

NORTHEND, WILLIAM DUMMER, 1823-1902.
William Dummer Northend family papers, 1673-1965

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Northend, William Dummer, 1823-1902.
Title: William Dummer Northend family papers, 1673-1965
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 338
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Abstract: Papers of the William Dummer Northend family, including scrapbooks, correspondence, legal records, personal papers, photographs, printed material and ephemera.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Description

Biographical Note

William Dummer Northend (1823-1902), lawyer and politician, was born February 26, 1823 in Byfield, Massachusetts, the son of John Northend (1785-1865) and his first wife Anna Titcomb Northend (d.1848). Both of his parents' families were among the early settlers of Massachusetts. William Northend received his education at Dummer Academy and Bowdoin College, where he graduated in 1843. After studying law under Ashael Huntington of Salem, Massachusetts, Northend was admitted to the Essex County Bar in 1845. On November 2 of the next year he married Susan Stedman Harrod (b. 1827), the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Ann (Wheelwright) Harrod of Newburyport. They were the parents of four children, Louisa Huntington. Mary Harrod, Susan Stedman, and William Wheelwright. Louisa Huntington married Charles Alfred Benjamin in 1871. Their daughter, Anna Northend Benjamin (1874-1902), was one of two female war correspondents who reached Santiago, Cuba before its surrender during the Spanish American War.

William Dummer Northend practiced law in Salem. He also took part in local and state politics, serving in the Massachusetts Senate in 1861 and 1862. During the Civil War he was one of the Northern Democrats nicknamed Copperheads, who argued in his private letters and public speeches for the protection of minority rights against the tyranny of the majority. His statements on this matter and the cause of the Civil War were published in his *Speeches and Essays upon Political Subjects, from 1860-1869* (1869). After the war Northend continued to practice law. He served as president of the Essex Bar Association throughout the 1880s. In addition, Northend was an overseer of Bowdoin College and a trustee of Dummer Academy. He died in 1902.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of William Dummer Northend family from 1673-1965. The papers include scrapbooks, correspondence, legal records, personal papers, photographs, printed material and ephemera. Correspondence includes letters to William Dummer Northend and his wife, Susan Stedman Harrod, from family members and business associates. Also included are letters to and from the Gammell family of Vermont and descendants of the Northend and Benjamin families.

A portion of the collection consists of scrapbooks containing signed autograph letters, most addressed to Northend, and clipped autographs of well-known late nineteenth century political, literary, publishing, education, and military figures. These items were collected into two scrapbooks, one of which was maintained by his eldest daughter Louisa Huntington Northend Benjamin. (b. 1848). The other scrapbook was apparently assembled by William Dummer Northend or a descendant. Included in the William Northend scrapbook are letters, dating between 1755 and 1884, regarding Civil War and Reconstruction politics from prominent Northern Democrats and Copperheads and from Southern Leaders, including Jefferson Davis (1808-1889), William Jonathan Northen (1835-1913), and Alexander Hamilton Stephens (1812-1883). The letters discuss the Radical Republicans' political activities.

Also of note in Northend's scrapbook are a 1775 bill of sale for a slave in Essex County, Massachusetts, and a 1776 letter from Thomas Mighill (1722-1778), a captain in the United

States Revolutionary Army and the husband of one of Northend's ancestors, to his wife and children.

The Louisa Northend Benjamin scrapbook consists primarily of autographs, including signatures clipped from letters or documents, and undated autographs. Many late nineteenth century statesmen, writers, and military leaders are represented here. Items of particular interest include a letter marked "private" to William Northend from Henry Clay (1777-1852) regarding his political future, in addition to a letter dated 1789 from Tobias Lear (1762-1816), then Secretary to the President of the United States, to Jonathan Titcomb, an ancestor of William Northend's mother. Other prominent correspondents include: John Quincy Adams (1833-1894), David Choate, Rufus Choate, Benjamin Apthop Gould, Edward Everett Hale, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894), Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Clement Laird Vallandigham, and John Greenleaf Whittier.

Legal records include property deeds, judgments, and wills relating primarily to the citizens of Essex County, Massachusetts, perhaps related to Northend's work as a lawyer and researcher of Essex County history.

The personal papers include business papers, certificates, passes, and clippings related to several individuals and families represented in the collection, including the Benjamin, Bonett, Gammell, Holt, and Northend families. Of note are several items pertaining to the activities of war correspondent Anna Northend Benjamin.

Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

Container List

Autographs

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	Hawthorne, Nathaniel, Port of Salem document, June 15, 1846
1	2	Jefferson, Thomas and James Madison, 1805
1	3	Roosevelt, Theodore; on Sagamore Hill stationery

Correspondence

1	4	No date
1	5	1774-1843
1	6	1850-1866
1	7	1887-1898
1	8	1903-1965

Ephemera

1	9	Certificate of membership, American Colonization Society, Mrs. Harriet Sanborn
3		Civil War envelopes
1	10	Confederate States of America button and photograph of soldier, 1861
1	11	Confederate States of America, 10 dollar bill
1	12	Continental currency, seven dollars
1	13	Engraving, Samuel Sewall, Esquire, "Late Chief Justice of his Majesty, Province of Massachusetts Bay in N.E. and Judge of Probate for the County of Suffolk." 1730
1	14	Fiji island shilling note, 1942
1	15	Notebook, leather bound, 1780
1	16	Notebook with knitting patterns, circa 1855
1	17	Perpetual birthday calendar, includes Northend family members
OP1	1	Poster, "German Silhouettes for Young and Old" [in German]
1	18	Sugar ration card, World War II

Legal Records, Essex County, Massachusetts (in chronological order)

OP1	2	Deed, John Beckett to his daughter, Mary Beckett, April 8, 1673
2	1	Deed, John Coffin to Ambeny Berre [Ambrose Berry], 1729
2	1	Judgment in favor of John Touzell and wife, Susanna against Philip English, regarding property dispute, June 13, 1737
2	1	Unidentified, July 15, 1745
2	1	Land grant decision, Richard Hazzen, May 6, 1751
2	1	Deed, Mary English to John Touzell, July 5, 1751

- 2 1 Appointment of John Eves as attorney to Hannah Mansfield, Eunice Stevens, Elizabeth Ingersoll, and Priscilla Bray, September 17, 1760
- OP1 3 Division of Joseph Browne's real estate, December 30, 1760
- 2 1 Deed, Benjamin Manning to Preserved [?] Mason, January 12, 1761
- 2 1 Written extract from Essex County Registry of Deeds - record of division of estate between Priscilla Bray, Elizabeth Ingersoll, and Eunice Stevens, May 17, 1768
- 2 1 Will, Priscilla Bray, August 13, 1768
- 2 1 Deed, John English to John Touzell, January 11, 1771
- 2 1 Deed, Samuel Ingersoll to John Ingersoll, June 13, 1772
- 2 1 Deed, John Ingersoll to Samuel Ingersoll, June 13, 1772
- OP1 4 Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, 1774
- 2 2 Jury of inquest decision upon the bodies of Mr. Jonathon Harrod and Mr. Timothy Clements with Mary, his wife, January 17, 1775
- 2 2 Bond, Benjamin Harrod to William Atkins, November 13, 1782
- 2 2 Land dispute judgment, Samuel Ingersoll, July 29, 1783
- 2 2 Deed, Abigail Musury to Samuel Ingersoll, November 22, 1793
- 2 2 Deed, Thomas Webb and Mary Brookhouse to Samuel Ingersoll, December 3, 1796
- 2 2 Deed, George Tucker Jr. to George Tucker, August 14, 1800
- OP1 5 Quitclaim deed, John Hathorne to Susannah Ingersoll, March 24, 1807
- 2 2 Legal agreement between Robert Wallace and Jere Lee Page, November 18, 1824
- 2 2 Appointment of Alexander Gammell as attorney to Thomas Kidder, (Caldonia County, Vermont), February 2, 1864
- 2 2 Warranty Deed, William H. Allen to Mary Dodge, September 1, 1865
- 2 2 Quitclaim deed, A. H. Gammell to Silvanus P. Mullikins, November 19, 1868
- 2 2 Deed, George P. Russell to William B. Northend, November 1, 1871
- 2 2 Quitclaim deed, George P. Russell to William D. Northend, November 22, 1871
- OP1 6 Massachusetts Commission as Justice of the Peace to Horace Ingersoll, May 19, 1875
- 2 2 Indenture between A. H Gammell and E. J. Banett regarding water rights and property, May 26, 1877
- OP1 7 Massachusetts Commission as Justice of the Peace to William Wheelwright Northend, November 19, 1878
- 2 2 Release, John Perkins, et. Al. to Jonathan King, November 15, 1892
- 2 2 Copyright agreement between W. D. Northend and Estes and Lauriat, March 23, 1896
- 2 2 Warranty Deed, George E. Smith to Freeman N. Grant, November 14, 1896
- 2 2 Executor's Inventory, George W. Taylor, February 27, 1901

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| 2 | 2 | Pension certificate, Louisa H. Benjamin, widow of Charles A. Benjamin,
September 8th, 1900 |
| 2 | 2 | Quitclaim deed, Louisa H. Benjamin to Susan S. Northen, April 25, 1904 |
| 2 | 2 | Quitclaim deed, Ida G. and E. J. Bonett to Charles A. Bailey, December 24, 1906 |

Personal papers

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| 2 | 3 | Benjamin, Anna Northend [includes some correspondence] |
| OP1 | 8 | Benjamin, Anna Northend, war correspondent pass, April 4, 1900 |
| 2 | 4 | Benjamin, Charles Alfred and family |
| OP1 | 9 | Benjamin, Charles Alfred and family |
| 2 | 5 | Bonett, Sewell and Dallas Bonett |
| 2 | 6 | Gammell, Alexander H. |
| OP1 | 10 | Gammell, Alexander H. |
| 2 | 7 | Holt family |
| 2 | 8 | Northend, William Dummer and Susan Stedman Harrod Northend |
| 2 | 9 | Northend, William Wheelwright |

Photographs

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| 2 | 10 | Benjamin, Charles Alfred |
| 2 | 11 | Unidentified |

Printed Material

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| OP1 | 11 | Broadside [in Arabic] |
| OP1 | 12 | <i>Awetaber</i> , Armenian newspaper, 1855 |
| OP1 | 13 | Washington County Mutual Insurance Company, Instructions to agents, July 11,
1850 |

Scrapbooks

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|---|-------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 | 12-21 | William Dummer Northend scrapbook |
| 3 | 1-2 | William Dummer Northend scrapbook |
| 3 | 3 | Louisa Huntington Benjamin scrapbook |
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