

BCHS1001

Samuel Willard Papers. - 1783-1899. - 1010 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Samuel Willard, son of Major Joshua Willard, was born at Petersham, Mass., on December 1, 1766. He was the fourth child in a family of ten, the other children were: Abel, born in 1758; Nahaim, 1760; Lucretia, 1761; George, 1768; Elizabeth, 1769; Sophia, 1771; Lucy, 1772; Alexander, 1774; and Sally, 1776.

Samuel Willard married Lucinda Knowlton, daughter of the Hon. Luke Knowlton, of Newfane, Vt., on February 24, 1791, by whom he had two daughters. He was first a general merchant in Newfane, Vt., later moving to Sheldon, Vt. In 1800 he took up his grant in the Township of Stukely, L. C.

His wife died the same year and in 1802 he married Miss Elizabeth Patterson, of Quebec, by whom he had two sons and five daughters. Although he owned several thousand acres in the Townships of Stukely and Orford and was engaged mainly in farming and general merchandising, he was also a Justice of the Peace and a captain in the Militia. Willard was interested in the building of roads, especially to Montreal, to extend the market for local produce. His other main activities were the organizing of schools and the promotion of religious services for the community. He died at Stukely on October 29th, 1833.

His son Abijah, whose name appears throughout these papers, carried on the business after Samuel Willard's death.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.1

BCHS1002

Samuel Gale Papers. - 1774-1903. - 32 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Samuel Gale was born at Kimpton, Hants, England, on October 14, 1747. He was raised and educated in England and came to the American Colonies in 1770. He apparently had a special knowledge of surveying, since he published *The Complete Surveyor* in March, 1772. His wife, Rebecca, daughter of Col. Samuel Wells, was born at Deerfield, Mass., on January 23rd, 1752. They were married on June 25th, 1773, and she died at Farnham on January 23rd, 1826. They had two children, a son Samuel, who married Mary Matilda Hawley, of St. Armand West, on November 6th, 1839, and a daughter Anna, who married Whipple Wells.

During his residence in New England his attachment to the Royal cause was very definite and he could not tolerate any opinion to the contrary. Being accustomed in his homeland to seeing the yeomanry only as obedient servants, his indignation knew no bounds when he witnessed their rebellion against constituted authority. His outspoken opinion resulted in his arrest on several occasions and in April, 1776, when he was finally released on parole, he realized that he was ill-

prepared to participate in civil commotion, and moved with his family to Quebec. Here he was employed by the Government, later as Secretary to Governor Prescott. He was one of the leading applicants for the Township of Farnham, and on October 22nd, 1798, they obtained the grant of this Township, consisting of twenty-three thousand acres.

In 1799 Gale accompanied the Governor to England. On his return, at about fifty-five years of age, he entered into the simple but arduous life of a pioneer farmer. He died at Farnham on June 27th, 1826.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.2.

BCHS1003

Hon. Christopher Dunkin Papers. - 1795 - 1869. - 24 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Christopher Dunkin was born Sept. 25, 1812 in London, England, son of Summerhays Dunkin and his wife, Martha Hemming. Educated at London and Glasgow Universities, he came to America in 1831 to reside with his mother, who was living at Cambridge, Mass. After the death of her husband she had remarried. Her second husband was Dr. Jonathan Barber, formerly of London but then on the staff of Harvard University.

In 1835 Christopher Dunkin married Mary Barber, daughter of Dr. Jonathan Barber by a former marriage, and two years later moved to Canada where he entered the legal profession. From 1858 to 1861 he was a Member of the Provincial Parliament for the Counties of Drummond and Arthabaska. Then he moved to Knowlton and purchased a property on the shore of Brome Lake, and was elected as representative for the County of Brome. In 1867 he was elected to the House of Commons for Brome County and was Minister of Agriculture from 1869 until 1871, when he was appointed Judge of the Superior Court. He died in 1881.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.2

BCHS1004

Rev. Richard Whitwell Papers. - 1817 - 1862. - 53 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Rev. Richard Whitwell was born at Huxley, England, in 1787, and was brought to Canada by Rev. James Stewart as missionary worker, arriving at Quebec on Sept. 15, 1821. He was first appointed to the new mission at Shefford, where he remained until 1826 when he removed to St. Armand West (Philipsburg), continuing in charge there until 1855, when increasing infirmities obliged him to resign. He married Mary, daughter of Gen. Roswell Olcott, formerly of New Hampshire, who became one of the pioneer settlers in the Township of Brome. He died in 1864 in the 78th year of his age.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.1

BCHS1006

Stephen Westover Papers. - 1809 - 1829. - 53 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Stephen Westover, born in 1786, son of Moses Westover and his wife Elizabeth Holmes, was the second youngest in a family of eight boys and three girls. Moses Westover came from Sheffield, Mass., in 1796, first settling at Caldwell's Manor, later moving to Sutton.

Stephen Westover was a self-taught land surveyor, and practised his profession in Brome and Missisquoi Counties. His commission appointing him "Surveyor of Lands" was issued under date of March 9th, 1816. On December 9th, 1816 he married Dorinda, daughter of Jacob Ball, who built the first frame house in the County of Brome. They had two sons and three daughters: Elizabeth, born in 1817; Sophronia, in 1819; Olive, in 1821; Roswell, in 1823 and Stephen, in 1825.

On Thursday, October 5, 1826, barely ten years after Westover married, he met a sudden death when he fell overboard from a ferry boat on the St. Lawrence River.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.1

BCHS1007

Knowlton Family Papers.

Biographical sketch:

Several members of this family were early settlers in the Township of Brome, coming from Newfane in the State of Vermont. The first was Silas. Knowlton, who moved to Crown land in the Township of Stukely in 1796, some years before the Patent for this Township was issued. He was the son of Hon. Luke Knowlton and his wife Sarah Holland, of Newfane, Vt. Silas Knowlton married Sally Holbrook, by whom he had four children: Paul Holland, Luke, Samuel and Samantha.

When he settled on his land, conditions were very primitive, with no schools, so the eldest son, Paul Holland, returned to the home of his grandfather at Newfane, where he remained for some years acquiring an education and the homespun philosophy of the Green Mountain State. He remained there until he was twenty years of age when he married Laura Moss, a school teacher from Bridport, Vt., and in 1815 he returned to Canada. He purchased property on the shore of Brome Lake, now known as the village of Knowlton, named after this family.

Paul Holland Knowlton acquired extensive holdings in the County of Brome. He was a leader in local progress in the matter of church and school, and the founder and first President of the

Agricultural Society. In 1827 he was elected Member of the Legislative Assembly, later being appointed to the Legislative Council where he served until his death, August 28, 1863. His widow, Laura, died April 12, 1868.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.2

BCHS2001

Georges Adams. - 1838-1924. - 34 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

George Adams, born October 20, 1813 in Newbury, Vermont was the son of Abel Adams and his wife Sally Stone. The family had lived at Richford, Vermont a short time before moving to St.Armand, Canada in 1816. The father, Abel, built up a large and flourishing mercantile business at Pigeon Hill. George had a brother, Nelson who lived and died in Bedford, Quebec, another brother, John, who was killed in 1864 in the American Civil War and a sister Virtue who died in young womanhood, (an account of the family is given in Abby Hemenway (1882) Vol. IV p. 997.)

In 1847 George Adams moved to the Township of East Farnham and purchased a saw mill and house situated on the south part of Lot 31, in Range III in the County of Shefford. Here he built a grist mill and a store sometime between 1849-1852. There were two sons by his first wife, Jane Krans, William born 1842 died 1904, and George Abel born 1847 died 1924. George Abel married Sarah Douglas and they had sons, George James Adams, and Byron A. Adams.

The family ran grist and sawmills, they owned several farms and on the home farm kept registered Ayrshire cattle. In the early 1900's they formed the Adamsville Creamery Association which was a successful business concern. The first George, who is considered to be the founder of Adamsville, died October 14, 1883 A more recent account of the family is given in Yesterdays of Brome County Vol. I, 1967 written by Gerald Hawke.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1; CH-V2-R1-B3-Sh.5.

BCHS2002

Allsopp-McCorkill. - 1787-1908. - 22 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

The journals are mostly those of the sons and grandsons of George Allsopp, secretary to Sir Guy Carleton 1768-1775. In the correspondence there are some letters written by George Allsopp. The collection seems to be mostly connected with his son Carleton Allsopp's family and preserved by Carleton's son, John Charles Allsopp who married into the McCorkill family at Farnham.

The correspondence, journals, land papers, give most interesting information about how George Allsopp received land grants; on the business of running the seigneuries of Jacques Cartier and d'Auteuil; the education of George Allsopp's sons; the business of the Allsopps in England; life at the Manor House at Cap Sante in the 1830's; the grandsons efforts to protect their interests in the Farnham Lands and the business run by the McCorkills in Farnham over a period of one hundred years.

Language: The documents are mostly in English, some in French.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1; CH-V2-R1-B2-Sh.6.

BCHS2003

The Ashtons of Milton and Shefford Townships. - 1829-1870. - 15 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

These fifteen documents deal with the land and possessions of Peter and Mary (Hurst) Ashton who with four children had emigrated from Ireland to Canada in the early 1840's. They settled in the township of Milton on a lot that had formerly been a Clergy Reserve. Here four more children were born.

Peter Ashton died in 1847 but the wife and older sons carried on this farm until 1864. In that year Mrs. Ashton, with her four minor children moved into Shefford Township where she purchased 207 acres, a mile north out of Warden. The farm came into the hands of a son Peter II who married Hannah Elizabeth Ray of Granby. Their son, E. Hurst Ashton (1880-1956) was the third and last generation to farm this Shefford land.

Language: The documents are in English..

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1; CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2004

Harriet Baker - Kenneth Erskine . - 1931-1940.

Biographical sketch:

The importance of these letters is that they give an insight into the life at Glenmere, Bolton Township in the 1930's when the estate was occupied summertimes, at least, by Kenneth Erskine and family. This property was the home of Colonel George Harold Baker, Member of Parliament for Brome before he went Overseas and was killed in 1916. His life is well documented in the Brome County histories but we do not learn he had three sisters, one of whom was, Harriet, who wrote these fifteen letters.

The letters are written from places in France as she spent most of the 1930's travelling in France or England, but they are filled with details of what she hoped would get done at Glenmere by her tenant and friend, Mr. Erskine. Kenneth Erskine was manager of the Bank of Montreal in

Knowlton in 1920's but he probably had retired by 1930's and probably spent winters in south. This home of the Bakers on Baker's Pond was very dear to her because it had been her brother's home. Perhaps, she felt closer to him when in France as he was buried at Poperinghe near Ypres.

Col. Baker's cavalry horse, Morning Glory, is mentioned and some discussions about where it was buried when it died in 1937 at 26 years of age.

She mentions a few times meeting Col. W. Rhoades, a personal friend of her brother, who had served in the War with Col. Baker and was with him when he was killed. The 1939 and 1940 letters from Cannes tell how "the catastrophe has fallen... but there is a great sustaining force in the Unity of the Nation". The story went around here in Brome that she just got out of France in time before the Germans took over there in World War II.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2006

George Bonnallie. - 1811-1892. - 6 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

George Bonnallie's ancestors were French Huguenots who left France for Scotland during the Spanish Inquisition 1500-1600 which persecuted non Catholics.

Lake Bonnallie, now called Lake Stukely, was named for George when he bought land, Range 18, Lot 2, from the British American Land Company in Orford Township, County of Sherbrooke. His holdings are noted on the Walling Map of 1863- They show a grist mill, a saw mill and a tenant's house. Foundations of these buildings can still be found along the old post road. Later he purchased more lots in 1849.

Land was divided into sections of which one out of seven was a Crown Land to be used for the support of the Church of England, the official church. Rents from the settlers (squatters) on these properties were collected and paid to the Bishop. Many of the "tenants" barely made a living and were seldom able to pay anything.

Bishop Jehosaphat Mountain of Quebec, who travelled widely over his diocese through countless difficulties, decided to sell certain Crown Lands in Orford Township and the adjacent area. He appointed George Bonnallie as his agent in the collecting of rents and sale of the lands. The letters written to Bishop Mountain by George Bonnallie date from 1850-1856. The originals are in the Archives of Ottawa, Ontario. Copies can be seen at Brome Historical Society, Knowlton, Quebec, and at Bishop's University in Quebec.

The far-sighted Bishop used the Monies thus acquired to found Bishop's University.

There are several deeds of sale of land bought by George. Originals can be seen at Le Bureau D'enregistrement in Sherbrooke. The earliest is dated 1847-1848. The last one is dated 1865 and is the transfer of property to his wife, Julia.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2008

Copping Family. - 29 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

England and his wife, Elizabeth Sagers, settled in Rawdon, County of Montcalm, Lower Canada with two small children. These papers are concerned with the seventh son, William who had a timber business in Rawdon, and his sons who by 1866 had moved to Ely Township in the Eastern Townships and started lumber mills at Boscobel. By 1930's the mills had ceased to operate. The papers are interesting as regards Ely Township development in late 1800's as the mills manufactured shingles, laths, clapboards, broom handles and lumber of all kinds.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2011

Samuel Eldridge . - 1816-1882. - 28 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Samuel Eldridge 1784-1879 was a young man of eighteen years old when, in 1802 he came with his parents Gardner and Martha (Spink) Eldridge to settle in Brome Township in Lower Canada. This line of the Eldridge family was from Rhode Island. In 1783, the father, Gardner bought lands in Hancock, Mass., where they lived until moving to Canada coming in through St. Armand at first. In Brome they settled on Tibbits Hill just west of where the village of Knowlton is located now. Only two of Gardner's large family remained to live in the area, Samuel being one.

Great grandsons of Samuel still live in the Knowlton and Waterloo areas. Samuel married three times, eleven children by the first wife, two by the second, and seven by the third, from which last the above mentioned great grandsons are descended. The farm remained in the Eldridge family until recent years.

The papers give a glimpse into the way of life in the early 1800's in Brome Township. They are all handwritten. The other families with whom the Eldridges settled are named, early businesses from whom necessities were obtained are given, notices of the first meetings to set up schools

are among their papers. Generally all are sharing in the work of developing the land and setting up comfortable homes. The family saved these precious papers which have been entrusted to the care of the Brome County Historical Society Archives by a great, granddaughter.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC4-Dr.2; CH-K-FC2-Dr.2.

BCHS2014

Tertius French. - 1803-1910.

Biographical sketch:

Tertius French 1824-1899 was one of the sons of Horace and Annie (Hawley) French of the Township of Sutton. He married as his third wife Helen A. Sweet 1836-1928. Their daughter Wealthy V. French married Frederick A. Olmstead Sr. of Sutton. One document mentions that Tertius was a carpenter and joiner which accounts for the fact that he was elected an overseer for the erection of Sutton's Town Hall in 1859. The correspondence reveals that in the 1880's Tertius was carrying on a lively business of exporting carloads of hay to buyers in Worcester, Mass, the papers give the impression that his business and family affairs were conducted in a way which showed that he was honest and trustworthy. His mother's people, the Hawley's were among the grantees of the Township of Sutton receiving land in North Sutton at the time of the granting of the Charter.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2015

Frederick A. Olmstead Sr. and Frederick A. Olmstead Jr. . - 1862-1945. - 19 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Frederick Albyn Olmstead was born in the Township of Sutton January 16, 1862, the son of Alden and Harriet (Jackman) Olmstead. He married about 1884, Wealthy Valetta French, daughter of Tertius and Helen (Sweet) French. At a young age he commenced work with S.N. Boright in the village store and continued on in the business with Mr. Boright for many years under the title OLMSTEAD and BORIGHT, General Merchants. When Sutton Village was incorporated in 1896, its first mayor was Frederick A. Olmstead. By 1929, the son, Frederick A. Olmstead entered the business. After this the name F.A. OLMSTEAD and SONS appeared as the letterhead. The large brick residence on Maple Street which has been built by F.A. Olmstead Sr. was the home of the Olmsteads for many years and still stands in good condition. In 1920 the son had married Mildred Hawley of North Sutton and they continued to live there with the father and carried on the store. In 1945 Fred Olmstead died and his family carried on the business for some few years after.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2016

Daniel Spencer Gilman.

Biographical sketch:

Forty interesting and informative letters by D.S. Gilman written mostly from LOWELL, MASS, to his relatives in the Township of Brome, L.C.. Many of the letters are to his father, Moses Gilman (whose wife was Patience Spencer) who lived on the farm on Bondville Hill. The grandfather, Dudley Gilman, came from Gilmantown, N.H. and settled in 1799 on the site in West Brome still called Gilman's Corner. Spencer (as he was called) was born in 1817, the oldest son of Moses and Patience. Spencer did not marry, he went to the California Gold Rush in 1849 and died of typhus fever while there.

The letters brought historical and labour news of Lowell, Manchester and Boston, etc., and mention Tom Thumb, President Polk, The Iron Steam Horse, topics of the day from Mesmerism to Alcoholism, from Millerism to politics, from the Daguerrean Art to National celebrations. Spencer also mentions the young men and women from Brome and Dunham areas who go down to Lowell to work and find it hard to stick it out.

The letters are amazingly well-composed, and humorous, he shows a wise philosophy and a high thoughtful regard for his family.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2017

Lucius Seth Huntington . - 74 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born at Compton, Quebec 1827. He studied law and practised his profession in Shefford. The Eastern Townships Advertiser (later Waterloo Advertiser) was founded by Huntington in 1856 in Knowlton. Elected to the Federal Legislature for Shefford in 1861, solicitor-general 1863-64, brought charges against the government in connection with the Pacific Railway Scandal, defeated for Shefford in 1882, founder of Liberal party in Eastern Townships. L.S. Huntington married in 1853 Miriam Jane Wood, daughter of Major David Wood of Frost Village. By this marriage there were three sons. The second marriage in 1877 was to Mrs. Ellen Brown Marsh of New York City whose letters are in these papers. A son of this marriage was Lucius Stewart Huntington who is also mentioned in the documents.

This collection of papers was given by John W. Noyes of Foster, Que., grandson of John Powell Noyes, one-time law partner of Huntington.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2019

Paul Holland Knowlton. - 452 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

A sketch of the life of Paul Holland Knowlton is given in Section VII of BCHS Archives Preliminary Inventory 1954, heading the listing of some of his Land, Legal and Miscellaneous Papers which had been given to the Archives up to that date.

The miscellaneous collection which was donated later in the 1950's and is herein listed, is of much more interest in that the papers reveal more of his personal life. Other than the deeds and commissions, these papers are those dealing with the early 1840's, his trips to England and his acquaintshp with a distant relative, Miss Sarah Knowlton 1767-1845 of Derbyshire, England.

The story as told in the Knowlton Ancestry, relates how this lady read in a London newspaper of the Loyalist activities of Paul Holland Knowlton at the time of the Rebellion of 1837 in Canada. The letters of the early 1840's tell of her invitation to him to visit her at her home at Darley Dale in Derbyshire which he did. She had considerable estates and was of the line of Knowltons who were managers or agents for the Duke of Devonshire's estates. Her grandfather, Thomas Knowlton 1690-1781 was a famous antiquarian and botanist. Her brother, Thomas, 1758-1836 had been agent for the Duke of Devonshire and we judge by his letters that he was a botanist also.

In March 1845 Paul Holland Knowlton received word that Miss Knowlton had died on March 22nd. and that she had left her entire estates to him. He made the trip to England to retrieve his legacy and these papers also contain details re-settling of the estate.

The DEEDS were donated to the Society from the Estate of the late Miss Dorothy Bancroft through the executor of the estate, David Bancroft, in 1972.

The Dictionary of Canadian Biography Vol. IX contains a biographical article on Hon. Paul Holland Knowlton.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1; CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2020

Henry H. Lawrence. - 1891. - 1 textual record.

Administrative history:

Peace River, N.W.T

His letter to the people of South Stukely, dated February 9, 1891.

Henry Lawrence, son of Isaac and Caroline (Elmer) Lawrence of South Stukely, Quebec, and grandson of Henry Lawrence, founder of Lawrenceville, Quebec was, like his forefathers, endowed with the spirit of pioneering. After fighting with the Northern Army in the American Civil War, he and his brother, Erastus, in 1886 decided to move their families westward to the Peace River District.

The letter, written five years after life in the Northwest, describes the hardships of life in new places, but, that all through the struggle they were contented and happy, and, that the pure and health giving air of that great country, was an influence to stimulate to the utmost, to look upon difficulties and obstacles in their path, as something to surmount. It is a 24 page letter and it was addresses to especially named relatives and friends in Stukely so the letter was passed from family to family to be read.

Henry and his brother both taught at the Mission at Fort Vermilion while carrying on farming activities in that area. He mentions his son, Sheridan, who, it is known, married Julia Scott, niece of Bishop Bornpas and had a family of 8 daughters and 7 sons and all were educated. Sheridan owned a whole village in the West. He built Lawrence Point School, opened a store at Fort Vermilion and one at Hayes Lake, built a Church, operated about 1000 acres of land and was sometimes called the "Emperor of the Peace." He lived to see a telegraph line completed to the area in 1931.

The letter is an example to show how the early settlers retained their art of pioneering by moving on to new, uncleared, regions to build on.

Language: The document is in English.

BCHS2026

McLoughlin-Willard .

Biographical sketch:

This collection deals with the life and career of Joseph Amos McLoughlin, school principal and school inspector in the Missisquoi, Brome and Shefford areas, over 40 years in the mid and late 1800's. McLoughlin was appointed school inspector in 1870 taking the place of the first one, Inspector Rotus Parmelee. Travelling through the country from school to school in the winter months was not an easy life and he kept on as long as he was physically able. In October 1888 he applied for sick leave and on December 17, 1888 he died of consumption at his home in Sweetsburgh at the age of sixty-six years.

For other researchers it will be the papers of McLoughlin's second wife, Charlotte Willard, which will be most interesting, since she was the granddaughter of Samuel Willard, the Leader of the early Associates in settling Stukely Township. Interesting not only to Willard descendants, but, also to the Knowlton family descendants, as Charlotte's parents were William and Merab (Knowlton) Willard of South Stukely. There were three sons and three daughters born to Joseph and Charlotte (Willard) McLoughlin most of whom grew up to be talented citizens promoting an appreciation of the value of education.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2027

Miller Papers. - 1792-1859. - 77 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Peter Miller (Petriis Mueller) 1740-1819

Peter Miller, Palatine Irish American and United Empire Loyalist, has been put on record in, *The Loyalists of the Eastern Townships of Quebec* (1984). He was among those Loyalists who had joined in with the British Army at Crown Point in the autumn of 1776. He had served with Captain Robert Leake's Company until his honourable discharge in 1781. His family, like other New York State Loyalist families, had been removed from their farm because they had joined the enemy. Peter and Garrett Miller and their families lived in the camp provided for the refugees at Sorel until the War ended in 1783.

They came to Missisquoi Bay in 1784 and settled on adjoining lots in St. Armand Seigniory which turned out to be later located right on the Vermont boundary line.

These papers deal mostly with the family and descendants of Peter's son, Charles who continued to live on the same property. Documents show that Captain Charles Miller served in the 4th Battalion of St. Armand Militia for several years.

The Peter McCutcheon mentioned in the early documents was the father of Margaret McCutcheon, wife of Charles Miller. The book mentioned above lists descendants of Peter Miller living today.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2028

Hon. Philip Henry Moore . - 1829-1898. - 20 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

From The Dictionary of Canadian Biography 1871-1880

Moore, Philip Henry, farmer, soldier, Legislative Councillor and railroad president, born at Rhinebeck Dutchess Co., N.Y. 22 February 1799- , third son of Nicholas and Catherine (Streit) Moore, married Harriet A. Stone. They had six sons and two daughters. He died 21 Nov. 1880 at St. Armand Station, Missisquoi County, Quebec.

He was commissioned THE FIRST REGISTRAR OF MISSISQUOI COUNTY at Frelighsburg 19 June 1830.

He took a part in the Battle at Moore's Corner in the Rebellion of 1837 for which he was officially thanked by Sir John Colborne.

On the Union of the provinces in 1841, P.H. Moore was called TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, a position which he held until Confederation.

In 1846 Moore had been CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED TO INVESTIGATE LOSSES OF INHABITANTS OF LOWER CANADA in the 1837-38 uprising.

At Confederation he became a candidate for the Federal House of Commons. He ran as an Independent Conservative and was defeated by the Conservative candidate Brown Chamberlin of Frelighsburg.

He was a PRESIDENT OF THE MONTREAL AND VERMONT Junction Railway until his death in 1880.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2030

John Powell Noyes. - 1842-1923. - 65 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

John P. Noyes was born in Potton Township September 15, 1842, the son of Henian and Sarah (Powell) Noyes. He studied law 'with Hon. Lucius Seth Huntington-attended St. Mary's College, Montreal. Practised his profession in Waterloo, Quebec where he was also editor and publisher of the Waterloo Advertiser in 1860's, he was the first Mayor of Waterloo after incorporation. He was an Anglican and a Liberal. In 1891 he became prothonotary at the District of Bedford Courthouse at Sweetsburg. Noyes was a local historian and member and director of Historical Societies of Brome and Missisquoi.

The letters show that he was closely associated with many political and historical figures of his timeseveral young journalists obtained their training under him like W.H. Day (son of Mrs. C.M. Day) and Charles H. Parmelee who went on to become Queen's Printer. He was special attorney and friend of the Huntington family. There were many of the Huntington papers in this collection which show how greatly the family, after L.S. Huntington's sudden death in 1886, depended on him.

J.P. Noyes married Lucy A. Merry of Magog who was an influential and active member in the W.C.T.U. of Quebec. One son, Ralph Noyes, was a well known local school principal in Knowlton and Sutton.

While prothonotary at Sweetsburg he lived in Cowansville in the large brick residence on the Main Street which Dr. A.C. Paintin lived in after and it is still standing. While in Cowansville he assisted the Missisquoi Historical Society in compiling their historical reports which are exceptional records of that period. J.P. Noyes died May 14, 1923.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2030,S2

Hon. Justice John Charles McCorkill. - 16 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born in Farnham in 1854 son of Robert and Margaret (Meehan) McCorkill. Educated at McGill University-called to the Quebec Bar in 1878-advocate District of Bedford 1886-Mayor of Cowansville several yearsappointed member of the Quebec Legislative Council for Bedford Distict 1898-Provincial Treasurer 1903-1906- Judge of the Superior Court of Quebec 1906-1919 - when in Cowansville lived in the beautiful residence called "Fairfield" apart from his many duties, always took an active interest in educational matters-president of Missisquoi Historical Society for some years-died March 9, 1920.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2030,S3

Charles Henry Parmelee. - 1855-1914. - 5 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born in Waterloo, Que. son of Rufus E. And Eliza (McVicar) Parmelee June 1, 1855; married in 1887 Christina McLean, d. of Henry Rose who published Waterloo Advertiser 1869-1875 and again 1880-1882; Parmelee published Waterloo Advertiser 1875-1880 and again 1883-1908; he

had apprenticed with J.P. Noyes; represented Shefford in House of Commons 1896-1908. While in Parliament was chairman Standing Committee in Printing; appointed King's Printer February 1, 1909, died January 23, 1914.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2030,S4

Senator Georges Greene Foster K.C. - 1860
1860-1931. - 9 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born in Knowlton June 21, 1860 son of Samuel Willard Foster and wife Ellen Greene Foster-married in 1896 Mary Maud, daughter of Hon. Judge G.C.V. Buchanan-Foster was member of the firm of Foster, Place, Hackett, Mulvena and Martin-in 1917 he was created a Senator-was elected batonner of the Montreal Bar in 1919- always a strong Conservative-president of the Orford Mountain Railway-director of Brome County Historical Society-worked with J.P. Noyes on publishing the book entitled "Sketches of Some Shefford Pioneers" which commemorates

Foster's own ancestors the most notable being Dr. Stephen Sewell Foster of Frost Village, the first medical practioner to settle in the Shefford and Brome area. G.G. Foster family lived in Montreal and at Blarney Castle, Knowlton. -a great Canadian patriot- died May 1, 1931-.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2030,S6

James Ferres. - 2 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

James Ferres was the son of James Moir Ferres of Montreal, first M.P. for the new Brome County, formed 1855. Evidently J.P. Noyes had written to him for historical information about his father, and the two letters were written in response. In the first he describes, quite in detail about his trip as a boy in the early 1860's to Brome County, and he dwells at length on Abercorn for a reason. His father had owned property and lived there in 1858-61 when he was M.P. for the County. History of Brome County Vol. I places James Moir Ferres upon record as first Member of the Provincial Government for Brome County.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2031

Jeremiah C. Pettes. - 1820-1914. - 34 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born in West Brome April 14, 1820 son of Charles and Desire (West) Pettes. Attended High School at Bakersfield, Vermont where he was recommended by the Principal to be qualified to give instruction in common English branches.

He was one of the pioneer school masters and his scrapbook contains certificates to qualify him as a school teacher. In those early days a school master, was examined by the local commissioners. Some of the certificates are from Rev. C.C. Cotton of Dunham in 1842, Jacob Cook, commissioner of Brome in 1844, and Col. G.C. Dyer of Sutton in 1843. He taught in the Vail Neighborhood in Dunham, Fairfield, Vt., Sutton, Scottsmore, West Brome and in 1848 in Knowlton.

In 1849 he went to Brome Corner and went into partnership with his brother Nathaniel as merchants. In 1851 the brothers came to Knowlton and, as pioneer merchants built a store on the corner of what is now Knowlton Road and Mt. Echo Road opposite the Library. This building is still in use.

In 1850 Jeremiah married Susan Wheeler of Knowlton, daughter of Austin and Charlotte (Knowlton) Wheeler. In 1910 they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Children of this marriage were Ellen Florence born 1850 who married Wm. W. Lynch, Frances Carrie born 1855 married J.E. Fay and Austin W. born 1858.

J.C. Pettes was very greatly involved in the building and plans for the Pettes Memorial Library. He was President of the Library Association from the time it was built until his demise. He was interested in all literary programs, gave lectures and promoted reading clubs. He also wrote and had printed booklets of poetry.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2031,S2

Nathaniel Pettes M.P. - 1816-1889. - 22 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Son of Charles and Desire (West) Pettes of West Brome, L.C. born April 21, 1816, married in 1844 Narcissa Farrand. General merchant in Brome Corner. Moved to Knowlton about 1860 and ran a store with his brother Jeremiah. Was Warden of Brome County and a director of the South

Eastern Railway Co., (for which he was one of the promoters) Member of House of Commons for Brome County 1874-78. A Liberal in politics.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R6-B1-Sh.1.

BCHS2034

Thomas Pickel. - 1815-1898. - 57 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Thomas Pickel 1794-1850 and his wife, Asenath Coy 1803-1881 lived on Lot 8, range I of Brome Township close to Sweetsburg on the farm known to many as Sunnymead Farm. Thomas was the son of Jacob and Mary (New) Pickel who settled on that land shortly after 1800. Jacob, with his two brothers, John and Christopher, and their father, John Pickel, from Fort Edward, New York had declared for the British right at the commencement of the American Revolutionary War. They served in Major Roger's Company of the King's Rangers all during the War. In the Fall of 1783 they were at St. John's and soon after took refuge on Caldwell's Manor with other Loyalist Refugees. It is probable that the above THOMAS was born on the Manor.

In 1802, when Sutton Township was established and granted to United Empire Loyalists, John and Jacob Pickel had their names on the Petition as Grantees. The Lots which they were given were located in North Sutton close to the Brome Township. They soon sold their lots and bought land in Brome Township and in the Sweetsburg, Scottsmore area in Dunham Township. Descendants of PETER, a younger brother, lived in Sweetsburg.

These papers are all handwritten, they are not notarial documents but each deed, transfer, bond or transaction was witnessed and signed. The promissory notes and receipts also name neighbors and nearby families with whom the Pickel family exchanged work and carried on their business affairs. Where else would you get to know Stephen Darling who made their beaver caps, Ira Newell who did their blacksmithing or Albert Barney who ran the old Church Tavern where many transactions were made.

Thomas Pickel and wife Asenath had a large family of eleven children, Samantha who married Alden Sweet, Diantha who married Philo Marsh, Mary married Norman Huntley, Amanda married Hiram Carpenter, Charlotte married Jesse Quebec, Merritt did not marry, Martin A. married Elizabeth Sweet, Horace D. married Ruhannah Benham, Henry married Elvira Church, Calvin married Persis Rosalind Vincent and Alice who married Roscoe Gilman.

Martin A. and Elizabeth carried on the farm until he died in 1894. Elizabeth was the daughter of Reid Sweet of West Brome. Their son, A. Thomas Reid Pickel married Louisa Daisy Baker, daughter of Senator G.B. Baker and they lived in Cowansville, their grandsons, Reid and Harold Pickel have homes today in the Townships.

Horace D. and wife Ruhannah lived in Sweetsburg, he was High Constable in the District of Bedford and he built in 1882 the fine, Victorian brick house that stood until 1950's in between the Court House and the Hospital. Their son was Dr. Follin H. Pickel, the Founder of the Hospital.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2036

Scotts of Scottsmore. - 19 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Dunham Township

Hiram Scott and his son, Levi mentioned in the following documents, are descendants of Daniel Scott (1751-1829) the Loyalist, who moved around 1803 into Dunham Township and settled in the area known as Scottsmore. Daniel had served under Col. Peters in Major Jessup's Corps. After the end of the war in 1784 he was living in the Loyalist refugee camp in Sorel, and later, on Caldwell's Manor until 1803 where most of his children, four sons and a daughter were born. The four sons were Capt. Lemuel, Daniel, Jonathan, Pliny and the daughter was Abigail. This family married with other families that had moved into the Sweetsburgh area, the Shufelts, Churches, Pettes, Vails, Hastings, Pickel and others.

Hiram, son of Capt. Lemuel, married Katherine Shufelt and their home, as the deeds indicate, was in West Brome on McCutcheon Road, and they built the brick house on that property. This was, in more recent years, the home of Robert and Mary (Taber) McCutcheon.

As the deeds show, Levi Scott, son of Hiram, sold the farm to David Beattie in 1880. It came into McCutcheon possession later because David's daughter, Sarah Ann Beattie, married William McCutcheon.

Luther Scott, mentioned in the 1882 deed was a brother of Levi's and so the above home was where he was brought up also. He is said to have married Emily Armington of Dunham in that house.

Ira Scott mentioned in 1874 was a son of Jonathan and Susannah (Pickel) Scott, and so was a cousin of Hiram Scott. A sister of Ira's, Elmira married David Aitken of East Dunham whose descendant by the same name (Dave Aitken) has lived near Call's Mills in West Brome in recent years.

The 1866 deed should be an interesting one to members of the Beattie family of East Dunham which shows, in acquiring some of their land, they had to deal with the descendants of the Hon. Thomas Dunn, to whom the Township of Dunham was granted in 1796.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2037

Sisco Bros. . - 1896-1903. - 17 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Benjamin, George and David Sisco were hotelkeepers at the turn of the century in the Townships. Benjamin in Mansonville, George in Knowlton and Cowansville and David in Sutton. They were the sons of Calvin and Eliza (Johnson) Sisco of Richford, Vermont. George was in partnership for a short time at the Lake View House, Knowlton with Lemman Greene and also with James O'Halloran at the Ottawa Hotel in Cowansville. All three brothers died within the years 1901-1902 leaving minor children for whom tutorships were appointed. Their careers as hotel proprietors were cut short by their early deaths and brought about much litigation in settling of their estates as their papers show.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2038

John Thomas. - 1838-1901. - 9 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Teacher, farmer, municipal councillor and long time resident of West Bolton, was born in Frost Village, son of William A. and Sarah Ann (Martin) Thomas. That this family were early residents of Shefford Township is evident in the fact that, the parents of John, were married March 6, 1825 by the Rev. Rhichard Whitwell, a new Church of England missionary sent to Shefford in 1821. The Williams, the Martins, the Goddards, the Frosts, the Fosters were all early settlers in Frost Village at this time. In the 1860's John Thomas taught in the first Creek School, District No. 1 in West Bolton. He married Emmeline Rooney whose home was next north of where the Creek Church was later built, this has been the home of Clarence Johnson in more recent years whose mother was a Rooney. After marriage John and Emmeline settled on the west half of Lot 4, Range I which was property just opposite the Creek School. Their sons, Arad and Myron, became business men of Foster, in Brome Township which was becoming a village by 1880.

The Ruth E. Thomas, mentioned in one of the documents was John's sister, who had married Arad Williams of Frost Village. They had also settled in Bolton on the property on the right just south of the railroad tracks where Heman Salisbury lived in the 1950's and Gordon Smith Family in the 1960's. There is a sketch of this farmhouse in the Belden's Atlas of 1881.

John's son, Arad Thomas, proprietor of the Foster House acquired some land at the outlet of Brome Lake and there now is a THOMAS ROAD leading down to the lake from the main road. Arad's daughter, Annie Thomas (Mrs. Norris) owned a cottage on this property during the 1940's and 50's and 60's.

It is interesting to learn that the John Thomas farm in West Bolton has been called by some present day residents the MARY BLAKE PLACE. Mary (1872-1960) was John and Emmeline's daughter who had married Howard Blake of South Stukely. In her older years she lived in Waterloo but had a penchant for moving around and buying up home properties. In the 1950's she did acquire this place in West Bolton where she had been brought up as a girl, but, being in her 80's at the time, only rented it.

John and Emmeline (Rooney) Thomas had other children, in all we should mention, not only the two older sons, Arad b. 1866 and Myron b. 1868, but Edith b. 1874, Mary of course, and two younger sons Evelyn and Melvin who lived in Ottawa.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2041

John Ware. - 1850-1926. - 18 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born in Brome Township, son of Lemuel Pratt Ware 1800-1855 and wife Laura Fessenden 1804-1884. Mary Ware, sister of Lemuel Pratt Ware married Luke Knowlton and they both lived south of Knowlton on a cross road joining what is now Sugar Hill Road and Mt. Echo Roads. The mother of Lemuel Ware and his sister Mary was a Pratt which was another Brome family that settled in Brome Village. The Ware name is preserved in Brome history through the name of the Ware Schoolhouse shown on Waiting's map of 1864, and, also by the present usage of the name Ware Hill located on the road to Brome from Knowlton. John Ware (Jack as he was called) bought the farm on this hill land, settled there, he had a pair of oxen, no bed slept on straw. Then he married Louisa Smith, who had been teaching school and had a little saved and they got a cow. They built the present house and barns. He raised colts to build his large barn. His son Anson Lemuel Ware 1882-1959, and wife Grace E. Tilton 1884-1967 lived on the farm after.

These documents and papers show there is a relationship with an early Stone family that settled in Brome. This was through Mrs. John Ware (Mary Louisa Smith) daughter of Plutarch Stone, grandson of Ephraim Stone first settler in Brome.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2042

Rev. Richard Whitwell . - 1811- . - 30 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Rev. Richard Whitwell 1787-1864, Church of England Missionary appointed to the new mission in Shefford in 1821. Married Mary, daughter of Gen. Roswell Olcott formerly of New Hampshire, who became one of the pioneer settlers in the Township of Brome. Page 40, 41, 42 of BCHS Preliminary Inventory of 1954 lists an earlier collection of the Whitwell Papers given to the Society. Since Rev. Whitwell was moved to Philipsburg in 1826 and lived out his life there, many of the papers relate to events in his life in St. Armand. There are general references in the Papers to Miss Lydia Olcott who actually lived in Brome but after some years moved to Philipsburg to live with her sister. She left an agent in Brome to sell off the Olcott properties.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-FC6-Dr.1.

BCHS2073

Rev. Reuben Garlick M.D. - 1743-1809. - 4 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born in New Milford , Litchfield, Conn., May 29, 1743 and died in Shefford Township, L.C. Dec. 18, 1809 and is buried in Waterloo Protestant Cemetery. He was a practising physician on Grand Isle and lived for a time on Caldwell's Manor, the area where refugee Loyalists lived before moving into the Eastern Townships. He was a clergyman doctor in deacon's orders.

One of his sons married a daughter of Capt. John Savage who settled the Township of Shefford. By 1800, we find Garlick residing in Shefford, and, in whose house where, on one of his visits, the Hon. and Rev. Charles Stewart preached and performed Sacrements. The records which Garlick kept have not been found.

It is believed that his was the first burial in Waterloo Cemetery and that he lived in that part of Shefford Township where the village began, and was buried in his own backyard ..John Savage no doubt allotted him a lot or part of lot in that part of the Township. Unofficially the Rev. Garlick was the first practising clergyman in this part of the Townships.

As a Loyalist, Garlick made several petitions for land for himself and also his sons. He received one in Potton Township which he said was unfit. The document listed below shows where he petitioned and got land in Shefford.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.2.

BCHS2074

Henry Georgen M.P. - 9 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

Born at Kingston, son of Christopher and Phoebe (Wright) Georgen, Loyalist. His parents had been established in Upper Canada in early 1790's but removed to Montreal for a time where Henry studied the profession of advocate. His commission was obtained Jan. 16, 1810. Henry was a captain in the 6th. Battalion of Eastern Townships militia in War of 1812-became deputy for County of Bedford in the Lower Canada Legislature in 1814 to his death in 1815. He was a friend of Sir John Johnson's son. His father, Christopher (1751-1819) was, according-to the Quebec Gazette, born in Worms, Germany.

Henry's mother was the daughter of Samuel Wright, a well-known Loyalist and his father, Christopher served as a Corporal in the 8th. Regiment, Kingston, in 1790, 1791.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.2.

BCHS2076

Col. Henry George Grey. - 1802-1894.

Biographical sketch:

Became third Earl Grey

Grey was secretary for the colonies 1830-1833, and secretary for war 1835-1841 and it was in June 1841 that he kept this journal of a military survey trip through the Township of Lower Canada. He and his company, combined business with pleasure and did considerable fly fishing for trout in the Yamaska and Pike Rivers along the way. He says fly fishing was new to the local people of Brome and they showed great interest in it.

Some places they rested were at Frelighsburg, (the City, he says, the people call it), Philipsburg, Richford Mills, Cogniac Street (this was the name for a road from the south end of Dunham Pond. (Selby Lake we call it) to East Dunham.) They stopped over at the Old Church Tavern in Churchville (later called Sweetsburg) where they had the usual Township dinner of ham and eggs. They also stopped over at Reynolds Hotel in Waterloo. They seemed to be travelling on horseback.

This man's son, the fourth Earl Grey became Governor General of Canada in 1904, (for biog: see Who's Who.)

The journal is a photostat copy from Col. Grey's Diary in the Public Archives of Canada.

Language: The document is in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.2.

BCHS2083

Sir John Johnson. - 1960-1973. - 18 textual records.

Biographical sketch:

The letters are to Gwendolyn (Norris) Fuller, Mrs. Lawrence Fuller of Montreal who was a personal friend of Sir John and Lady Johnson of London and Kent, England. The letters have been noted in the inventory because they have several references to the historic events of the forming of the Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch of the U.E.L. of the Eastern Townships which took place in 1968. Sir John is the Hon. President of the Branch after whose ancestor it was named. The letters show what went on behind the scene at the time Sir John and Lady Johnson came to the Townships as honoured guests of the Branch. The letters also show Sir John's genuine interest in accurately commemorating his ancestors' part in the making of Canadian history.

The letters show that Mrs. Fuller on her trips to Europe to paint and attend musical and art functions, was entertained at the Johnson home in London and their country home in Kent. In turn we learn that she made contacts for the Johnsons in Canada on their many visits to attend historical commemorative events in which Sir John had to play a part. Gwendolyn Norris Fuller 1896-1988 was a native of the Townships, daughter of John and Frankie (Welch) Norris of East Farnham. She was very proud of her Quaker ancestors, Hannah Knowles of East Farnham. Mrs. Fuller was a long time member of both the Brome County and Missisquoi Historical Societies and President in 1975 of the Sir John Johnson Centennial Branch of the U.E.L.'s.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.2.

BCHS2093

James MacKinnon D.C.L. - 1850-1937. - 3 textual records. - 1 photograph.

Biographical sketch:

Born in Londonderry, Ireland, June 30, 1850, the son of James and Mary (Allan) MacKinnon - came to Canada at a young age, received his education at St. Francis College, Richmond. As a young man entered the banking business. He was associated with the old Eastern Townships Bank - was manager of the E.T.B. in Cowansville from 1876-1900 - Assistant General Manager E.T.B. 1900-1902, General Manager in 1902-1912, he served in the Fenian Raids (medal) - Honorary President Brome County Historical Society - married Emily S Robinson, daughter of Jonathan Robinson of Waterloo - one son Cecil Gordon MacKinnon, K.C. later Judge

MacKinnon of Montreal and Bondville - spent much of his leisure time in Leo Cottage and his Inverness Farm Bondville, Brome County - died Jan. 28, 1937.

Language: The documents are in English.

BCHS2095

Major Lawrence Delmar McClintock. - 1887-1963. - 1 textual record. - 5 photographs.

Biographical sketch:

He was born at Point Fortune, P. Q. -Attended McGill University receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in 1913 and was appointed as an Agronomist. He enlisted for service in the artillery in World War I. He . was twice wounded and was awarded the Military Cross. After returning home from the War he came to Knowlton to live as an agronomist for Brome County. He retired in 1958. He had married Mollie (Pettes) Mason, widow of Guy Mason. Their son, Austin served in W.W.II and was pronounced to have been shot down as he failed to return from a mission flight.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.3.

BCHS2099

Oliver Newell . - 1788-1865. - 6 textual records. - 1 photograph.

Biographical sketch:

Physician - In the medical profession Dr. Newell was for many years the only practising physician in the vicinity of Sweetsburg and Cowansville, then known as Nelsonville. He lived in the house owned by the Misses Jacques in 1904 (Dr. Cedric Cotton's address). He had bought the land from Edmund Winchester -the house is now a fine Restaurant. The doctor's wife was Sophia Cowie, she used to go with the doctor and act as his nurse.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.3.

BCHS2109

Col. Asa Porter. - 1742-1818. - 3 textual records. - 1 photograph.

Biographical sketch:

As leader for the Associates of Brome Asa Porter was successful in obtaining a Charter August 15, 1797 which rendered certain their proprietorship of that Township.

Col. Asa was born in Boxford, Mass. May 26, 1742, graduated at Harvard College 1762, he married Mehitabel Crocker and they came to settle in Haverhill N.H. in 1770. He became, from the first, one of the leaders in the life of that town. His Royalist sympathies during the Revolutionary War placed him temporarily under a cloud, but, his attitude then, did not permanently affect his standing with the townsmen. His title of Colonel came from his commission in the second regiment of Provincial Militia in 1773 before the War. (Hist, of Haverhill) At Quebec Porter's loyalty was unquestioned, he spent much time there during the War, and he and Nicholas Austin received Charters to their Townships in 1797 right after the Hon. Thomas Dunn received his in 1796 for Dunham Twp. Austin and Porter were friends of Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire, both before he had to flee from N.H. and afterwards when he was in Nova Scotia. That Porter fled to Quebec during the Revolutionary War is understandable when we read the following excerpt from "The Revolutionary War in New Hampshire" by F. Upton 1936- In September 1776 Colonel Asa Porter of Haverhill was tried in Exeter, N.H. before the House of Representatives on the charge of conspiracy to organize a British and Indian Raid on Upper Coos country. The trial resembled, in some ways, a grand inquisition. Porter put up a clever defense and pleaded for a trial in the regular courts before a jury. He objected to the jurisdiction of the House, "because it is the legislative body and it does not consist with the liberties of the people " Nevertheless he was found guilty and sentenced to indefinite confinement from which he escaped and fled to Quebec. There is a copy in the Public Archives of Canada (PAC) S Series, Land, Stanstead 1792-1823 in Asa Porter's own hand describing the proceedings as concurred in that trial.

His Holdings in Haverhill were extensive and his household included three Negro slaves (Census of N.H. 1790). He owned at one time nearly 100,000 acres in N.H. aside from the Township of Brome in Canada which had been granted him by the Crown because of his Loyalist sympathies. He had a select stable and was an accomplished horseman.

The six children of Col. and Mrs. Porter were given the best of educational advantages. John, graduate of Dartmouth College, read Law, was admitted to the Bar and lived in Haverhill as late as 1800, but settled in Brome, Lower Canada, the Township granted to his father. Sometime later John moved to Frelighsburg in St. Armand where by 1808 a Church of England had been built an in which they had a pew. They were closely connected with Leon Lalanne's family in Frelighsburg. In the Frelighsburg Church of England Cemetery inscriptions we find "Sacred to the Memory of John Porter Esq. who died May 14, 1828 age 60." A daughter, Sarah, married Mills Olcott who bought Col. Asa's claim on Brome Township, which, for the inhabitants, helped to settle a complicated land problem Sarah and Mills lived in Haverhill, N.H.. By the early 1800's Col. Asa was in his 60's and The Settling of Brome Land Matters was left to his family. He died Dec. 28, 1818 in Haverhill at age 77.

Language: The documents are in English.

Location: CH-V1-R5-B1-Sh.3.