair.

Arrangement:
The material is arranged alphabetically by surname, genre, then chronology.

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Subject Terms

People:
Andrews, Ezekiel B., M.D., 1861-1928
Bickford, Dorothy, 1775-1872
Bickford family
Bickford, John, W., 1803-1891
Leavitt, Charles, 1854-1933
Leavitt family
Moore, Noyes, 1897-1970
Organizations:
Fidelity Lodge
Subjects:
Money
Deeds
Hair
Law
Medicine--Practice
World War, 1914-1918
Locations:
Wolfeboro, NH
Occupations:
Physicians

Soldiers