Guide to the Baldwin and Church Family Papers, 1780-1934, bulk 1807-1857

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:
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Author of Finding Aid:
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Baldwin family
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Language:
The majority of materials in this collection are in English. Two letters are in French.

Extent:
1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:
This collection is mainly a genealogy of the Baldwin family and the Church family. Family correspondence, letters, a scrapbook, newspaper clippings, drawings, and more are included.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:
The Baldwin and Church Family Papers were a gift of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Brandle on June 1, 1978.

Processing Information:
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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:
Henry Erastus Baldwin was born on December 19, 1815 at Newport, NH, son of Erastus and Lucy (Church) Baldwin. For several years, he was the editor of the *Argus* newspaper. He also served in the legislature and was the private secretary to President Franklin Pierce. He was a designer and engraver. At Newport on March 10, 1848, he married Marcia L. Gilmore, who was born at Newport on June 15, 1828, the daughter of Thomas W. and Hannah B. (Lovejoy) Gilmore. She died there on July 8, 1849. Henry died on February 12, 1857 at Washington, DC.

Samuel C. Baldwin was born on September 15, 1817 at Newport. He worked with his brother Henry on the *Argus* newspaper. He moved to Massachusetts and worked on the *Plymouth Rock* newspaper. He also served in the legislature. When he returned to New Hampshire, he settled in Meredith and was the editor and proprietor of the *New Hampshire Democrat*. He married Sarah S. Hatch at Newport on June 16, 1842. Sarah was born at Hillsborough, NH, on June 19, 1824,

the daughter of Mason and Apphia (Andrews) Hatch. Samuel died at Laconia on December 3, 1861. Sarah died at Newport on February 24, 1913.

Collection Scope and Content Note:
The Baldwin and Church Family Papers, 1780-1934, consist largely of genealogical records for both families. The collection also contains family correspondence, a deconstructed scrapbook, and reminiscences of Henry E. Baldwin who served as secretary to Franklin Pierce. Also included are newspaper clippings, drawings of houses, a broadside of the Newport Dramatic Club, and a printed issue of *Mother's Magazine*. Family genealogy includes dates of ancestors such as Samuel Church, the marriage of Samuel C. and Sarah Symonds Hatch, a family register, bond to Micah Flanders, and other family genealogy and correspondence.

The family correspondence includes an account of Captain Samuel Church of Wilcox & Church, a receipt to the town for school, a signed letter from Franklin Pierce recommending S. C. Baldwin as a Navy purser, a letter from C. G. Atherton recommending H. E. Baldwin as a Navy purser, six letters by Henry E. Baldwin while Secretary to Franklin Pierce in 1854-1856, and two letters from French children to an unnamed American benefactor.

A deconstructed scrapbook contains a variety of materials including genealogy, Samuel Church appointment as coroner, deeds, guardianship papers, letters of William W. Stark, and appointments of Samuel Baldwin to the New Hampshire Militia, Court of Common Pleas, and Supreme Judicial Court. The Reminisces of Henry E. Baldwin contains information on the militia, church music, maps of Newport, town anecdotes, and notes on his activities, such as working for a printer, teaching school, etc. Also included in the collection is a manuscript volume called "A simple diary of everyday thoughts and events...", dated 1846 to 1850 (with gaps), covering activities and people in Boston, when he worked in the Customs House, courting Marcia, visiting Concord to see Franklin Pierce, philosophical musings, marriage to Marcia, long critical illness of Marcia, and her death.

The newspaper clippings detail the early history of Newport and the drawings of houses include sketches of where three family members were born, and an unidentified mansion.

Arrangement:
The materials in this collection are organized by type.

Contents List

Folder 0	Inventory
Folder 1	Baldwin/Church genealogy, 1804-1932, undated
Folder 2	Family correspondence, 1807-1856, 1918-1919
Folder 3	Scrapbook: front cover, 1851, undated
Folder 4	Scrapbook: genealogy papers, 1855-1857, 1934, undated
Folder 5	Scrapbook: Samuel Church deeds, 1780-1798
Folder 6	Scrapbook: Samuel Church deeds, appointment, guardianship, 1803-1825
Folder 7	Scrapbook: William W. Stark to S. C. Baldwin correspondence, 1855-1856
Folder 8	Scrapbook: Sketches of the Church Family, undated

Folder 9 Scrapbook: Capt. Samuel Church biography, undated
Folder 10 Scrapbook: Sketches of the Baldwin family and letter from John Church to Lucy Baldwin, 1838, undated
Folder 11 Scrapbook: Samuel Baldwin papers, 1830-1856
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Folder 15 Broadsides, 1834, 1869
Folder 16 Printed issue of *Mother's Magazine*, 1836 March
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Separated Materials:

The following item was transferred to the Broadside Collection – Entertainment:

Exhibition of the Newport Dramatic Club, 1834 June 5 [S 1996.532]

The following item was transferred to the vault:

Letter from Franklin Pierce to John Y. Mason, 1848 March 15

Subject Terms

People:

Atherton, Charles Gordon, 1804-1853
Baldwin Family
Baldwin, Henry Erastus, 1815-1857
Baldwin, Marcia L., 1828-1849
Baldwin, Samuel C., 1817-1861
Church Family
McNeil, John, 1784-1850
Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869

Organizations:

New Hampshire. Court of Common Pleas (Belknap County)
New Hampshire. Militia
New Hampshire. Supreme Judicial Court
Newport Dramatic Club
United States. Navy

Subjects:

Correspondence
Diaries
Family records
Genealogy
Scrapbooks

Locations:

Boston, MA
Newport, NH

Occupations:

Clerks of court
Coroners
Editors
Justices of the peace
Politicians

Related Materials

Library

Garvin, Donna-Belle. "The Life and Work of New Hampshire Wood Engraver Henry Erastus Baldwin." *Historical New Hampshire* 66, no. 2 (2012): 120-142. Call number: 977.8 N5321h