

Fiske Papers, 1810-1865
1995.14



Old Sturbridge Village
Research Library

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Collection Overview

Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA

Creator: unknown

Title: Fiske Papers

Dates: 1810-1865

Extent: One Box, .5 linear feet

Abstract: The collection contains letters, legal documents, miscellaneous writings, and business receipts, the majority of which pertain to Samuel C. Fiske or to Alexander Parkhurst Fiske, both residents of Southbridge, Massachusetts. Almost all of the letters are related to the Civil War, during which A. P. Fiske was a captain in the Union Army. Other names that appear prominently are Frederic Bottom and Joseph H. Logee.

Location: OSV vault as of March 2017

Language: English

Biographical Sketch*

Samuel Cheever Fiske, born ca. 1804 to Joshua and Betsy Fiske of Sturbridge, was a resident of Southbridge and Sturbridge, Massachusetts, until his death in 1873. He married Celestina Winslow Bottom Fiske (1805–1873). Their son Alexander Parkhurst Fiske (1833–1922), served in the Union Army during the Civil War, as First Lieutenant, Adjutant, 57th Regiment, N.Y. Infantry, 1861; later Major by brevet, for gallant conduct at the battle of Fair Oaks, Virginia; later as

Captain, Assistant Adjutant General, US Volunteers, March 7, 1862. His final rank was Lieutenant Colonel, US Volunteers, March 13, 1865. He mustered out Nov 22, 1865. Several items in the collection contain the name Frederic W. Bottom, Esq. (1780-1855), who was Celestina's father. He was born in Plainfield, Connecticut and graduated from Brown University in 1802.

Joseph H. Logee was born to Daniel and Mary in 1804 in Douglas, Massachusetts. He married Prudence Pain (1804-1857) in 1826.

***Resources:**

Higginson, Thomas Wentworth. *Massachusetts in the Army and Navy during the War of 1861-85*. Boston, MA: Wright & Potter Printing Co., 1895.

Ammidown, Holmes. *Historical Collections: Histories of Seven Towns*. 2 volumes. New York, NY: Published by author, 1877.

Davis, William Thomas. *Bench and Bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*. Boston: Boston History Company, 1895.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of eight folders. Three contain correspondence, primarily letters addressed during the Civil War to Alexander Fiske at the Adjutant General's office in New York; one contains writings by persons unknown, some of which appear to be notes for a sermon; one contains legal documents, many related to Frederic W. Bottom; three contain business documents, Receipts, and inventories. Most of the business documents and Receipts are connected to Samuel Fiske.

This collection is organized into four series:

Series 1: Correspondence, 1828–1865

Series 2: Writings, notes, undated

Series 3: Legal documents, 1810–1864

Series 4: Business documents, Receipts, 1810-1845

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

Fiske, Samuel Chaffee, 1805-1873

Fiske, Alexander Parkhurst, 1833-1922

Bottom, Frederic W., 1780-1855

Logee, Joseph H.

Christensen, Christian T.

Family Names

Fiske (Fisk)

Bottom

Plimpton, Moses
Tiffany, B. (Bela)

Subjects
Civil War

Geographic Names

Southbridge (Mass.)
Sturbridge (Mass.)
Douglas (Mass.)
Brookfield (Mass.)
East Douglas (Mass.)
New York City (New York)

Genre

Correspondence
Legal documents
Receipts
Inventories
Essays

Corporate Names

Chicopee Manufacturing Company
Female Classical Seminary, Brookfield, Massachusetts
Monson Academy, Monson, Massachusetts
57th Regiment, New York Infantry, Adjutant General's Office, Bleecker Street, New York City
U.S. Volunteers Adjutant General Department, New York City

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 donated by a descendant of the Fiske family. The creator of the collection is unknown. There were no previous or subsequent donations from this donor.

The collection contained two empty leather wallets. The wallets were removed and transferred to the Curatorial Department. The new collection numbers are 12.3.134 and 12.3.134.

Processing information

Finding Aids:

Prepared by: Judith Haran, March 21, 2017

Related Collections

The OSV Research Library has collections relating to the Fiske Papers. These consist of

- 1969.46 Belknap-Eddy-Fiske families 1769-1899.
- 1972.83, 1972.83pc Fiske family. Miscellaneous papers. Sturbridge, Mass. 1811-1838, 4 pieces.

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Box #	Folder #	Accession #	Description
<u>Series I: Correspondence, 1828 – 1865</u>			
1	1	1995.14.1.1	Letter from Frederic W. Bottom regarding Samuel C. Fiske; September 22, 1828
		1995.14.1.2	Letter to Samuel C. Fiske from Samuel H. Babcock; May 12, 1831
		1995.14.1.3	Letter to Mssrs Tiffany, Anderson & Co, from B. Tiffany, Southbridge, MA; August 26, 1833
		1995.14.1.4	Letter to Mssrs Smith, Goddard, & Coats of Norwich, CT from B. Tiffany, Southbridge; August 26, 1833
		1995.14.1.5	Letter recommending Samuel Fiske, from Moses Plimpton, Southbridge; August 27, 1833
		1995.14.1.6	a. Letter to Captain Alexander Fiske from father, on Civil War, Richmond, Virginia; May 29, 1862 b. envelope; Cat. A.P. Fiske, 3 rd Brigade, Richardson's Division, Washington DC
		1995.14.1.7	Letter to Captain Alexander Fiske from H.H. Mott; September 8, 1862
		1995.14.1.8	a. Letter to Captain Alexander Fiske from H.H Mott, October 3, 1862 b. envelope; Capt. A.P. Fiske, New York
		1995.14.1.9	a. Circular letter to staff officers from Major General Wool, signed C. Christensen, June 19, 1863 b. envelope; Capt. Alex. P. Fiske, Asst. Adjutant General, New York
		1995.14.1.10	a. Letter to Capt. Fiske, August 31, 1863 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.11	a. Letter to Capt. Fiske from James Dwight of Young Ladies Institute, 1863 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.12	a. Letter to Capt. Fiske from "Smith", September 17, 1863 b. envelope

		1995.14.1.13	Letter to Capt. Fiske from George Woodward, Headquarters, Provost Marshall; September 21, 1863
		1995.14.1.14	a. Letter to Capt. Fiske from Depot Quartermaster's Office, Memphis Tennessee; September 21, 1863 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.15	Letter to Capt. Fiske from Samuel Jenness, Metropolitan Police Force, regarding reward for capture of a horse, September 25, 1863
1	2	1995.14.1.16	a. Letter to Capt. Fiske from John Schwartz, Headquarters, 3 rd Brigade, 1 st Division, 2 nd Army Corps, September 27, 1863 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.17	Letter to Capt. Fiske from George Nichols, Re Henry Burtnett, October 5, 1863
		1995.14.1.18	Letter to Capt. Fiske from Natchez MS; October 19, 1863
		1995.14.1.19	a. Letter to Capt. Fiske from A.D. Chapman, Warrenton, Virginia, November 20, 1863 b. envelope; Capt. A.P. Fiske, Headquarters U.S. Troops, New York City
		1995.14.1.20	Letter to Alex. P. Fiske from Mercantile Library Association of New York, May 24, 1864
		1995.14.1.21	a. Letter to Alex. P Fiske from Mercantile Library Association of New York, June 3, 1864 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.22	a. Letter to A. Fiske from C. Christensen, Headquarters, Division of West Mississippi, Natchez, June 3, 1864 b. Discharge paper of G. A. Engel; May 8, 1832 c. small envelope marked Lieut. Engel d. envelope, larger; captain A.P. Fiske
		1995.14.1.23	Letter to A. Fiske from Ralph Beutler re Invalid Corps, 1864

		1995.14.1.24	a. Letter to A. Fiske from C.T. Christensen; September 15, 1864 b. orders signed by Christensen, General Order No. 47; September 12, 1864 c. envelope; Capt. A.P. Fiske
		1995.14.1.25	a, Letter to A. Fiske from C.T. Christensen, Military Division of West Mississippi in New Orleans, September 23, 1864 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.26	a. Letter to A. Fiske from C.T. Christensen; January 20, 1865 b. envelope
1	3	1995.14.1.27	a. Letter to A.P. Fiske from Juan Villanueva, Consul General of Spain in New York; February 8, 1865 b. envelope
		1995.14.1.28	Letter to Capt. A.P. Fiske from William H. Powell; February 23, 1865
		1995.14.1.29	Letter to Alex P. Fiske from D.K. Olney, Southbridge, re Henry Amidon; March 22, 1865
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		1995.14.1.31	a. Letter to A.P. Fiske regarding furloughs; April 1, 1865 b. list of names for Co. A p.p. Fort Wood for furlough
		1995.14.1.32	Letter to A.P. Fiske from O.D. Ashley; May 9, 1865
		1995.14.1.33	Letter to Rev. J. B. Cotting from C.W. Bottom "on behalf of young ladies of B. Seminary", no date
		1995.14.1.34	Letter to Samuel C. Fiske from "agent" re shipment of waste, no date
		1995.14.1.35	Letter from Samuel C. Fiske regarding sale of horse, no date
		1995.14.1.36	a. Letter from Fred Gray to "Chipman" re Captain Fiske, no date b. envelope; blank

Series 2: Writings, notes, undated

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Series 3: Legal documents, 1810 – 1864

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		1995.14.3.2	Appointment of Frederic W. Bottom of Southbridge as Justice of Peace; December 3, 1816
		1995.14.3.3	Catalogue of trustees, instructors and Students at Monson Academy, Autumn Term 1823
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		1995.14.3.8	Judgment involving Samuel C. Fiske and Marcus Selkirk, Southbridge; August 29, 1831
		1995.14.3.9	Writ involving Samuel C. Fiske and Henry Sweetland of Holden, Mass; August 6, 1832
		1995.14.3.10	Notice to appear, addressed to Henry Sweetland of Holden, Mass.; August 6, 1832

- 1995.14.3.11 Notice to Samuel C. Fiske regarding Machinery in Southbridge on lease from Dresser & Kimball, regarding suit of Samuel Jameson vs. Josiah Snow; December 26, 1832
- 1995.14.3.12 Indenture between Samuel C. Fiske and Moses Plimpton regarding sale of property Belonging to Fiske; March 12, 1833
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- 1995.14.3.14 Appointment of Frederic W. Bottom as Justice of Peace; August 27, 1844
- 1995.14.3.15 Note regarding lawsuit in names of William Knight, Jethro Lapham, F.W. Bottom; August 30, 1845
- 1995.14.3.16 Assignment in lawsuit between Knight and Lapham; "John Whiting" written in; August 30, 1845
- 1995.14.3.17 Circular from Adjutant General's Office, War Department; December 15, 1863
- 1995.14.3.18 Special Order No. 283, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, signed by C.T. Christensen, Assistant Adjutant General; August 27, 1864

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| | | 1995.14.4.2 | Receipt from Joshua Fiske to Samuel Fiske, Sturbridge; July 22, 1818 |
| | | 1995.14.4.3 | Invoice for haying, Joshua Fiske, Joseph Pope, Samuel C. Fiske; August 1825 |
| | | 1995.14.4.4 | Receipt from William Vinton to Samuel Fiske; August 5, 1828 |
| | | 1995.14.4.5 | Receipt for clothing, Frances Wall Paid to Walter B. Thayer; August 4, 1829 |
| | | 1995.14.4.6 | Receipt for cloth, Samuel C. Fiske Paid to Samuel Pick; June 12, 1829 |
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1995.14.4.12	Certificate of share to Samuel C. Fiske, Southbridge Aquaduct Company; January 1, 1832
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- 1995.14.4.31 Receipt for the Village Courier to Abner Cheney, from W. N. Sherman; August 6, 1833
- 1995.14.4.32 Receipt for the Village Courier to Parley Marsh, from W. N. Sherman; August 6, 1833
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- 1995.14.4.46 Receipt to Joseph Logee, Douglas; March 30, 1839
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		1995.14.4.58	Account statement between Dr. Warren Hathaway and John Pond; 1840
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		1995.14.4.60	Receipt for "The Massachusetts Spy" Received of Stephen Alger, signed Buffum; 1840
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		1995.14.4.73	Receipt paid to tailor, no date
		1995.14.4.74	Receipt for amount paid on balance due J.H. Logee from Phansa Comstock, no date
		1995.14.4.75	Receipt for making varnish, no date
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		1995.14.4.78	List of letters, postage amounts; no date
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