



Inventory of the Oliver Bourne Collection (Collection #33)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

Oliver Bourne of Kennebunkport was a shop keeper, post master, ship owner, and active in the Methodist Church. These papers reflect his involvement in all of those areas from 1821 to 1860 as follows:

Business in his store (receipts, bills, letters, etc.)

Post office records between 1821-42 (receipts, drafts, quarterly reports, auditor's reports, etc.)

Records of the Methodist Church, 1835-60, including financial records from its construction in 1835.

Shipping accounts, 1830-43, particularly of the schooner Jane Bourne, 1837-41.

The papers are stored in two boxes, with a few oversize papers in suitable places (see Box and Folder Breakdown).

The Collection's acquisition number is 83.18.2.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous receipts, 1831-1834.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous receipts, 1835.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous receipts, 1836.
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous receipts, 1837.
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous receipts, 1838.
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous receipts, 1839.
- Folder 7: Miscellaneous receipts, 1840.
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous receipts, 1841.
- Folder 9: Miscellaneous receipts, 1842.
- Folder 10: Miscellaneous receipts, 1843.
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous receipts, 1844.
- Folder 12: Miscellaneous receipts, 1845.
- Folder 13: Miscellaneous receipts, 1846.
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous receipts, 1847.

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous receipts, 1848.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous receipts, 1849.
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous receipts, 1850.
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous receipts, 1851.
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous receipts, 1852-54.
- Folder 6: Miscellaneous receipts, 1855-59.
- Folder 7: Miscellaneous receipts, 1860-83 and those with n.d.
- Folder 8: Kennebunkport post office drafts, 1825, 1826, 1841; receipts for post office deposits at Portland, July 1831 to October 1833; miscellaneous other circulars and letters, 1829-1833.
- Folder 9: Kennebunkport post office quarterly receipts, October 1820 to January 1843; quarterly mail route receipts, October 1835 to July 1837 and November 1837 to January 1841.
- Folder 10: Kennebunkport post office Examiners and Auditors reports, September 1832 – October 1842.
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous receipt books, 1837-1846.
- Folder 12: Papers, Schooner Jane Bourne, 1837-1841, including construction invoices.

- Folder 13: Papers concerning the Methodist Church, Kennebunkport, 1835, including bills, receipts, subscription list, many for its construction, and miscellaneous undated documents including pew lists and a pew diagram.
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous bills and receipts for the Methodist Church, Kennebunkport, 1820-1877.
- Folder 15: Records of the Methodist Church, Kennebunkport, as follows, 1834 to 1860:
 Constitution, Missionary Society, with members' names, n.d.
 Subscription Books, 1842 and 1850-51.
 Minutes, Sewing Society (Ladies Circle), 1843 to ca. 1860. Includes list of members' names.
 Sabbath School treasury book, 1834-38.
 Records, Kennebunkport Methodist Missionary Society, 1841-44.
 Record Book, wood and lights expenses "for the hall," pew holders, etc. 1842-43.
 Tax Book, Methodist Chapel, 1853.
 Joiners Wage Book, Construction Meeting House, April 1835 – October 1835.
- Folder 16: Music book, handwritten hymns. Inscribed on flyleaf E. Hayes, 1821.
- Folder 17: Ledger, accounts of Simon Nowell and Hayes and Bourne, 1821-22, and one letter, dated 1829, concerning the estate of Simon Nowell, Kennebunkport.
- Folder 18: Miscellaneous papers as follows:
 Patent Letter from Samuel Witham to the Town of Kennebunkport for Churning Machine, August 8, 1834.
 Notice of meeting of Lyceum, n.d.
 Letters, printed price lists, weather table, notices concerning town affairs.
 Accounts of Wait Township stumpage, 1841.

Collection also includes Post Office Accounts Current, 1821 – 31 (not consecutive) in Miscellaneous Box (0) #3, Folder 13.

Subject Tracings:

Bourne, Oliver
 Hayes, E(rastus?)
 Methodist Church, Kennebunkport
 Nowell, Simon
 Post Office, Kennebunkport
 Ships: (schooners)
Charles
Echo
Elizabeth
Frank
Grape
Jane Bourne
Lavinia
Louisa
Lucy
Martha

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Mary
Mary Bourne
Moro
Nile
Orient

Decateur (steamer)

Wait Township
Witham, Samuel

Biographical Information: Oliver Bourne, 1797-1881

Oliver Bourne was the son of Samuel and ? Perkins Bourne (his mother was a daughter of Captain Thomas Perkins). Samuel and his wife also had a daughter Sarah.

Oliver married Jane Hatch. They had a son, Johnson.

Johnson Bourne married Mary Edgecomb. They had a son, George.

George Bourne married Martha Welch. They had two daughters, Beth and Esther Larrabee. Esther lives in the Oliver Bourne house on North Street, Kennebunkport, overlooking the cove, today (1985).

This information is from notes kept by Adelaide Day, Curator of the Kennebunkport Historical Society.

Bourne died January 4, 1881, age 84 years, at 7:30 a.m. of heart trouble. (This information may have come from the *Eastern Star*.)

In the Wave, Kennebunkport's summer newspaper, which is on film at the Brick Store Museum, "Captain Oliver Bourne, our former postmaster" is mentioned July 26, 1890, page 3, col. 3.

In 1824 Oliver Bourne bought the present Larrabee house, North Street, from Jeremiah Washburn.

Oliver Bourne was a brother to John Bourne of Kennebunk Landing. See E. E. Bourne's *History of the Bourne Family*, Coll. 7, Brick Store Museum.

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