



Guide to the John Fisher Papers, 1760-1869

Administrative Information

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Fisher, John, -1805

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The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 box and 1 oversized folder ; 0.21 linear feet

Abstract:

The John Fisher Papers contain the business correspondence, legal papers, deeds, non- resident taxes, papers about the Portsmouth Aqueduct, and other business items for John Fisher Sr. and John Fisher Jr.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

No accession information was found at time of processing. New Hampshire Historical Society collection.

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:

John Fisher was a loyalist. He was a Royal Navy officer serving at Portsmouth, NH, and Salem, MA, as collector of customs. He married Anna Wentworth, sister of Gov. John Wentworth, on June 10, 1763. They had children: John (1764-1838), Elizabeth B. (1765-1853), Edward (b. 1767), Mark W. (1768-died young), Anne M. (1770-died young in England), Sarah (1774-1863), Francis Ann (1775-1853), Julia A. H., Louisa (-1854), Percy S., Amelia, Margaret, Caroline G., William (1783-1871), and Jane A.

After 1778, John Fisher returned to England where he was Secretary to Lord St. Germaine. Anna died December 18, 1786 at Bath, England. John died June 1, 1805 at Clifton, England.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

These papers contain deeds of the Fisher family from prominent people such as Moody Bedel,

John Hazen, and Elizabeth and Mark Wentworth. There are a number of powers of attorney forms from John Fisher Sr. in England to John Fisher and Mark Wentworth in New Hampshire, and one from Ezekiel Straw of Salisbury to Parker Noyes. There is a legal document in which John Tasker accuses John Fisher Jr. of breach of contract for cutting down timber in 1802. In the William Fisher correspondence, there is a letter to Joshua Pierce mentioning the French Revolution. A number of business and legal documents reflect the relationship between the Pierce and Fisher families. There are also twelve items, primarily receipts, pertaining to the Portsmouth Aqueduct, 1798-1800.

Arrangement:

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

Series 1. John Fisher Sr. and John Fisher Jr., 1760-1838

Series 2. William Fisher, 1815-1869

Contents List

Folder 0 Inventory

Series 1. John Fisher Sr. and John Fisher Jr., 1760-1838

Extent: 9 folders

Scope and Content: This series contains the papers of John Fisher Sr. and John Fisher Jr., including business correspondence, powers of attorney, deeds, documents on the Portsmouth Aqueduct, and deeds and an inventory of Little Ox Bow Farm of Haverhill, NH, which was leased to William Porter in 1789. The bulk of the deeds are for property in Portsmouth, NH. Some of the documents are from London and Bath, England.

Box 1

Folder 1	Business correspondence, 1791-1803
Folder 2	Powers of attorney, 1771-1815
Folder 3	Legal documents, 1767-1808
Folder 4	Deeds to Little Ox Bow Farm Haverhill, 1772-1802
Folder 5	Deeds, 1760-1786
Folder 6	Deeds, 1791-1804
Folder 7	Portsmouth Aqueduct, 1798-1800
Folder 8	Non-resident taxes, 1804-1838
Folder 9	Inventory of Little Ox Bow Farm, 1789
	Auction of furniture, 1805 September 3

Series 2. William Fisher, 1815-1869

Extent: 2 folders

Scope and Content: This series contains two folders of papers relating to William Fisher, including accounts of non-resident taxes on his land and his correspondence from London, England, primarily in regards to land and powers of attorney.

Folder 10	Correspondence, 1815-1867
Folder 11	Non-resident taxes, 1845-1869

Separated Materials:

The following items were moved to Oversized Manuscripts Box 'F' due to their size:
Copy of a deed declaring the uses of the estates of Richard Brickenden in the County of Southhampton and the city of London, 1799 May 8
Cover paper for deed, signed by William Ffrost, 1798 October 30
[Shows record of recording property starting April 23, 1796]
Deed from John Fisher to John Fisher Jr., including attachments, 1800 May 19
Deed from John Fisher to the Proprietors of the Portsmouth Aqueduct, 1800 January 17
Deed from Thomas Packer to Mark Hunting Wentworth, 1760 March 17
Justice of Peace certification, 1800 May 23
Power of Attorney from John Fisher Sr. to John Fisher Jr. and John Pierce, 1802 July 31
Power of Attorney from John Fisher to John Pierce [2 copies], 1805 November 29
Power of Attorney from John Fisher to John Pierce, 1785 October 5
Power of Attorney from John Fisher to Mark Wentworth Peirce [2 copies], 1815 November 1

Subject Terms**People:**

Bedel, Moody, 1764-1841
Fisher, John, 1764-1838
Fisher, John, -1805
Fisher, Mark Wentworth, 1768-
Fisher, William, 1783-1871
Gove, William
Hayley, John
Hazen, John
Noyes, Parker, 1776-1852
Peirce, Mark Wentworth, 1787-1846
Pierce, Joshua
Pierce, Mark
Porter, Ben
Porter, William
Straw, Ezekiel, 1730/1-1811
Wentworth, John, 1737-1820
Wentworth, Mark Hunking, 1709-1785

Organizations:

Portsmouth Aqueduct Company (Portsmouth, N.H.)

Subjects:

American loyalists
Auctions
Deeds
France--History--Revolution, 1789-1794
Furniture
Inventories
Power of attorney
Taxation

Locations:

Bath, England

Haverhill, NH

London, England

Portsmouth, NH