



## **Inventory of the John Downing Collection (Collection #80)**

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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This collection of archival materials is from the Downing family, and includes miscellaneous papers and other items dating from 1805 to 1885.

This collection was donated by John Downing of Kennebunk in December 1997. An inventory listing was done at that time and accession numbers assigned to each object. The collection numbered 48 archival objects, 1997.35.1-48, and 15 additional archival items, apparently unnumbered. At this time, items .1-.24, and .44-.48 have been found and catalogued. The remaining items will be added to the collection when found. The original listing completed in 1997 with accession numbers is in the donor file.

Items are housed in one document box.

### Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

Folder 1: 1997.35.1

Quit Claim Deed, estate of Deacon Benjamin Downing to John and Benjamin Downing of Arundel, September 9, 1805

Folder 2: 1997.35.2

List of witnesses in cause of Nason and Downing, Alfred Superior Court, October 1907

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- Folder 3: 1997.35.3 B  
Baptist Society of Kennebunkport, solicitation and reply for meeting, June-July 1822
- Folder 4: 1997.35.4  
Receipt for appraisal of estate of Thomas Durrell of Kennebunkport, July 19, 1839
- Folder 5: 1997.35.5  
Debt agreement between E. Willard, Jr. and Samuel Downing, April 24, 1843
- Folder 6: 1997.35.6  
Receipt to James Lord, Jr. for butter, December 18, 1847
- Folder 7: 1997.35.7  
Letter from Mary Ann Downing to her brother John, April 21, 1859
- Folder 8: 1997.35.8  
Music score, ca. 1850, "Brown C.M."
- Folder 9: 1997.35.9  
Intemperance sermon by Lavinia Campbell, ca. 1860
- Folder 10: 1997.35.10  
Letter from J. E. Baxter of Gorham to Rev. Israel Downing?, December 17, 1861
- Folder 11: 1997.35.11  
Teaching certificate, incomplete, from Kennebunkport School Committee, 187-
- Folder 12: 1997.35.12  
Receipt from Israel Downing to N. J. Boothby & Co., for groceries, 1874 – 1875
- Folder 13: 1997.35.13  
Letter from Milton, NH railroad station agent notifying Israel Downing of receipt for box of books, June 9, 1874
- Folder 14: 1997.35.14  
Receipt for insurance policy for Israel Downing, September 1, 1875
- Folder 16: 1997.35.16  
Letter signed by Henry H. Downing, Newington, NH, regarding that town's births and marriages
- Folder 17: 1997.35.17  
Receipt for dry good purchased by Rev. Israel Downing in Biddeford, August 14, 1886
- Folder 18: 1997.35.18  
Notebook/Account ledger, 1817 Latin notebook from Philips Academy with additions for business accounts including "Downing", 1821 – 1845
- Folder 19: 1997.35.19  
Notebook/account ledger, Downing family accounts, 1821 – 1845
- Folder 20: 1997.35.20  
Notebook/account ledger, sold by James K. Remich of Kennebunk, containing list of Kennebunk residents 1828 – 1835

- Folder 21: 1997.35.21  
Receipt to J. I. Downing from J. B. Ford & Co., Publishers, Boston, February 26, 1872, reverse has handwritten sermon notes
- Folder 22: 1997.35.22  
Letter to Israel Downing regarding death of Mrs. J. D. Fabyan, Scarborough, May 23, 1879
- Folder 23: 1997.35.23  
Receipt to Israel Downing from O. H. Staples, Clothier, July 9, 1879
- Folder 24: 1997.35.24  
Ledger belonging to Samuel Downing, recording births, marriages, deaths of brothers and sisters, and poem, 1815 – 1852
- Folder 25: 1997.35.44 Kennebunkport Annual Town Report, 1938 – 1939
- Folder 26: 1997.35.45 Kennebunkport Annual Town Report, 1939 – 1940
- Folder 27: 1997.35.46 Kennebunkport Annual Town Report, 1940 – 1941
- Folder 28: 1997.35.47  
Programme, Kennebunk High School Class of 1902, play “Placer Gold” at Mousam Opera House, March 20
- Folder 29: 1997.35.48  
“Portland and Vicinity” by Edward H. Elwell, ca. 1889

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