

Guide to the William F. Fisk Papers, 1784-1911, bulk 1887-1901

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

William F. Fisk Papers, 1784-1911, bulk 1887-1901

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Creator:

Fisk, William F., 1876-

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

The William F. Fisk Papers consist of correspondence and entomological notes from William F. Fisk, along with correspondence and legal papers belonging to other members of the Fisk family. Materials date from 1784 to 1911.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The William F. Fisk Papers were a gift from Mrs. Edward D. Harrington Jr. in April 1984.

Processing Information:

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Access Restrictions:

Available for research.

Location:

The collection is housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord, New Hampshire.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

William F. Fisk was born in Mast Yard, part of Concord near the confluence of the Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers, in 1876. He attended school in Durham and received a degree in Entomology. In 1901 he accepted a position with the Georgia State Board of Entomology.

William T. Fisk, born 1830, was the son of John Fisk and resided in Webster. He worked as a farmer with his brother.

Friend Fuller Fisk was born 1828 as the son of John Fisk. He married Jane B. Smith of Hanson, MA, in 1872, and they farmed in Webster.

John Fisk (1789-1878) was the third son of Elijah Fisk. He married first in 1812 to Lucy Howe, daughter of Otis Howe. They resided in east Washington, NH, where she died in 1815. He then married Susan Craige of Bradford, NH. He was a deacon of the church for many years. They

moved to New Hampton, NH, in 1832, and retired to Washington in 1856, before returning to Webster in 1864.

Elijah Fisk (1753-1818) was born in Natick, MA. He served in the Revolutionary War. In 1871, he married Elizabeth Binney (1756-1798) and they moved to a farm in Hillsborough, NH.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The majority of the collection consists of the papers of William F. Fisk. Among William F. Fisk's correspondence is a letter from his uncle, John N. Fisk, and two letters from Augusta H. Eaton from Bradford. There are letters from childhood friends and professional correspondence regarding Fisk's entomological work with the Georgia State Board. The letters reflect Fisk's early interest in collecting wood specimens and postage stamps, developing later into his professional interest in entomology. The papers also include letters to and from Friend Fuller Fisk and spouse Jane Fisk. Additionally, the William T. Fisk diary, an almanack and pocket memorandum, provides a record of farm life and accounts of farm product sales.

Included in the miscellaneous and legal papers related to other Fisk family members: documents of Jabez True, Isaiah Fiske (1840), and John Fisk; and the will of Elijah Fisk, 1818.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into the following series:

Series 1. William F. Fisk, 1887-1901

Series 2. Family papers, 1812-1911

Contents List

Series 1. William F. Fisk, 1887-1901

Extent: 8 folders

Scope and Content: Series one includes correspondence from William F. Fisk's uncle John N. Fisk and two from Augusta H. Eaton from Bradford. There are letters from childhood friends as well as professional correspondence regarding entomology and his work with the Georgia State Board. The letters recollect an early interest in collecting wood specimens and postage stamps later developing into his professional interest in butterflies and other insect species.

Box 1

Folder 1	Correspondence, Mast Yard, 1887-1888
Folder 2	Correspondence, Mast Yard, 1890-1891
Folder 3	Correspondence, Mast Yard, 1892-1896
Folder 4	Correspondence, Mast Yard, 1897
Folder 5	Correspondence, Durham, 1897-1901
Folder 6	Entomological species lists
Folder 7	Entomological tests and experiments
Folder 8	Invitations and announcements, 1897-1901

Series 2. Family papers, 1812-1911

Extent: 6 folders

Scope and Content: Series two includes letters from and to Friend Fuller Fisk. There is also a diary of William T. Fisk, providing a record of farm life and accounts of farm product sales. The papers also have a letter from C.C. Coffin in Boston regarding the problems arising from his wish to donate a cemetery in the town of Webster. Folder twelve has a patent for a beehive.

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Folder 9	William T. Fisk correspondence, 1854-1858
Folder 10	William T. Fisk diary, 1854-1867
Folder 11	Friend Fuller Fisk and wife Jane papers, 1873-1903
Folder 12	Friend Fuller Fisk and wife Jane legal papers and accounts, 1850-1911
Folder 13	Miscellaneous, 1784-1890
Folder 14	Family legal papers and receipts, 1812-1900

Subject Terms

People:

- Fisk family
- Fisk, Elijah, 1753-1818
- Fisk, Friend Fuller, 1828-1906
- Fisk, John, 1789-1878
- Fisk, William F., 1876-
- Fisk, William T., 1830-

Subjects:

- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Entomology
- Farms
- Patents

Locations:

- Concord, NH
- Webster, NH

Occupations:

- Entomologists
- Farmers

Related Materials

Archives

Fisk Family Papers, 1976.012.