



Guide to the David & Samuel T. Page Papers, 1830-1889, 1937-1940, (Bulk 1830-1889)

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

David & Samuel T. Page Papers, 1830-1889, 1937-1940, bulk 1830-1889

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Page, David (1809-1881) & Page, Samuel T. (1849-1917)

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

18 volumes

Abstract:

The David & Samuel T. Page Papers consist of documents and ledgers from David's accounts including personal accounts of notes for collection, daybooks listing services performed and cost and client name as well as a court docket book. Samuel's papers consist of account books from his legal practice. There are personal accounts of Donald T. Page and some anonymous accounts (lawyer and shoemaker), as well as accounts from Luke & G.W. Aiken's general store.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

The David & Samuel T. Page Papers were from an unknown source.

Processing Information:

This collection was originally processed by an unknown person. The finding aid was written by Amelia Buccarelli in June 2015. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

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:

David Page (1809-1881) was born in Haverhill, MA. As a young child, he moved to East Haverhill & Coventry, NH (now Benton, NH), where he attended school and helped on the family farm. He attended Haverhill Academy and taught school for several years. David Page was active in the community. Between 1836 and 1839, he was school tax collector, and from 1836-1838, he was a member of the Superintending School Committee. In 1839, he was town selectman and moderator and a Captain in the Militia. In 1841, he went to Burlington, IA, where he read law with James W. Wood, a native of Bath, NH. During the early 1840s, he was back teaching in various parts of New Hampshire but was considering a permanent move back to Iowa.

In 1844, he married Margaret Taylor of Derry, NH. Margaret taught school for some years after they were married. David Page was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar in 1844-1845, and they settled in Haverhill, where he also ran a store from the building housing his law office. He also had a license to practice medicine for at least part of his career. In addition to all of these jobs, he still served the town as surveyor of lumber in

1846, Justice of the Peace from 1861 to 1881, and auditor from 1872 to 1873. David and Margaret Page had three surviving children: Elvira Page, (born 1847); Samuel Taylor Page, (born 1849) and Martha Ann Page, (born 1850).

Samuel Taylor Page (1849-1917) was born in Haverhill and attended Haverhill Academy and Kimball Union Academy. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1871. He taught school during college intervals and then studied law in his fathers' office during 1871. The next year, he studied with Cross & Burnham in Manchester, NH, until he was admitted to the New Hampshire Bar. In 1872, he married Frances M. Eaton of Manchester, NH. At the end of 1874, they moved to Haverhill and lived with Samuel's parents. Samuel continued to practice law with interruptions for civic duties. He was private Secretary to Governor James A. Weston in 1874; he was Register of Probate for Grafton County from 1874 to 1876; in 1879; and from 1881 to 1885; he was superintendent of the school district from 1875 to 1876; and he served in the New Hampshire General Court from 1877 to 1878 and again in 1887. In 1887, he moved his family back to Manchester. While in Manchester, he was engaged in building a shoe factory. In 1903, they again returned to Haverhill, but spent winters in Manchester or Boston, MA.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The collection is divided into four series based on type of material. The largest number of items is located in Series I: David Page's accounts. They consist of personal accounts of notes for collection, daybooks listing services performed and cost and client names as well as a court docket book. Store accounts are also intermixed reflecting the general store alongside his law office. David Page's interest in medicine is shown in the frequent use of his account books to record recipes and cures.

Series two contains the accounts of Samuel T. Page is represented by books from his legal practice. In the 1883 to 1887 account book, pages 94 through 107 are personal accounts of Donald T. Page dated 1937 to 1940.

Series three and four are other accounts, some of which are from Haverhill, NH, and some from elsewhere. The Luke & G.W. Aiken general store in Haverhill has accounts from 1845-1851. There are also accounts of an anonymous lawyer from Northumberland, NH, and an anonymous shoemaker. There are accounts of a blacksmith W. Secomb from Haverhill, NH, dated 1846 to 1853. The last item is an autograph book belonging to "Fannie" dated from 1864 to 1872 with entries from New London, Keene, etc.

Arrangement:

The David & Samuel T. Page Accounts are organized into the following series:

Series I. David Page, 1846-1873

Series II. Samuel T. Page, 1883-1887 & 1937-1940

Series III. Luke & G.W. Aiken, 1845-1851

Series IV. Miscellaneous Accounts, 1830-1872

Contents List

Series I. David Page

Extent: 1 box, 6 volumes, and 7 folders

Scope and Content: The bulk of Series one consists of volumes and folders that detail David Page's accounts that vary from accounts received for collection, recipes for diphtheria cure, justice docket, daybooks, recipes for curing ham, iron cement, cure for poison ivy, legal work accounts and indexes to the volumes.

Volume 1	Accounts received for collection, 1846-1859 including recipes for diphtheria cure, etc.
Folder 1A	Loose items from volume 1 (9 items)
Volume 2	Justice docket, 1848-1878
Folder 2A	Loose items from volume 2 (2 items)
Volume 3	Daybook, 1852-1855
Folder 3A	Loose items from volume 3 (4 items)
Volume 4	Daybook, 1855-1858 including many recipes eg: curing ham, iron cement, cure for poison ivy. OVERSIZE
Folder 4A	Loose items from volume 4 (17 items)
Volume 5	Accounts, 1856-1858 including recipes in front and filling second half of book
Folder 5A	Index to volume 5
Folder 5B	Loose items from volume 5 (24 items)
Volume 6	Legal work accounts, 1857-1873
Folder 6A	Index to volume 6

Series II. Samuel T. Page

Extent: 1 box, 2 volumes and 3 folders

Scope and Content: The bulk of Series two consists of personal and legal accounts of Samuel T. Page and Donald T. Page, Samuel's son.

Volume 1	Personal and legal accounts, 1876-1878
Volume 2	Legal accounts and personal accounts, 1883-1887 and accounts of Donald T. Page, pp. 94-107, 1937-1940
Folders 2A-C	Loose items from volume 2 (60 items)

Series III. Luke & G.W. Aiken

Extent: 1 box and 4 volumes

Scope and Content: The bulk of Series three contains store accounts from 1845-185 and a journal dated 1850-1851.

Volume 3	Store accounts, 1845-1846
Volume 4	Store accounts, May 1850-November 1850, OVERSIZE
Volume 5	Store accounts, November 1850-May 1851, OVERSIZE
Volume 6	Journal, May 1850-October 1851

Series IV. Miscellaneous Accounts

Extent: 1 box, 6 volumes and 1 folder

Scope and Content: The bulk of Series four contains a fee book from an anonymous lawyer, W. Secomb's blacksmith Haverhill accounts and daybook, anonymous shoemaker account, and an autograph book titled, "Fannie."

Volume 1	Anonymous lawyer, fee book, 1830-1835, Northumberland, New Hampshire W. Secomb? blacksmith, Haverhill, New Hampshire
Volume 2	Accounts, December 1846-July 1847
Volume 3	Accounts, December 1849-October 1851
Volume 4	Accounts, daybook, October 1851-1853, OVERSIZE
Folder 4A	Loose items from volume 4, 1843-1850 (5 items)
Volume 5	Anonymous shoemaker, November 1853-1854
Volume 6	Autograph book, "Fannie" 1864-1872, New London & Keene

Subject Terms

People:

Aiken, G.W.
Aiken, Luke
Page, David (1809-1881)
Page, Donald T.
Page, Samuel T. (1849-1917)

Organizations:

Courts -- docket

Subjects:

Account books – Haverhill (N.H.)
Autograph books
Country life – New Hampshire
Haverhill (N.H.) – History – Sources
Medicine – New Hampshire
Recipes
Retail trade

Locations:

Bath, NH
Benton, NH
Burlington, IA
Coventry, NH
Haverhill, MA
Haverhill, NH
Keene, NH
New London, CT
Northumberland, NH

Occupations:

Blacksmith
Lawyer
Merchant
Physician
Shoemaker

Related Materials

The following are items that are related to the David & Samuel T. Page Accounts:

1. Elements of geology by David Page and edited by D.M. Reese. This item can be found in the New Hampshire Historical Society Library, 550 P132