



Guide to the Durham, NH Town Records

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

Durham, NH Town Records, 1796 - 1927

Repository:

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Author of Finding Aid:

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Creator:

Town of Durham, NH Town offices of selectman and Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English

Extent:

1 box

Abstract:

This collection consists largely of debit receipts from selectmen ordering payment to various individuals for services performed for the town. Also included are county tax bills to the town, notices of bank shareholders, certification by selectmen of town meeting notices, voting, and appointments to town office vacancies. There is some census information, but the date is not clear. Miscellaneous sheriff orders for property attachments, detention for court appearances.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

This collection was purchased from Scott Paul Gordon in January 2015. It is unknown how the collection came to be in PA in the possession of Mr. Gordon.

Processing Information:

This collection was processed by Suzanne Huggard in May 2015. The finding aid was written by Suzanne Huggard in May 2015. This finding aid follows the standards set forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

Access Restrictions:

Ex: Available for research.

Location:

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

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:

Though the collection papers are old, most are in fairly good condition. More fragile documents are in polyester sleeves. Normal care should be used.

Copyright/Conditions Governing Use:

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Collection Overview

Administrative Information:

The Town of Durham, NH Town Offices is staffed by elected Town officials as is typical of New Hampshire Town structure. The governing Board of Selectmen provides direction for approved payments to various individuals. The selectmen also certify agreements, provide state requested information, such as property inventory, and are responsible for posting of notices for Town meetings and other ways of keeping citizenry informed. Some of these items will appear in this collection, but it is clear that this collection is by no means complete for the time period, and normally there would be many other documents, letters, minutes, etc. that would be produced by Town offices. This represents just a few of the records produced.

Collection Scope and Content Note:

While the earliest date apparently is March 3, 1796, and there are many gaps in the timeline, most of the documents are from 1800 – 1900. Included are examples of:

- Debit receipts ordering Tax Collector to make payments to individuals for services provided to the town.
- Bank shareholder notices. These seem to be a yearly required assembling of data related to how many shares of which banks were owned by individual residents of the Town, and the value of these shares.
- County tax bills.
- Appointments to Town office to fill vacancies.
- State request for property inventory.
- Census tally sheets, undated
- Salary agreements
- Miscellaneous records

Arrangement:

The materials are arranged chronologically, within categories, as much as possible.

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Subject Terms

People:

Applebey, William
Ballard, William, Selectman
Brinker, Tobias
Clough, John, Selectman
Demarest, Israel
Doe, Ebenezer, Selectman
Durgin, Zebulon, Selectman
Flanders, Thomas
Ingalls, Jedediah
Jones, Thomas, Tax Collector, Constable
Leighton, James
Pierce, A., Clerk
Pendergast, Edmund
Pendergast, Solomon
Perkins, Charles
Perkins, Hannah
Pierce, A., Clerk
Pinkham, Elijah
Smallcorn, James
Smith, Ebenezer
Smith, Valentine, Selectman
Smith, Winthrop
Thompson, B., Justice of the Peace
Thompson, George
Waldron, David, Clerk
Woodman, Jonathon, Selectman
Wright, Samuel

Organizations:

Town of Durham
State of New Hampshire

Subjects:

Municipal Government

Locations:

Durham, NH
Strafford County

Occupations:

Selectmen
Teachers
Superintendent of Schools