

William Henshaw Business Papers, 1790-1811
1959.02



Old Sturbridge Village
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Collection Overview

Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA

Creator: William Henshaw

Title: William Henshaw Business Papers

Dates: 1790-1811

Extent: one box, .25 linear feet

Abstract: William Henshaw, Justice of the Peace, signed most of the writs in this collection. The documents contain receipts for payment and writs for the period of 1790-1811 and include Leicester, Massachusetts and surrounding towns.

Location: OSV Vault, August 2018

Language: English

Biographical Sketch

William Henshaw (1735-1820) was born in Boston but his family moved to Leicester, Massachusetts when he was a teenager. He was active in the military, serving in the French and Indian War and the American Revolution. He was a key leader of the Worcester County Minutemen. In 1759 he was appointed Second Lieutenant in the local militia and in 1775 stepped up as Colonel of the Worcester County Regiment. He served until 1777 and had the opportunity to work with George Washington. After his time in the military he became active in local politics and served as Justice of the Peace in Leicester and also as a State Representative. He married Ruth Sargent in 1762 and had three children and two years after the death of his first wife, he married Phebe Swan in 1771. One of his children is artist Ruth Henshaw Bascom (1772-1848).

<https://www.americanantiquarian.org/Inventories/Portraits/bios/66.pdf>

Scope and Content

The collection is maintained in one series and is ordered chronologically by date. Receipts and writs that coordinate but are not attached have been filed together and given an accession number plus a/b.; they are ordered by the date on the writ. Writs and receipts that are originally attached are numbered under one accession number (no a/b).

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

Allan, Silas
Beers, Richard
Clark, John
Hayward, John
Henshaw, William, 1735-1820
King, John
Stebbins, Peter
Washburn, Joseph
Wheelock, Silas

Geographic Names

Leicester (Mass.)
Worcester (Mass.)

Genre

Receipts
Writs

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 originally accessioned in 1959 as part of manuscripts. In 2018, it was removed from manuscripts and processed as its own collection complete with finding aid. It was also rehoused from its envelope and placed in folders and individual box.

Processing information

Finding Aid:

Prepared by, Amy Hietala, August 2018

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Box #	Folder #	Accession #	Description
1	1	1959.02.1	Writ, Mary Andrews vs. Joseph Wheelock, signed by William Henshaw; June 23, 1790
		1959.02.2	Summons, Summons for Benjamin C- to appear before Edward Banys; July 23, 1790
		1959.02.3	Writ, Jonas Stone vs. Phineas Sargent, signed by William Henshaw; May 14, 1792
		1959.02.4	Writ, Joseph Allen vs. Abner Dunbar, signed by William Henshaw; November 30, 1793
		1959.02.5	Writ, Samuel Richardson vs. Amos Woodward, Signed William Henshaw; January 27, 1794
		1959.02.6	Writ, Nathan Waite vs. Edward Rawson, signed William Henshaw; May 9, 1795
		1959.02.7	Writ, Reuben Clark vs. Joseph Washburn, signed William Henshaw; January 4, 1799
		1959.02.8	Receipt, Asa Waite to pay Samuel Mower; February 1, 1799
		1959.02.9	Writ, Joseph Washburn vs. Augustus Maynard, signed William Henshaw; June 8, 1799
		1959.02.10	Writ, Joseph Knapp vs. Archelaus Putnam, signed William Henshaw; July 31, 1799
	2	1959.02.11	Receipt, John King to pay Samuel Watson; August 7, 1806
		1959.02.12	a. Writ, Samuel Watson vs. David Wicker, signed by William Henshaw; October 22, 1807; b. Receipt, David Wicker to pay Samuel Watson; July 24, 1807
		1959.02.13	a. Writ, Benjamin Earle vs. Jonah Estabrook, signed William Henshaw; February 14, 1808 b. Receipt, Jonah Estabrook to pay Benjamin Earle; July 16, 1807
		1959.02.14	Writ, Blanchard vs. Richardson, signed Benjamin Drury; February 27, 1808
		1959.02.15	a. Writ, Samuel Green Jr. vs. John Clark, signed William Henshaw; March 11, 1808 b. Receipt, John Clark Jr. to pay Samuel Green; December 26, 1807

- 1959.02.16 a. Writ, James Adams vs. John Hayward, signed William Henshaw; August 23, 1808
b. Receipt, John Hayward to pay Richard Beers; March 12, 1806
- 1959.02.17 Writ, John Howe vs. Ephraim Carneth, signed William Henshaw; November 14, 1808
- 1959.02.18 a. Writ, Ruth Washburn vs. John King, signed William Henshaw; December 28, 1808
b. Receipt, John King to pay Joseph Washburn; February 19, 1805
c. Receipt, John King to pay Joseph Washburn; January 29, 1807
- 1959.02.19 Receipt, Jonathan Mayo to pay Noah Shumway; May 29, 1809
- 1959.02.20 a. Writ, Knight Sprague vs. Silas Bullard, signed William Henshaw; July 31, 1809
b. Receipt, Silas Bullard to pay Silas Chamberlain; October 7, 1806
- 3 1959.02.21 a. Writ, Henry Slade Junior vs. Peter Stebbins, signed William Henshaw; August 18, 1809
b. Receipt, Peter Stebbins to pay Henry Slade Junior; October 18, 1806
- 1959.02.22 a. Writ, William Prouty vs. Silas Allan, signed William Henshaw; September 26, 1809
b. Receipt, Silas Allan to pay William Prouty; May 29, 1809
- 1959.02.23 a. Writ, William Prouty vs. Abia Barton, signed William Henshaw; September 26, 1809
b. Receipt, Abia Barton to pay William Branty; April 7, 1809
- 1959.02.24 Writ, Nohum (?) Wards vs. Abiel Algen, signed William Henshaw; October 16, 1809
- 1959.02.25 a. Writ, Thomas Knowlton vs. Silas Wheelock, signed William Henshaw; October 27, 1809
b. Receipt, Silas Wheelock to pay Thomas Knowlton; July 12, 1809
- 1959.02.26 a. Writ, O. Jones vs. Phineas Cary, signed William Henshaw; November 6, 1809
b. Receipt, P & L Cary to pay O. Jones; November 16, 1808
- 1959.02.27 a. Writ, David Livermore vs. Richard Beers, signed William Henshaw; November 1809
b. Receipt, Richard Beers to pay David Livermore Jr.; May 19, 1809

	1959.02.28	a. Writ, Thomas Denny vs. John Hayward, signed William Henshaw; November 16, 1809 b. Receipt, John Hayward to pay Thomas Denny; August 30, 1809
	1959.02.29	a. Writ, Thomas Denny vs. Phineas Cary, signed William Henshaw; November 16, 1809 b. Receipt, Phineas Cary to pay Thomas Denny; August 21, 1809
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4	1959.02.31	a. Writ, Amasa Broman vs. Lemuel Jacobs, signed William Henshaw; December 23, 1809 b. Receipt, Samuel Jacoby to pay Amasa Broman; September 16, 1809
	1959.02.32	a. Writ, Elisha Harrington vs. William Bayns, signed William Henshaw; May 25, 1810 b. Receipt, William Bayns to pay Elisha Harrington; September 8, 1809
	1959.02.33	a. Writ, Thomas Walter vs. Charles Stearns, signed William Henshaw; May 29, 1810 b. Receipt, Charles Stearns Jr to pay William Caldwell; January 13, 1810
	1959.02.34	Writ, Roswell Rogers vs. Antipan Earle, signed William Henshaw; June 19, 1810
	1959.02.35	Writ, Robert Earle vs. Benjamin Smith, signed William Henshaw; July 6, 1810
	1959.02.36	Writ, Thomas Knowlton vs. Levi Winn, signed William Henshaw; August 18, 1810
	1959.02.37	a. Writ, Samuel Green Junior vs. William Parker, signed William Henshaw; September 11, 1810 b. Receipt, William Parker to pay David Henshaw; January 12, 1808
	1959.02.38	a. Writ, Benjamin Watson Junior vs. Moses Waters, signed William Henshaw; November 29, 1810 b. Receipt, Moses Waters to pay Benjamin Watson; March 1810
	1959.02.39	a. Writ, David Ball vs. Stephen Cogswell Junior, signed William Henshaw; March 20, 1811 b. Receipt, David Smith and Stephen Cogswell to pay David Bull; March 21, 1809