

Williams Family Papers, 1753-1852 2017.8



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Collection Overview

Repository: Old Sturbridge Village Research Library, Sturbridge, MA

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Title: Williams Family Papers

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Abstract: A collection of documents including legal records, business and personal papers and writings, and printed materials such as Almanack's and Children's Magazine. The materials relate to Nathaniel and Stoddard Williams from Lanesboro Massachusetts.

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Biographical Sketch

Nathaniel Williams (1723-1801) was one of the earliest settlers of Lanesboro (called 'New Framingham' until its formal incorporation in 1765). The original proprietors arrived in 1741 from Framingham, but the town was not settled until the 1750s after the end of the French and Indian War. Originally from western Connecticut, Nathaniel Williams is first recorded as arriving in the town in 1759. He and his wife Dorothy (Stratton) married in 1750 and had ten children: Sarah, Lydia, Lucy, Elizabeth, Marcy, Dorothy, Hannah, Solomon, Stoddard, and William. Stoddard Williams (1752-1832) was a collector of taxes for the town. He was on the school committee in 1805, and is noted to have been the Master of Lanesborough's Mystic Lodge of Masons in the second decade of the 19th century. Stoddard married Martha Brattle in 1782. Their children include; Martha, Anna, Stoddard, Edith, Stoddard S., and Nathaniel. David Hubbell married Elizabeth, one of Stoddard's sisters. David's brother Calvin married Lucy, another of the Williams sisters.

Resources:

Martin, Frances S. *Lanesborough, Massachusetts: The Story of a Wilderness Settlement 1765-1965*. Lanesborough Massachusetts, 1965.

Scope and Content

The Williams Family Papers consist of legal documents in the form of deeds, appointments, tax records, probate reports, bonds, and agreements; business documents and receipts; personal papers which include letters, a diary, inventory, and composition; and printed materials that consist of eight Almanack's, two Children's Magazines, and an issue of the Pittsfield Sun newspaper.

Materials are roughly organized in chronological order by series, however after updating finding aid some items are not in order.

This collection is organized into four series:

Series I: Legal documents

Series II: Receipts, business documents

Series III: Personal papers

Series IV: Printed materials

Restrictions

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Search Terms

Personal Names

Williams, Nathaniel 1723-1801

Williams, Stoddard 1752-1832

Hubbell, David 1755-1845

Hubbell, Calvin 1764-1827

Genre

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Almanacs

Family Names

Williams

Hubbell

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Administrative Information

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