



Inventory of the Bourne Family Collection (Collection #7)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

This collection includes genealogy, diaries, photographs, a scrapbook, publications, manuscripts, and copies of letters of the Bournes of Kennebunk, particularly Edward E. Bourne, 1797-1873; Edward E. Bourne II (or Jr.), 1831-1894, Edward E. Bourne III ("Ned"), 1883-1982; and Elizabeth Greene Bourne ("Lizzie"), 1833-55, who died on Mt. Washington on an 1855 climbing trip with her uncle George W. Bourne.

The collection is in five half boxes, two notebooks, and some documents are in Miscellaneous Box (0) #4. See Box and Folder Breakdown.

BOURNE FAMILY COLLECTION

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box #1

Folder 1: Memoir of Edward Emerson Bourne, LL.D, 1797-1873. By Edwin B. Smith. Reprinted with additions from the Historical and Genealogical Register for January, 1874. Boston: Printed For Private Distribution. 1874. Three copies. Acq. #3482.

Also, assorted genealogical information about the Bourne family obituaries, etc.)

Also, the manuscript of The Bourne Family of Kennebunk, by E.E. Bourne, 1861. Bound as it was first written by H.H. Bourne, 1910.

The typescript of this manuscript, in two notebooks or volumes, is part of this collection.

Also, the following writings of Edward E. Bourne III, which were in large part published by The Brick Store Museum.

Me, 1967

My Memories of Boston About 1900, 1968

Kennebunk's First Meeting House, 1968

Kennebunk Folks, 1967

(Note: These do not represent all of Bourne's published writings)

Box #2

Manuscript of Ancient History of Kennebunk Written In 1831, by Edward E. Bourne. History of the town of Kennebunk from its settlement to the year 1785. Original handwritten copy, bound.

Also, two copies typescript of this manuscript.

Also, Ancient History of Kennebunk Written In 1831, by Edward E. Bourne. Kennebunk, Maine, The Brick Store Museum 1970.

Box #3

Folder 1: Edward E. Bourne's diaries and account books for 1839, 1841, and 1843. Acq. #5179-5181.

Folder 2: Specifications of the materials to be furnished and labor to be performed in erecting and finishing a dwelling house for E.E. Bourne, Esq. at Kennebunk, Maine. According to plans proposed by W.R. Emerson Architect, Boston, Mass., n.d., Acq.#5440.

Also, Edward Emerson Bourne's Daily Journal, 1862.

Also, The Cemetery, Kennebunk. Memorials of the Dead. Inscriptions from Hope Cemetery stones, copied by E.E. Bourne, 1859 (?). Indexed. Photographs. Bound. Acq. #1878.

Also, Bourne family albums and daguerreotypes. Acq. # 883, 1990, 1918.

Box #4

A scrapbook kept by a Bourne (?) with numerous clippings of local interest as well as those relating to the Bourne family.

Box #5

- Folder 1: Photographs and information concerning Charles Octavius Cole painting of "Lizzie" Bourne. Also, 1855 engraving of the top of Mt. Washington.
- Folder 2: Clipping from The Journal, Portland, ME., Oct. 6 1855. "Miscellany: (From the Boston Journal) The Late Sad Occurrence at the White Mountains." With two typescripts of the article. Acq. #1926.
- Folder 3: Copies of letters of E.E. Bourne, 1855, concerning death of Lizzie Bourne on Mt. Washington. Including Sept. 20, 1855 letter "Addressed (to) one of the proprietors of the Summit House, Mt. Washington, by E.E. Bourne, Esq., father of Miss Bourne who perished..." as published in People's Journal of Lancaster, NH. With two typescript copies of same.
- Folder 4: Correspondence between Barbara Kimball, Director of The Brick Store Museum and Russel Hodgson, Assistant Chief Observer, Mt. Washington Observatory, 1965, concerning the death of Lizzie Bourne. With copies of Mt. Washington Observatory News Bulletin with articles about Lizzie Bourne's death.
- Folder 5: Copies of various articles written about Lizzie Bourne's death of Mt. Washington and related correspondence.

Also, three daguerreotypes of Lizzie Bourne.

Also, in Miscellaneous Box (0) #4, Folder 3 the following:

- Diploma, E.E. Bourne, Bowdoin College, 1816
- Diploma, E.E. Bourne, Bowdoin College, 1819
- Passport, E.E. Bourne, II, 1854

Biographical Resumes and Reference Resources:

Judge Edward Emerson Bourne, son of John and Elizabeth (Perkins) (Wildes) Bourne. Born March 19, 1797. Died September 23, 1873. Married October 31, 1822, to Mary H., daughter of Richard Gilpatrick. She was born November 1, 1799, and died March 23, 1852. His second wife was Mrs. Susan Hatch (Lord), widow of Capt. Tobias Lord and daughter of Capt. Joseph Hatch. Married February 15, 1853. Admitted to the Bar in 1819. Selectman 1828-1832. Representative 1826-1831. Judge of Probate January 1857 to December 1872. Graduated from Bowdoin in 1816. His boyhood days he lived in the so-called Kingsbury House at the Landing. His last days in the Richard Gilpatrick house on Pleasant Street.

Mrs. Susan Hatch (Lord) was the daughter of Capt. Joseph and Hannah Littlefield Hatch (see page 71). She was born 1813 (?). Died 1894.

Judge Bourne had 4 children.

- Julia Maria born June 15, 1825. Died November 18, 1851.
- Edward Emerson, Jr. born July 12, 1831. Died December 1, 1894. Married Mary R. Nason of South Berwick. Lawyer in Kennebunk.
- Lizzie Greene born June 20, 1833. Died Sept. 4, 1855. She died on Mt. Washington, in attempting, with a party, to climb to the summit in a snowstorm. Monument to her on Mt. Washington. Engaged at the time to Robert Waterston Lord.
- Mary Olivia born July 5, 1842. Died September, 1843.

(See pages 108 and 109 for description of the tragedy on Mt. Washington. The monument in Hope Cemetery was intended to be placed on Mt. Washington but could not be carried there at any time. Miss Bourne was engaged to R.W. Bourne.)

Edward Emerson Bourne, Jr. Son of Judge E.E. and Mary H. Bourne. Born, July 12, 1831, and died December 1, 1894. Married Mary R. Nason of South Berwick. He was a lawyer and for a short time Judge of the Biddeford Municipal Court, but the most of his life in practice in Kennebunk. At one time in Partnership with Col. J.M. Stone. He bought the Horace Porter house, Main Street, in 1890. The Sewall House was devised to him by his Aunt, Mrs. Sewell, at her death. They had 3 children: Herbert E., born July 22, 1856, died July 28, 1935. Married Marcia daughter of Henry Jordan; and Jennie, daughter of John Wakefield. Two sons;- Edward and Harold H.

- From Gilpatrick's Who Have Been In Kennebunk.

Edward Emerson Bourne, Jr.
(1831-1894)

He was born July 12, 1831 and was married in June 1855 to Mary Russell Nason of South Berwick, the daughter of Benjamin Nason. There were three children, Herbert E., born June 22, 1856, George W., born October 9, 1857, and Benjamin N., born April 29, 1860. He died December 1, 1894. He lived in several houses in Kennebunk; in the Captain Albert Williams house on Storer Street, the Hatch house on Summer Street, next the Walter Dane house, then bought the Benjamin Brown house opposite the Pythian Block on Main Street. His Aunt Maria was the wife of William B. Sewall and lived in the house now known as the Bourne Mansion. After Mr. Sewall's death in 1869, he went there to live and care for his aunt, and after her death, inherited the property. When his children had grown up and there were just the two of them, they lived winters at the Mousam House as the home was large and difficult to heat.

He decided to build and bought the lot on Summer Street where the Pierson and Andrews houses are located, had plans drawn, then decided to give up the project and bought the Porter house opposite the Baptist Church, had it thoroughly renovated and somewhat altered and lived there until his death in 1894, and his wife continued to live there until she died in 1910.

His grandson, the third to bear the name Edward Emerson, now a resident of Brookline, Massachusetts, remembers him as of medium stature, never very robust, wearing a full beard all his life, disposition mild, a lifelong Republican, active in the Unitarian Church. He was superintendent of the Sunday School until his death when he was succeeded by Mr. William E. Barry.

He built the first summer cottage at Kennebunk Beach in 1873, next to the site of the Lajoie's "4 Sea Sons Cottage" and in 1882, he sold it and built the cottage on Lord's Point, now owned by the author.

In early life, Mr. Bourne had some mercantile employment, then decided to read law with his father, Judge Bourne, for whom he was named. After that, for about a year in 1850 he read law with Moses M. Butler in Portland. He was admitted to the Bar in 1850, then formed a partnership with John M. Goodwin in Biddeford. In 1854, he decided to take a trip abroad to broaden his mind and sail as a passenger with Captain Tobias Lord. In March, 1855 he was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court of Biddeford, but resigned after one year. He returned to Kennebunk and formed a partnership with Colonel James M. Stone, which was later interrupted as Colonel Stone was called into the service. He then became a partner of the Hon. Joseph Dane. His son Herbert was admitted to the Bar and gradually took over some of his father's business so that Mr. Bourne could take the office of Treasurer of the Kennebunk Savings Bank, a position he held until his death.

He was a good swimmer and enjoyed his cottage at the Beach. He liked horses and owned some good ones. He was strictly ethical in his practice of law, upright in all his dealings, lived conservatively, and was respected by his fellow citizens.

- From Kennebunk In The Nineties, Bourne and Lord

Edward Emerson Bourne III **1883-1982**

It seems fitting that a biographical sketch of the long productive life of Edward Emerson Bourne 3rd appear in the Newsletter of his home church despite the very fine obituary written by his friend, Hartley Lord 2nd for the January 6th issue of the York County Coast Star. Not all who receive the Kennebunk Unitarian are readers of the local weekly. Ned Bourne died on January 2, 1982 in Brookline where he had lived since 1938.

He, the elder of the two sons of Herbert E. and Marcia (Jordan) Bourne, was born May 29, 1883 in the family home now the site of the present Gulf Station on Main St. His male Bourne ancestors for three generations and his younger brother, Judge Harold H. Bourne, were lawyers. Our ancient church records reveal how active they were in our parish and community. His great grandfather, Edward Emerson Bourne, wrote our town's earliest history, The History of Wells and Kennebunk, published in 1875.

After his graduation from Kennebunk High School while Melville C. Freeman and his future wife, Ethel Tucker were Principal and chief assistant in 1900, Ned soon realized his great ambition to go to Boston to find work. During the first decade or so, he had several jobs of which the longest was as a paymaster for the New Haven Railroad. In 1911, he went with the Bradstreet Company which was taken over by R.G. Dun, in 1933 to become Dun and Bradstreet where he was head of sales with banks as his major clients. He loved the challenge of investigative work and prided himself on his ability to obtain vital information from reluctant individuals. He stayed on till his retirement at 71 in 1954 due to his wife's illness.

On January 31, 1912 Ned was married Bertha Forrester Still of Boston by his former pastor, Rev. Elvin J. Prescott (1892-97 in Kennebunk). Quite characteristically, Ned kept in touch with his ministerial friend in whatever community he might be as long as he lived. Throughout his long life he always seemed to find former Kennebankers and maintained close ties with some of them. Ned and Bertha's forty-seven years of happy married life were terminated by her death on Sept. 18, 1959 after a long illness

When Ned was 22, he first met and courted for six months an attractive young widow, Caroline (Sanderson) Walton, who had two little boys. They did not marry then because Ned's salary was not sufficient to support a family of four. Apparently they did not forget each other entirely for on Easter Sunday, April 17, 1960, Ned and Caroline Riley, who had been widowed for a second time many years before, were married in the Bourne Mansion by his brother Judge Harold, our church clerk, 1911-47. Ned and Caroline crowded a lot of travel and enjoyment into the brief period before Caroline's death on August 6, 1964.

Over the many years of living years of living away, Ned's love for Kennebunk was constant. He formed a friendship with Sandy Brook, Owner-Publisher of the Star and wrote for the weekly many columns under the heading, "Those were the Days." He attended annual meetings of the Kennebunk High School Alumni Association and was often the eldest alumnus present. When our Town's Sesquicentennial took place in 1970, he contributed much to the voluminous special edition of the Star and was Honorary Marshal of the parade. After his brother had died and his immediate family had left town, Ned and his first cousin, Mary (Bourne) Boutell now 92 of La Jolla, California, annually each fall, stayed for a week or more at the Kennebunk Inn renewing contracts with townspeople.

Since his second wife's death, he wrote often in collaboration with Hartley Lord 2nd a series of historical booklets for the benefit of the Brick Store Museum. Among them are "Kennebunk in the Nineties and Biographical Sketches", "Kennebunk Folks", "Kennebunk's First Meeting House", and "Me". Presently his editors are working on his manuscript for "Zion's Hill", which will be available at the museum next spring.

Those of us who have had the privilege of knowing Ned intimately as I have since I married a Kennebunk native in Cambridge, Massachusetts, nearly forty years ago, realize what a unique person Ned was. His love of cars replacing that of horses began with used ones until he could afford new ones—always sporty models. He drove until he was ninety giving up only because he felt if he were ever in an accident, regardless of whose fault, he would be blamed because of his age. At past seventy, he took up portrait painting with considerable success, during Bertha's last years when they did not go far from home. He had seventeen clocks—many antique—but he built a few. When his sight and hearing was almost gone, he'd say with pride, "At least my friends say I have all my marbles," a fact confirmed by his unusual memory and alertness and his extraordinary ability at letter writing. His home was not far from the Public Library, where he walked to get mystery stories as long as he could read. I've never known anyone who lived so long and was quite like Ned.

He is survived by two stepsons, Stanley Walton of Belmont, Mass. and Sidney E. Walton of So. Portland, and a stepdaughter, Sylvia (Riley) Kaiser of Bedford, Mass., and also by three nieces Dorothy Swetland of Brooklyn, NY, Marcia Marr (Leta Downing's sister-in-law) of Winston-Salem, NC, and Sally Mullane of Vacaville, California, and a nephew John Bourne of Brooklyn, NY, named for the first Bourne to settle in Kennebunk, all of whom grew up in our church. In the spring, Ned's ashes according to his wishes, will be placed between those of his two wives, Bertha and Caroline, who brought him so much happiness, in the lot of Hope Cemetery, which he bought in 1959.

Francis G. Collier
Church Historian

Reference Resources:

For information about the Bournes, see E.E. Bourne's The History of Wells and Kennebunk, 1875, and Daniel Remich's History of Kennebunk, 1911.

For information about the death of Lizzie Bourne, see Thomas W. Murphy Jr.'s The Wedding Cake House: The World of George W. Bourne, 1978.

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