



Guide to the Foster Family Papers, 1784-1886

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Abstract:

The Foster Family Papers consist of Foster and Hunting genealogy papers, medical notes and account book, family correspondence, and 1861-1865 military papers.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

No accession information was found at time of processing. New Hampshire Historical Society collection. The Samuel Foster Ledger, 1793-1803, was the gift of Mrs. Chesley Durgin on June 26, 1967, and arrived with 1967.025 (m).

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Available for research.

Location:

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Collection Overview

Biographical Information:

Dr. Samuel Foster (1758-1826) was born March 31, 1758 in Billerica, MA, the son of Isaac and Sarah (Brown) Foster. He came to Candia in 1789, and married Mary Colcord of Brentwood, NH, on February 19, 1789. She was born at Exeter December 14, 1765, daughter of Ebenezer and Patience (Stevens) Colcord. Dr. Foster was interested in education and practiced medicine in Candia and Canterbury (1812–1815), NH. He and Mary had ten children. Samuel died at Brentwood January 15, 1826. Mary died at Nashua, NH, December 3, 1861.

Franklin Foster (1798-1865), son of Samuel and Mary, was born February 19, 1798 at Billerica, MA. He was educated by his father and became a wheelwright, lumberman, and railroad builder in Dunstable, NH. He married Mary Hunting January 12, 1826. They had eight children. Mary

Hunting's parents and brother moved to Kentucky, where they all died of cholera in 1833. Franklin died at Nashua September 15, 1865. Mary died there September 7, 1875.

Nathan Hunting Foster (1832-1880) son of Franklin and Mary, was born November 17, 1832 at Nashua. From 1861 to 1865 he served in the New Hampshire Battalion of the First Regiment of New England Volunteer Cavalry during the Civil War, and became the Quartermaster Sergeant. Nathan never married. He died December 21, 1880 at Nashua.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Foster Family Papers, 1784-1886, contain the genealogy, correspondence, legal papers, and some Civil War papers from the family of Dr. Samuel Foster (1758-1826), Franklin Foster (1798-1865), and Nathan Hunting Foster (1832-1880).

The Dr. Samuel Foster papers include weather observations, medicine notes and lists, as well as correspondence discussing advice on writing, letters to daughter Lucinda, and the estate papers of Samuel Foster.

Franklin Foster's papers include correspondence to sister Lucinda regarding family activities, letter regarding the death of George Hunting and parents from cholera in 1833 in Kentucky, and to his wife while in Kentucky settling the Hunting estate. Other materials include legal papers, such as the sale of land in Dunstable, and deeds of land in Nashua and Nashville.

Nathan Hunting Foster's papers contain instructions to recruiting officers, 1861; descriptive list, 1862 Rhode Island Cavalry; First New England Cavalry promotion to quartermaster Sergeant; letter from Warrenton to sister June 1863; and discharge and pension forms.

Arrangement:

The materials in this collection are organized into folders by person, then type of material.

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1	Foster/Hunting genealogy notes and obituaries, undated
Folder 2	Dr. Samuel Foster papers, 1784-1785
Folder 3	Dr. Samuel Foster ledger, 1793-1803
Folder 4	Dr. Samuel and Mary Colcord Foster correspondence, 1820-1827
Folder 5	Franklin Foster correspondence, 1832-1839
Folder 6	Franklin Foster legal papers, 1835-1852
Folder 7	Hunting family correspondence, 1826-1831, undated
Folder 8	Nathan Hunting Foster papers, 1861-1865, 1877, 1886

Subject Terms

People:

Foster family
Foster, Franklin, 1798-1865

Foster, Mary, 1765-1861
Foster, Nathan Hunting, 1832-1880
Foster, Samuel, 1758-1826
Hunting family

Organizations:

United States. Army. New Hampshire Cavalry Regiment, 1st (1861-1865)

Subjects:

Account books
Correspondence
Genealogy
Medicine--Practice
Pensions
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

Locations:

Brentwood, NH
Candia, NH
Dunstable, NH
Kentucky

Occupations:

Physicians
Soldiers