



Inventory of the Jefferds Family Collection (Collection #72)

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Kennebunk, Maine

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This interesting collection consists entirely of photocopies of Jefferds family documents. The collection was loaned by a dealer so that this set of copies could be made and placed on file at the Brick Store Museum.

The papers are from the Simon Jefferds (1735/6 - 1801) Samuel McClure Jefferds (1764 - 1847) line of the Jefferds family of the Harriseeket section of Wells, Maine. It should be noted that although Simon kept a tavern, his was not the tavern that was restored by William E. Barry and which is now at Old York Historical Society. That place belonged to Simon's brother, Samuel.

The papers date from 1757 – 1868, with most of them dating from the late 18th and early 19th centuries. They are the usual mix of letters, deeds, legal documents, receipts, etc. Of particular interest are the will and estate papers of Simon, who died in 1801. A few papers dealing with highway taxes, an indenture, receipts for teachers in the Harriseeket District School, are of interest for the light they shed on how small town affairs were conducted.

This collection is valuable because it concern a branch of the Jefferds family that has had little attention to date. It is also important because of the way it came to the Museum – a fine example of dealer cooperation and awareness of the historic value of such papers.

The collection bears the accession number 1993.I.96.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: Will of Simon Jefferds, 1801, and receipts to his executor and son, Samuel McClure Jefferds, for debts paid and bequests of will fulfilled, 1801 – 1830.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous as follows:
Documents pertaining to the estate of Samuel Jefferds, 1762 – 1764
Death notice, Theodore Wells, Wells, Maine, no date.
Indenture, John Allman, to Simon Jefferds, 1761
Exemption from the draft for George Jefferds, 1863
Notice that William Bourn is no longer a member of the Second Parish, Wells, 1843
Registration, Laconia Company, Biddeford, of Hannah A. Jefferds to the weaving room, Mill No. 1, 1852
Appointment of Simon Jefferds as attorney for Moses Hemenway, 1765
Etc.
- Folder 3: Letters (5), 1785 – 1852, including one concerning the death of mother, Mrs. McClure [mother of Simon Jefferds's wife, Ann McClure Jefferds ?] , 1785
Deeds (5), 1757 – 1858
Miscellaneous, including broadside for Georges Banks wreck of Gloucester, MA, vessel, 1864 and a Skating Song, no date
- Folder 4: Miscellaneous tax papers, 1790 – 1830 (parish, highway, etc.)
Auditor's Report, Town of Wells, 1847
- Folder 5: Various documents pertaining to a grist mill, 1792 – 1802
Lottery receipts (2), 1803 and 1867 (Piscataqua Bridge and a farm in Wells)
Documents (2) pertaining to the school district in the Harriseeket section of Wells, 1791 no date.
- Folder 6: Receipts, Simon Jefferds, 1761 – 1789
- Folder 7: Receipts, Simon Jefferds, 1790 – 1801
- Folder 8: Receipts, Samuel McClure Jefferds, 1801 – 1814
- Folder 9: Receipts, Samuel McClure Jefferds, 1815 – 1829
- Folder 10: Receipts, Samuel McClure Jefferds, 1830 – 1868
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous, mostly receipts, no date
- Folder 12: Correspondence and genealogy pertaining to this collection.

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