Guide to the Hardy Family Papers, 1827-1959, bulk 1827-1918

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:
Hardy Family Papers, 1827-1959, bulk 1827-1918

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Hardy family

Language:
The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:
1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:
The Hardy Family Papers is a collection of scattered items relating to the early adult years of William A.W. Hardy (1869-1952), a Baptist clergyman born in Penacook, NH, including his records of pastoral activities between 1892 and 1899 and photographs of extended family members and groups. The collection also contains deeds between the 1820s and 1840s for the property of an ancestor, Abbot Hardy (1799-1846).

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The Hardy Family Papers were given to the New Hampshire Historical Society by Charles W. Hardy on May 9, 2013.

Processing Information:
This collection was processed by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2024. The finding aid was written by Sandra L. Wheeler in October 2024. 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:
William A.W. Hardy (1869-1952) was born in Penacook, NH, to Charles and Martha Bachelder Hardy. In 1892 William felt "a call to preach the gospel" and was ordained by the N.H. Christian Association in 1894 along with his brother Charles (1865-1933). He married Addie Haynes (1873-) in 1896 and the following year they moved to Maine, where William served churches in Ross Corner, North Shapleigh, and Springvale. In 1898, however, he resigned and there is no information about his occupation between then and the 1910 census, which lists him as the "State Missionary" in New Hampshire. He and Addie had three children in those years: Charles William (1906-1985), Doris Eastman (1897-1993), and Gertrude Haynes (1900-1970). By 1920, census records indicate that William and Addie moved to Leominster, MA, where he worked as a repairer of clocks for the remainder of his life.

Charles Hardy (1865-1933), William's brother, meanwhile moved to Durham, ME, and married Maria Stewart (1887-1967). Like William, Charles seems not to have continued in the ministry

for more than a few years, as the 1910 census lists him as someone who does odd jobs. He and Maria had at least two children: Faith and Jediah Eastman, though the records are not consistent in this matter. Charles and Maria divorced in 1916.

Collection Scope and Content Note:
The Hardy Family Papers consist of eleven folders stored in a single box. The collection spans a period from 1865 to 1917 and primarily follows the entrance into the ministry of Charles and William Hardy as well as their subsequent careers within the church. The collection consists of public writings, including correspondence and property deeds, and private writings, including diaries and poems. The collection also includes photographs of the Hardy families, genealogical information dating back to the eighteenth century, and a family leather case purportedly dating back to the early nineteenth century.

Arrangement:
The Hardy Family Papers are arranged first by name, then by genre: materials relating to Charles W. Hardy and William A.W. Hardy have been placed before the deeds, ephemera, genealogical information, photographs, printed matter, and a leather portfolio case said to have belonged to an ancestor, Abbot Hardy, in the early nineteenth century.

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1	Hardy, Charles W. correspondence, incoming, newspaper article re his and William's call to the ministry, obituary of his father Charles,1865, 1899, undated
Folder 2	Hardy, William A.W. diary, lists of pastoral activities, 1892-1899
Folder 3	Hardy, William A.W., correspondence, incoming poem, writings, 1910, 1912, 1913, undated
Folder 4	Deeds, most related to Abbot Hardy, 1827-1848
Folder 5	Ephemera, undated
Folder 6	Genealogical information Shedd and Smith families for generations between 1797 and 1852, undated
Folder 7	Photographs, Hardy family, 1899, 1900, 1918, 1959, undated Doris Hardy Hazel Henderson Hardy Jeanette Wheeler William Hardy Hardy extended family groups Towne family
Folder 8	Photographs, Hardy family, 1862, 1917, undated David Hardy "Elder" Hardy William Hardy Martha Bachelder Hardy with post-mortem infant Reverends William and Charles Hardy Unidentified man
Folder 9	Haynes family, undated

Annie Haynes
Susan Smith Haynes
Haynes family group

Folder 10 Printed matter, 1895, undated
Untitled sermons [missing front cover, signature "David Hardy Gilmanton" facing page 47, 1895], undated
Special Services for Ministers, Free Baptist Edition, 1895
[Stamped inside front cover Wm. A.W. Hardy, State Missionary, 2 Hardy Avenue, Penacook, NH]

Folder 11 Leather case said by donor to have belonged to Abbot Hardy of Fisherville, NH, in the early 19th century, undated

Subject Terms

People:
Hardy family
Hardy, Charles W., 1865-1933
Hardy, Doris
Hardy, Hazel
Hardy, Martha
Hardy, William A.W., 1869-1952
Haynes, Annie
Haynes, Susan
Wheeler, Jeanette

Subjects:
Correspondence
Deeds
Genealogy
Photographs
Postmortem photography
Religion
Sermons

Locations:
Concord, NH
Penacook, NH
Shapleigh, ME
Springvale, ME

Occupations:
Clergy

Related Materials

Museum
Silhouette of Captain Abram Bachelder (1762-1834), ca. 1830, 2013.008