

Munger Collection, 1776-1859
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Collection Overview

Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA

Creator: unknown

Title: Whitman Munger Collection

Dates: 1776-1859

Extent: 1 box, 0.25 linear feet

Abstract: Collection consists mostly of land deeds, receipts, bills, government documents, and one letter related to the Munger family. The collection mostly involves the lives of Cyrus and Whitman Munger of South Brimfield and Wales, Massachusetts.

Location: OSV vault, December 2018

Language: English

Biographical Sketch*

Cyrus Munger's (1751-1839) profession was as a grain winnowing machine maker in South Brimfield, Massachusetts and he served against the British in the Revolutionary War in multiple regiments. He also served as a selectman of the West Parish in 1805-1812 and was a representative to the General Court at Boston in 1807. Cyrus's siblings were **Darius** (1745-1815), Amasa (1762-1827), and Olive (1765-1847). Cyrus married Prudence Rogers (1758-1836) in 1776. Cyrus and Prudence had seven children: Riley (1784-1860), Elva (1788-1824), Elam (1789-1867), Dexter (1791-1875), Whitman (1793-1860), William (1795-1875), and Lorinda (1799-1859). Dexter, who became a Baptist clergyman, William, Riley, and Lorinda moved from South Brimfield, Massachusetts to live in Attica and Middlebury, New York.

Whitman Munger married Esther Moulton (1799-1859) in 1825. They had seven children: Milton Cyrus (1825-1874), Harrison William (1827-1893), Roxey Ann (1828-1855), Laura Jane (1830-1916), Riley Dexter (1832-1899), Nelson Whitman (1834-1910), and Lorinda Sophia (1837-1915). Whitman was a farmer and spent his entire life farming the land originally occupied by his father in Wales. He served as a vice-president of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society. Whitman also served as a selectman to the town of Wales in 1832, 1833, and 1838.

The Needhams and the Moultons are both families mentioned regularly in relation to the Mungers in this collection. Both families were long-time residents of the area along with the Mungers and were both connected through marriage and land ownership. This includes **David Needham** (1755-1815) who sold property to Cyrus Munger, his father **Anthony** (1723-1785), and his son Alfred (1784-1853). **Needham Moulton** (1788-1863) is listed in the Census of 1855 as a blacksmith. His wife, Seba, is the daughter of Amasa and Hannah Munger.

*Resources:

Munger, Jeremiah B. *The Munger Book: Something of the Mungers, 1639-1914, Including Some Who Mistakenly Write the Name Monger and Mungor*. New Haven, CT: Tuttle, Morehouse and Taylor Co., 1915.

Temple, Josiah Howard. *History of the Town of Palmer, Massachusetts: Early Known as the Elbow Tract: Including Records of the Plantation, District and Town, 1716-1889*. Palmer, MA: Town of Palmer, 1889.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of four folders. Two folders consist primarily of land deeds and agreements involving Cyrus and Whitman Munger in South Brimfield and Wales, MA. One folder consists of receipts and bills mostly related to Whitman Munger, including receipts for the construction of a schoolhouse in Wales, MA. The final folder includes a letter concerning the death of Lorinda Munger written by her brother, Dexter.

This collection is organized into 3 series:

Series 1: Legal Documents, 1776-1866

Series 2: Business Documents, Receipts, 1814-1859

Series 3: Personal, undated

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

Munger, Cyrus (1751-1839)
Munger, Dexter (1832-1899)
Munger, Darius (1745-1815)
Munger, Elam (1789-1867)
Munger, Esther A. (Moulton) (1799-1859)
Munger, Harrison W. (1827-1893)
Munger, Milton C. (1825-1874)
Munger, Riley (1784-1860)
Munger, Whitman (1793-1860)
Munger, William (1795-1875)
Needham, Anthony (1723-1785)
Needham, David (1755-1815)

Family Names

Moulton
Munger
Needham

Corporate Names

Baptist Meeting House, Wales, MA
Hampden Cotton Manufacturing Co., Springfield, MA
Munger and Murdock

Geographic Names

East Hartford (Conn.)
Boston (Mass.)
Brimfield (Mass.)
Monson (Mass.)
Palmer (Mass.)
South Brimfield (Mass.)
Springfield (Mass.)
Wales (Mass.)
Attica (New York)
Middlebury (New York)

Administrative Information

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Related Collections

No known collections in the OSV archives.

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		1985.16.1.2	Land deed in South Brimfield, MA, Joseph Munger to Cyrus Munger, witnessed by Robert Andrews and Darius Munger; May 25, 1783
		1985.16.1.3	Land deed in Brimfield, MA, Samuel and Anna Strong to David Needham, witnessed by Darius Munger (Justice of the Peace); April 23, 1784
		1985.16.1.4	Land deed in South Brimfield, MA, Mary Brown to David Needham, witnessed by Darius Munger (Justice of the Peace) and James Blodget; April 24, 1784
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- name) and William Thompson (Justice of the Peace); January 20, 1820
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- 1985.16.1.28 Land deed in South Brimfield, James and Polly Rogers to Whitman Munger, witnessed by James S. Wales and Leonard B. Wright; March 25, 1824
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Series 2: Business Documents, Receipts, 1814-1859

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Series 3: Personal

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