

Collamore Collection, 1735-1872
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Collection Overview

Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA

Creator: Unknown

Title: Collamore Collection

Dates: 1748-1872

Extent: one box, .25 linear feet

Abstract: This collection contains the personal and legal papers of Horace Collamore (1791-1867) of Boston and Pembroke, Massachusetts, operator of Hastings and Collamore, Boston china and glassware business, later Collamore and Churchill. A number of correspondences refer to a Mrs. Valentine Brown (Mary). Collamore's order letter book (1814-1818), sales book (1815-1820), and inventory book (no date, c. 1817) are also included.

Location: OSV Library Vault, as of July 2018

Language: English

Biographical Sketch

Revolutionary Capt. Enoch Collamore (1745-1824) and Hannah Cushing, parents of Gilman Collamore (1789-1823) and Horace Collamore (1791-1867) among other children, lived in Scituate Massachusetts which they referred to as Gilman Plain. It is said that Capt. Enoch had a tavern there on the Boston-Plymouth Stage Road. (Deane, Samuel. *History of Scituate, Massachusetts: From Its First Settlement to 1831*. Boston, 1831.)

Horace Collamore was educated at Hanover Academy and entered into the china and glassware business of Hastings and Collamore at 31 Marlborough Street in Boston. He ran the business alone at 48 Marlborough Street and later as Collamore and Churchill. He married Laurentia Laura Briggs (1792-1866) on September 20, 1814. They had eleven children; Horace 1815, Horace Lorenzo 1816, Laura Ann

1818, Adeline 1820, Augustus 1822, Julia 1824 Francis 1825, Marcia 1828, Frederick 1830, Leander 1831, and Mary 1834. (Hatch, Charles. *Genealogy of the Descendants of Anthony Collamer of Scituate, Massachusetts*. Salem, 1915.)

Mary B. Brown was married to Valentine O.B. Brown. Children include Valentine O., Charles L, Josiah B., and Mary C. According to Valentine's will (December 4, 1838), Mary had three sisters; Catherine Kitton, Susan Fowler, and Abigail Whitney. One letter addressed to Mary list the town of Randolph, Vermont. The will mentions an Eliza Edson, daughter of Doctor John Edson of Randolph, Vermont.

Scope and Content

The collection does not have a formal titled series but has retained the original number system as when first processed. Each series section is as follows:

Series 1: Personal and Legal Papers

Series 2: Order Letter Book

Series 3: Sales Book

Series 4: Inventory Book

Personal and Legal letters are broken down to line item (ex. 1960.6.1.1) while the other three groups only have one item each. Series 1 is mostly in chronological order except the original processing had an order that was retained so select items appears out of place.

Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Use is limited to available Library hours and staff. Copies and scans are done at the discretion of the library staff and condition of materials.

Search Terms

Personal Names

Briant, Lucretia (Briggs)

Brown, Mary B.

Collamore, Enoch, 1745-1824

Collamore, Gilman, 1789-1823

Collamore, Horace, 1791-1867

Collamore, Laurentia/Laura (Briggs), 1792-1866

Stone, Benjamin

Geographic Names

Pembroke (Mass.)

Scituate (Mass.)

Family Names

Briggs

Collamore

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Item, Collection Title, Collection number (accession number with extensions for box and folder numbers). Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, Massachusetts. Date Accessed.

History of the Collection

The collection was processed previously, all series have been kept as originally processed with the addition of adding individual accession numbers. Misc. Papers have been re-named to Personal and Legal Papers to better identify the contents.

Processing information

Originally processed: 1960 by OSV Research Library staff

Finding Aid: Prepared by Amy Hietala, July 2018

Related Collections

1990.7 H. Collamore Collection, OSV Research Library
2009.6 Manuscript, letter, Horace Collamore to his wife, 1823, OSV Research Library

Contents

Box #	Folder #	Accession #	Description
1	1	1960.6.1.1	Quit Claim, David Baker to Eliphalet Bishop, March 26, 1784
		1960.6.1.2	Correspondence, Stephen Travitt (?), to Benjamin Stone in Shrewsbury, January 24, 1794
		1960.6.1.3	Correspondence, Horace Collamore to Gilman Collamore, October 5, 1810; expresses disappointment that he did not get a liberal education
		1960.6.1.4	Correspondence, Gilman Collamore to Horace Collamore (Schoolmaster, Scituate), December 31, 1810
		1960.6.1.5	Correspondence, John Dickerman to Horace Collamore (Hanover, MA), March 2, 1811; mentions Horace's "amiable" Laura
		1960.6.1.6	Correspondence, Gilman Collamore to Horace Collamore (Scituate), March 1811
		1960.6.1.7	Correspondence, Laurentia Briggs to Horace Collamore, July 2, 1811; discusses her taking care

- of her sister and newborn niece who are not well, looking forward to seeing Horace
- 1960.6.1.8 Correspondence, Horace Collamore to Enoch Collamore, December 16, 1812; discusses setting up his business
- 1960.6.1.9 Correspondence, James Henderson to Benjamin Stone, January 12, 1813; referencing the sleigh Henderson has finished for Stone
- 1960.6.1.10 Correspondence, Laura Briggs to Horace Collamore, April 17, 1813
- 2 1960.6.1.11 Correspondence, to Horace Collamore (Merchant), July 5, 1813
- 1960.6.1.12 Correspondence, Horace Collamore to Enoch Collamore, July 14, 1813; discouraging father from sending mother away for her disposition, talks of the beauty of a visit to Westford, and saw where the white stone (like that of the court house) was hewn
- 1960.6.1.13 Correspondence, Horace Collamore to Enoch Collamore, January 23, 1814; has been busy and sick but now has “a beautiful store and good stock”, no 48 Marlboro Street, also discusses war and how “Europe seems to have been chosen by the Supreme Architect for a place for human carnage”
- 1960.6.1.14 Correspondence, Laura Briggs to Horace Collamore, September 14, 1814; much talk of the war, mentions housekeeping, her new bonnet, and this being the last letter from his best friend (they were married September 20th)
- 1960.6.1.15 Correspondence, Lucretia H. Briggs to Laura, January 12, 1815
- 1960.6.1.16 Correspondence, Lucretia H. Briggs to Laura, March 13, 1815; tells about who is visiting, who is sick, and how she is sending along items
- 1960.6.1.17 Correspondence, Lucretia to Laura, May 1815; updates on family, she is whitening her cloth and will send it
- 1960.6.1.18 Correspondence, Lucretia to Laura, June 4, 1815; discouraged Laura does not write, talks of this being the busy season
- 1960.6.1.19 Correspondence, Lucretia to Laura, August 5, 1815
- 1960.6.1.20 Correspondence, Lucretia Briggs to Laura, September 30, 1815

	1960.6.1.21	Correspondence, Sarah H. to Laura Collamore, February 14, 1816; begins listing possible excuses why Laura has not written in three months, continues with town and family updates
3	1960.6.1.22	Correspondence, Horace Collamore to Enoch Collamore, July 26, 1816; discusses the “mental derangement” of his mother
	1960.6.1.23	Correspondence, Horace Collamore to Wife, September 12, 1823; on board ship in Maine
	1960.6.1.24	Notice of case, Horace Collamore, on behalf of Elisha Briggs, to Mr. Baileys, November 12, 1825; wish to retain a case to be tried or examined, Briggs against Henry Huttlestone
	1960.6.1.25	Receipt, January 25, 1826
	1960.6.1.26	Receipt, December 26, 1828
	1960.6.1.27	Receipt, April 29, 1829
	1960.6.1.28	Correspondence, Laura Collamore to Lucretia Briant, November 3, 1829
	1960.6.1.29	Correspondence, Laura Collamore to Husband, June 13, 1833
	1960.6.1.30	Correspondence, M.C. Hind (?) to Mrs. Valentine Brown (Mary), July 1833; cross-hatch letter
	1960.6.1.31	Writing, “An old fashioned wedding”, later noted June 1837 Julia Collamore
	1960.6.1.32	Correspondence, Isaac Adams to Horace Collamore, June 1839; apologies for misunderstanding and delay of order
	1960.6.1.33	Correspondence, to Mary Brown, no date
4	1960.6.1.34	Correspondence, James Sherman to Franklin Ames, June 9, 1841; listing of goods shipped on board Sch. Laurel of Camden
	1960.6.1.35	Receipt, Samuel Taylor to Horace Collamore, 1841
	1960.6.1.36	Correspondence, to Mary B. Brown ‘mother’, June 19, 1843; complaints about not getting laundry washed
	1960.6.1.37	Agreement, Abisha Stetson and Elisha Guild, April 15, 1844
	1960.6.1.38	Correspondence, to ‘my very dear sister Mary’, Mary B. Brown, November 13, 1845; cross-hatch
	1960.6.1.39	Correspondence, Benjamin Stone Manning to Charles L. Brown, Esq., April 19, 1849; attempt to sell steel pens and letter proper in bulk

	1960.6.1.40	Last Will and Testament, Peter Collamore, October 10, 1735; 4 pieces a-d; recipients include wife Abigail, daughters Abigail Bourn, Sarah Curtis, and Mary, sons John, Isaac, Thomas, and Anthony
	1960.6.1.41	Notice from Abigail Collamore, May 11, 1748; daughter sent out to learn trade of tailor
	1960.6.1.42	Last Will and Testament, John Bailey, June 11, 1773; recipients include wife, sons John and Seth, Jeremiah Hall and his wife Elizabeth, and Jane Hobart
	1960.6.1.43	Last Will and Testament, Barker Turner, February 23, 1872; recipient includes wife Betsey Turner
5	1960.6.2	Order Letter book, Horace Collamore, 1814-1818
6	1960.6.3	Sales Book, 1815-1820; flip book over and start at back for account of stock-March 1819 and inventory lists
7	1960.6.4	Inventory Sales Book, no date; flip book over and last page has account dated 1817