



Inventory of the Burbank Family Collection (Collection #26)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection of papers, books, and photographs of the Burbank family of Limerick and Saco dates from 1808 to ca. 1937. It deals mostly with Horace H. Burbank and his family. Burbank was born in Limerick, Maine, in 1837 and died in Saco in 1905. He served in the 27th and 32nd Maine Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. After the war, he practiced law in Limerick and Saco. He held numerous positions in the County and State including Register of Probate and Representative to the State Legislature. For a more detailed account of his life, see the testimonial published at his death in 1905 by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Box 1 Folder 7.

NOTE: Various items from the home of Jane Lord Burbank, daughter of Horace, are included in the Museum's collection.

Most of the collection does not have an acquisition number.

The collection is stored in two full boxes, with oversize and framed documents and photographs stored in appropriate and indicated places.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

Folder 1: A letter from Moses Burbank, Boston, to his brother Ebenezer Burbank, Kennebunk, 7 October 1808.

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Documents concerning a lead plate with inscription found in Limerick in 1846 and given to the Maine Historical Society by Horace H. Burbank in 1904.

- Folder 2: Miscellaneous documents concerning organizations to which Horace H. Burbank belonged, including a list of names of those invited to form the “Tuesday Club” in 1894.
- Three receipts for business transactions of Horace H. Burbank, 1865 – 1893.
- Folder 3: Documents concerning the claim of the heirs of Thomas Durrell, Arundel, owner of the brig Panther which was seized by the French in 1797. Included is a copy of the claim filled on their behalf in January 1887 by Horace H. Burbank. Also a folder of newspaper articles concerning French Spoilation claims filed in the 1880s by descendants of owners of ships that were taken by the French in the late 1700s and early 1800s.
- Folder 4: Manuscripts of “Sketch of Prison Life, 1864 – 1865” and “Battle of the Crater, July 30, 1864,” by Horace H. Burbank, and typescripts of the same.
- Folder 5: Loose pages from a diary kept by Horace H. Burbank, December 21, 1870 – August 20, 1889, and typescript for same.
- Folder 6: Newspaper reprints of “Civil War Prisoner” and “Battle of the Crater” by Horace H. Burbank, *Kennebunk Star*, February – May 1861.
- Folder 7: Various documents concerning the military career of Horace H. Burbank from his enlistment in 1862 to his escape from southern prison in 1865. Also documents and newspaper articles concerned with his death in 1905.
- Folder 8: Probate papers of Elizabeth Porter Burbank (Mrs. Horace H.) 1929; Grace T. Burbank, 1937, daughter of Elizabeth and Horace; and of Horace H. Burbank, 1905. Also a biographical sketch of Jane Lord Burbank, daughter of Elizabeth and Horace. Also a collection of deeds concerning property owned by Horace H. Burbank, dated 1868 – 1905.
- Folder 9: Burbank and related families genealogy, including correspondence of Horace H. Burbank in pursuit of same. See also genealogy vertical files: Harmon and Small.

Box 2:

The Burbank Family scrapbook compiled by Edith Cleaves Barry. Original documents, photographs, typescripts, and newspaper items concerning the Burbank family pasted into a bound volume.

A small album, red leather, containing tintypes and a small black autograph album, both of which came from the estate of Jane Lord Barry. Acq. #s 1191 and 1192.

Bible, red leather cover, inscribed on flyleaf “Sarah L. Thompson,” from the estate of Jane Lord Burbank. Acq. #1190

Bible of Horace H. Burbank used by him in Richland Jail, Columbia, SC, as prisoner during Civil War. Acq. #983

Memoir of Horace Harom Burbank, Limerick, Maine, October 27, 1837 – March 18, 1865. Burbank's Masonic Record in back.

Diary kept by Horace H. Burbank, 1894 – 1865 when he was a prisoner of war.
Acq. #1050

Masonic Record, Frank L. Burbank, 1908 – 1920.

Folder 1: Xerox copies of photographs of Burbank family interest which are in photograph file although part of this collection.

Miscellaneous Box (0) 34, Folder 5: Commissions Horace H. Burbank, First Lieutenant and Captain 32 Regiment, Infantry Volunteers, Maine, 1864, and college diplomas for Horace H. Burbank (Bowdoin, 1885 and 1888) and Jane Lord Burbank (University of the State of New York, 1919).

Also, a framed Testimonial, dated July 4, 1868, from Governor Joshua Chamberlain to Horace H. Burbank for his Civil War service. (This is stored with framed documents, photographs, paintings, D-3. Acq. #87.I.61

Subject Tracings:

Bowdoin College

Burbank, Ebenezer, Kennebunk

Burbank, Elizabeth Porter (Mrs. Horace H.), Saco

Burbank, Frank L., Vermont

Burbank, Grace T., Saco

Burbank, Horace H., Limerick and Saco

Burbank, Jane Lord, Saco

Burbank, Moses, Boston

Civil War

 Maine, Infantry Volunteers, 27th Regiment

 Maine, Infantry Volunteers, 32nd Regiment

Durrell, Thomas, Arundel

Frank Spoilation Claims

Limerick

Panther, Brig

Saco

Thompson, Sarah L.

Tuesday Club

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