



Inventory of the Mitchell Family Collection (Collection #77)

The Brick Store Museum
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:

The donor of this collection, Warren E. Berry, and his wife live in the former Mitchell house at Mitchell's Corner (junction of the Old Port Road with Route 35, Kennebunk Lower Village). In 1993, while dating houses in this section of town (see Landing Survey, Phase II report, Brick Store Museum), Joyce Butler was invited into the house for a tour and visit. In the back first floor room that had at one time been a store, Butler noticed a lap desk in a far corner. Asking about it, she was invited to bring it out. Upon opening it, this collection of papers was found inside. Mr. Berry gave them to Butler for the collections of the Museum.

The collection contains interesting information about the various generations of the Mitchell family who lived in the house. They are a significant local family as their founder, John, was an early settler in the Lower village area and because his descendant, William H. Mitchell, owned a significant amount of land in the Landing/Lower Village area. William was also as religious leader (with a church in Biddeford for many years – Advent Christian denomination) and active in Kennebunk's school system. The collection includes information about parcels of land, school matters (dedication of the Pine School), Mitchell family history.

The collection is stored in one and a half boxes and bears the accession number 1993-67.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: William, H. Mitchell, licenses to perform marriages, Maine 1858; New Hampshire 1892
Certificates for marriages performed by William H. Mitchell, 1858 – 1872
Marriage intentions of John E. Libby, 1862 and 1865
- Folder 2: Notes and a poem for use at a funeral service. Obituary of Thomas Allen, 1898, Kennebunk native. Typed copy. Name cards for John Y. Dreghorn and Nellie H. Dreghorn
- Folder 3: Bill of sale, William H. Mitchell, real estate, Kennebunk, 1861
Bill of sale, George E. Mitchell, mare, 1875
Post office receipts (box rent), 1865 – 1897
- Folder 4: Tax receipts, Biddeford, William H. Mitchell, 1879 – 1899
- Folder 5: Receipts (8) Biddeford/Saco Water Company, for Hill St., Biddeford house, William H. Mitchell, 1885 – 1899
- Folder 6: Notes for sermons
- Folder 7: Deeds for Kennebunk property, William, William H., etc., including the so-called “Homestead farm” (Mitchell house on Rt. 35), 1824 – 1870. Photocopies. Originals returned to donor.
- Folder 8: Fire Alarm Card, Washington Hose Station, no date. Accounts notebook, George E. Mitchell, 1876
- Folder 9: Letters and receipts, George E. Mitchell, Lowell, MA to William H. Mitchell, Kennebunk, 1870 – 1877
- Folder 10: Letters, George E. Mitchell to William H. Mitchell, 1877 to 1899
- Folder 11: Insurance policies, Hill St., Biddeford house, 1886 – 1902 and Gibbs house, Somerville, MA, 1899
- Folder 12: Insurance policies, Mitchell homestead, Kennebunk, 1866 – 1897
- Folder 13: Tax receipts, William and William H. Mitchell, 1844 – 1904
- Folder 14: Receipts pertaining to the estate of William Mitchell, 2/1869 to 9/1874
- Folder 15: Miscellaneous school items, including state laws, school register (with names), and notes for the dedication of Pine School, No. 3, Kennebunk. No date.
- Folder 16: Advertising materials for G. E. Mitchell enterprises in Maine and Massachusetts, including three advertising cards showing the homestead on Route 35.
- Folder 17: Miscellaneous items pertaining to Advent Christian Societies, including the 2nd Advent Society of Biddeford (with documents concerning the building of its chapel in Biddeford, 1866 – 1868), and items concerning the Alton Bay Camp meeting in the 1890s.
- Folder 18: Receipts, William H. Mitchell and George E. Mitchell, for work on various houses, rent, etc., 1870s and 1890s. (Not in chronological order)

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- Folder 19: Miscellaneous letters
Folder 20: Miscellaneous receipts. (Not in chronological order)

Box 2:

- Folder 1: Miscellaneous envelopes and notes
Folder 2: Miscellaneous newspaper clippings (receipts, poetry of Edgar Allan Guest, etc.)
Folder 3: Miscellaneous advertising materials and tickets, including business cards for Thomas P. Beals, (furnishings), Portland, Maine, no date.
Folder 4: Circular to Surviving Veterans of the Mexican War (regarding medal), no date.
Postcard 1880s – 1900, mostly to William H. and G. W. Mitchell and mostly regarding religious matters (services, baptisms, subscriptions to *The Crisis*, etc.)

Items in the collection stored elsewhere:

- Mitchell family photographs and local scenes. MITCHELL FAMILY people file and photograph file by #
Postcards of Mitchell homestead. Postcard file under number 84.L.773.a-d
Postcard, Merriland Camp, Wells Beach. Postcard #67.5
Warren's Geography with Abbie Mitchell inscription. Archives, with textbooks.
Union and Journal, Extra Public Laws of Maine, 1878. Newspaper Box 7, Folder 3
Plan, G. Emmons Land and Wharf (Lower Village), January 1882. Metal Case 2, Drawer 2, Folder 2

Subject Tracings

- Advent Christian Society
Allen, Thomas
Alton Bay, NH, camp meeting
Beals, Thomas P., Portland
Biddeford, Maine
Biddeford/Saco Water Company
Dreghorn, John Y.
Dreghorn, Nellie H.
Emmons, George
Gibbs house, Somerville, MA
Libby, John E.
Mexican War

Mitchell, Abbie
Mitchell, George E.
Mitchell, George W.
Mitchell, William
Mitchell, William H.
Pine School, No. 3
Second Advent Society, Biddeford
Washington Hose Station

Research Information:

Gilpatric, *Kennebunk History* (second edition), pg. 36.42
Remich, *History of Kennebunk*. See Mitchells in index.

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Document Box 1:

Folder 1: 9/25/1975 – 6/24/1976
Folder 2: 7/1/1976 – 6/16/1977
Folder 3: 7/1/1977 – 6/22/1978
Folder 4: 7/6/1978 – 6/28/1979
Folder 5: 7/5/1979 – 6/26/1980
Folder 6: 7/3/1980 – 7/25/1981
Folder 7: 7/9/1981 – 6/17-24/1982
Folder 8: 7/1/1982 – 6/30/1983
Folder 9: 7/7/1983 – 6/28/1984
Folder 10: 7/5/1984 – 6/27/1985
Folder 11: 7/11/1985 – 6/26/1986
Folder 12: 7/3/1986 – 6/25/1987
Folder 13: 7/2/1987 – 6/30/1988

Document Box 2:

Folder 1: 1988
Folder 2: 1989
Folder 3: 1990
Folder 4: 1991
Folder 5: 1992
Folder 6: 1993

Document Box 3:

Folder 1: 1994
Folder 2: 1995
Folder 3: 1996
Folder 4: Formal citation of club's 50th anniversary
Folder 5: Haunted House, Halloween, 1993
Folder 6: Miscellaneous photocopies of newspaper articles
Folder 7: Photograph of Hi and Eleanor Clifford at District Convention;
Orono, 1974.

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