



Inventory of the Parsons Collection (Collection #1)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

The Parsons Collection consists of one box of papers divided into 19 folders, dating from 1789 to 1909. Included are the papers of a number of individuals and some papers of the Town of Parsonsfield. The collection is of particular interest because of its relation to the history of the Town of Parsonsfield, which was, I believe, founded by members of the Parsons family, which also has ties to Kennebunk.

The collection includes the usual spread of documents: receipts, letters, deeds, as well as some published materials (see particularly folder #19).

Most of the pieces in the collection are in good condition.

These papers were acquisition #3094.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1

- Folder 1 Asa Parsons, Papers, 1826-1838. Receipts, etc. Includes affidavit of his membership in "Society of the People called Quakers in the Town of Parsonsfield." 1826
- Folder 2 Weare D. Parsons, Papers, 1817. Receipt, 1817, and letter, n.d.
- Folder 3 Thomas Parsons and Thomas Parsons Jr., Papers 1789-1821. Including probate papers of Thomas Parsons, Jr. 1789 and 1792.
- Folder 4 Brackett T. Lord, Papers, 1857-1909. Letters, receipt, tickets, etc.
- Folder 5 Joseph Parsons, Papers, 1849-1873. Mostly letters, some written from Biddeford Pool in the 1850s.
- Folder 6 N. B. Parsons, Letters, 1856-61.
- Folder 7 John U. Parsons, Papers 1801-1825. Including receipt for purchase at "vendue estate of John U. Parsons," 1825.
- Folder 8 Mrs. Hannah F. Parsons, Papers. One letter, 1856. Also copies of poems and "discourses." Mostly hand-written, authorship not known.
- Folder 9 Daniel Piper, Letters, 1838-1872. Letters received by D. Piper of East Parsonsfield. One to Mrs. Piper, n.d.
- Folder 10 Daniel Piper, Receipts, 1803-1872. Also four receipts of Elisha Piper, 1806-1838.
- Folder 11 Receipts of assorted Parsonsfield people, 1800-1851. Also one bond, 1806, for one acre of land.
- Folder 12 Parsonsfield, Town of Papers, 1800-1895. Includes Account Book, 1848. Receipts, 1802-1873 (some involving School District #9 and some Daniel Piper); Warrants, 1870-84: Tax Abatements, 1871; Correspondence, 1872-1895; Treasurer's Papers, 1869-1895: Limits Highway Districts in The Eastern Section of the Town of Parsonsfield, 1886; Election Results, 1872 and 1873 and other n.d. Assessor's Papers, 1870s form our writing will.
- Folder 13 Joseph Merrill's Book, 1847-48. (Merchant ?)
- Folder 14 Miscellaneous Papers. Fragments, unidentified, ledger pages, receipts, etc.
- Folder 15 Enoch Parsons, Receipts, 1800-1816.
- Folder 16 Enoch Parsons, Receipts, 1817-1825.

- Folder 17 Enoch Parsons, Receipts, 1826-1840.
- Folder 18 Enoch Parsons, Papers, Receipts, n.d. Correspondence, 1819-55: Deeds, 1827-33.
- Folder 19 Miscellaneous printed materials as follows: Bolster's Highway Surveyor's Book, 1884 (not used): York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Buxton, notice, n.d.: The New Maine, 1897- title page, preface, table of contents sent as advertising flyers: Oxford County Advertiser Job Print, Norway, Maine, advertising card for election stickers n.d., a flyer; State of Maine Anatomical Board Flyer "concerning the disposal of dead human bodies." n.d. Maine Democratic Club Banquet, tickets, 1907: Alfred Bank, notice of note due, 1862: miscellaneous advertising cards, etc.

Subject Tracings:

Alfred Bank
 Biddeford Pool
 Lord, Brackett T.
 Maine, State of. Anatomical Board
 Maine Democratic Club
 Merrill, Joseph
 Oxford County Advertising Job Print
 Parsons, Asa
 Parsons, Enoch
 Parsons, Mrs. Hannah F.
 Parsons, John U.
 Parsons, Joseph
 Parsons, Thomas
 Parsons, Thomas, Jr.
 Parsons, Weare D.
 Parsonsfield, Town of
 Piper, Daniel
 Piper, Elisha
 Quakers, Society of (Parsonsfield.)
 York County Mutual Fire Insurance Company (Buxton)

Reference Resources:

History of Parsonsfield, Maine, 1771-1888. Published for the Ancient Landmarks Society of Parsonsfield by Peter E. Randall, Publisher, (1982). Reprint of 1888 edition. Brick Store Museum Collection.

Family Homes. The House of Cornet Joseph Parsons. Together With The Houses of A Line of His Descendants and Their Allied Families. 1655-1941 (published 1944) Brick Store Museum Collection.

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