

ISAAC HILL  
Biographical Data

- 1789 - Born on April 6, in Cambridge, Massachusetts
- 1802 - Apprenticed to a printer at Amherst, New Hampshire
- 1809 - Moved to Concord, New Hampshire and began editing and publishing the New Hampshire Patriot.
- 1814 - Married Susan Ayer.
- 1820-1823  
1827-1828 - Served in the New Hampshire Senate
- 1829 - Appointed second comptroller of the treasury by President Jackson, but the Senate refused to confirm the appointment.
- 1830-1836 - Served as U.S. Senator from New Hampshire and was a member of Pres. Jackson's "kitchen cabinet".
- 1836-1839 - Served as Governor of New Hampshire.
- 1840-1841 - Head of Boston sub-treasury.
- 1841 - With his sons, he became actively involved in publishing; began Hill's New Hampshire Patriot and continued the Farmer's Monthly Visitor.
- 1847 - Stopped publishing newspapers.
- 1851 - Died, in Washington, D.C., on March 22.

ISAAC HILL PAPERS  
Provenance

The source of the New Hampshire Historical Society's original body of Isaac Hill material is uncertain. Mr. Herbert Hill believes that it was given to the Society by his Aunt Grace -- Mrs. Isaac Hill -- probably when her husband Isaac died in 1930 or when she moved in 1933 or 1935. However, as yet no accession records have been located.

Aside from the original source, there are three other major sources of the material that comprises the Society's present collection. In 1964 the Society purchased from George Kent of Rumney, N.H. approximately 100 items relating to Isaac Hill's involvement in a libel suit brought against him in 1846 (Alanson

Cook v. Isaac Hill). In 1969 the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society, in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, presented the Society with the gift of 65 items which included family correspondence as well as letters to Hill from Gen. Duff Green, Levi Woodbury, Amos Kendall, Benjamin Pierce and Franklin Pierce. (The Franklin Pierce letter is now located in the Franklin Pierce collection.) And in 1970 Mr. Kenison Hill of Concord, New Hampshire gave the Society 19 items including an excellent letter from Andrew Jackson to Isaac Hill and the draft of a letter from Hill to Jackson. The collection is rounded out with items that the Society has purchased individually from various manuscript dealers.

Correspondents in the Isaac Hill Papers

(Individuals who have written letters which  
are included in the collection)

Alcock, Robert	Mallett, E.G.
Allen, Samuel C.	McNeil, John
Ayer, Richard H.	Miller, John G.
Bartridge, Capt.	Morrison, Thomas D.
Bradley, William C.	Morse, Jedidiah
Brown, William J.	Niles, Hezekiah
Buck, D'Azro A.	Noyes, William Curtis
Buckingham, Joseph T.	Oliver, Daniel
Burke, Edmund	Parrott, J.F.
Butler, B.F.	Pease, Lorrain T.
Clarke, Daniel	Peaslee, Charles Hazen
Curtis, Edward	Pierce, Benjamin
Cortland, Samuel	Plumer, William
Cushman, Samuel	Rumford, Countess Sarah
Dana, Jonathan Freeman	Rush, Richard
Dix, John A.	Russell, James
Drown, Daniel P.	Russell, Jonathan
Farmer, John	Smiley, Thomas T.
Green, Gen. Duff	Smith, Robert
Greenleaf, A.	Tappan, John W.
Grundy, Felix	Templeman, George
Hagner, Peter	Thornton, .B.
Haines, William P.	Van Buren, Martin
Hale, Salma	Van Ness, Cornelius Peter
Harvey, Jonathan	Walker, Charles
Hill, Isaac Andrew	Ware, Cyrus
Hill, John M.	Ware, Samuel Hazen
Hill, Susan A.	Washington, P.G.
Hill, William Pickering	Webster, Daniel
Houston, Jonathan H.	Welles, Gideon
Hubbard, H.	Wilcox, Juduthan
Jackson, Andrew	Wood, William G.
Jackson, Andrew Jr.	Woodbury, Levi
Johnson, Cave	
Johnson, Richard Mentor	
Kendall, Amos	
Langdon, John	
Levi, Leonard	
Lincoln, William R.	

Subjects

Dartmouth College Case  
Democratic Party, 1811-1851  
Libel law, 1840's  
New Hampshire Patriot, 1811-1829  
Newspapers, 1811-1847  
Politics, 1811-1851  
Post Office Department, 1843-1851  
Publishing, 1811-1851

Indentures

Towns

Concord, New Hampshire

Isaac Hill Papers  
(1811-1852)

BOX 1

Folder 1 (1811-1826):

1811

Nov. 13 - William Plumer to Hill, re: President's message on Britain & France; Plumer hoping for Republican victory in spring of 1812.

1814

Feb. 3 - Hezekiah Niles to Hill, re: the press and America's relations with England and France.

1815

May 26 - Subscription list for Causes and Character of Late War with Gt. Britain, to be printed by Hill.

Oct. 11 - Hill to Charles Norris, re: printing and circulating the Register, also the Village Harmony.

1816

Jan. 23 - Hill to J.J. Williams (?), re: Village Harmony and copies of N.H. Laws.

1817

July 18 - William Plumer to Hill, re: letter for the President which Hill was to publish in Patriot. Plumer had bad fever.

Sept. 6 - Hill to Charles Norris, re: supplying paper for 3000 copies of N.H. Register.

Dec. 27 - Daniel Webster to Hill, re: publication of notes & arguments in Dartmouth College Case.

Dec. ? - Draft of article for N.H. Patriot, re: trial of some Dartmouth officers & students for riot. Relates to the conflict between college and university parties.

1818

Jan. 17 - J.F. Parrott to Hill, re: pension for Polly Moore, widow of Jacob Moore.

Jan. 18 - Joseph T. Buckingham to Hill - re pamphlet on Kenniston's Trial.

1821

Apr. 19 - Defense of the Union Boating Co.

Aug. 14 - Certificate signed by John Quincy Adams of copyright for Lectures on Rhetoric by Hugh Blair; printed by Hill & Moore.

Dec. 1 - Stock certificate for 1 share of A Republican Institution, owned by Hill.

Dec. 3 - U.S. Dept. of State instructions for printing U.S. resolutions, treaties, laws etc. signed by John Quincy Adams.

1822

May 23 - Capt. Bartridge to Hill, re: Bartridge's plans to visit Concord.

June 1 - William Plumer to Hill, re: sending Plumer the Patriot and publishing an article in the Patriot.

Oct. 7 - Daniel Oliver to the Patriot, re: having something printed.

1824

Jan. 14 - Hill to Stephen Clark, sending a receipt for payment for the Patriot.

Feb. 16 - Hill to William M. Richardson re: proofs of pages for a book.

July 22 - Jonathan Freeman Dana to Hill, re: printing an article and an editorial on an infirmary at Hanover.

Aug. 27 - Hill to Mills Olcott, re: Mr. Carpenter's plans to go into bookselling.

Oct. 31 - Jonathan Freeman Dana to Hill, re: having something published by Hill; Dana also remarks on a town meeting in Hanover, Br. Buckingham's activities in Boston, and the arrival of Hill's third child.

## 1825

- Jan. 5 - Hill sends his compliments to Mr. Brewster  
 Apr. 19 - H. Hubbard to Hill, re: condemnation of Andrew Pierce; asks if Hill supports Woodbury or Densmoor.  
 Apr. 28 - Jedidiah Morse to Hill, re: publishing History of New England.  
 May 6 - Hill to Hohn Kelly, re: reporting the proceedings of the legislature, and the Patriot's role in the election.  
 June 1 - Jedidiah Morse to Hill, re: has not received a reply from Hill on publication arrangements.  
 June 15 - Juduthan Wilcox to Hill: a request that Hill discontinue Wilcox's paper because he can't afford it.  
 July 4 - Hill to John Kelly: did Hill mistakenly give Kelly a \$50 bill instead of a \$5.  
 July 13 - Martin Van Buren to Hill (signature cut out), re: condition of the party in New York; also some comments on Samuel Bell.  
 Aug. 24 - Jedidiah Morse to Hill, re: Hill's failure to answer Morse's letters and settle publication arrangements for New England History.  
 Oct. 10 - Hill to Richardson & Lord, booksellers in Boston: supply and book order

## 1826

- Jan. 28 - Orders from Richardson & Lord  
 Feb. 9 - Hill to Richardson & Lord, re: deed to property in Montpelier.  
 Feb. 20 - Hill to Richardson & Lord, re: financial arrangements for deed to Montpelier property.  
 Mar. 9 - Hill to Richardson & Lord: order for books.  
 Apr. 17 - Jedidiah Morse to Hill, re: publication of a new edition of Hist. of New England.  
 May 4 - Hill to Richardson & Lord: order for newspaper ink.  
 May 9 - Hill to Richardson & Lord: order for books; comments on what he has been selling.  
 May 17 - Hill to Richardson & Lord: order for ink and books.  
 May 19 - Copy of the plan of the parsonage and school lots on Little Pond Road as surveyed May 19, 1826.  
 May 26 - Order for books and printing supplies from Richardson & Lord  
 June 6 - Order from R.&L.  
 Sept. 18 - Hill to Richardson & Lord, re: Hill's financial condition; he owed them money which he could not pay.  
 Oct. 4 - Note, written by Hill, requesting Mr. Prescott to tell Mr. Kelly to go to Montpelier for Hill.  
 Dec. 4 - Hill to Richardson & Lord, re: Hill's accounts; Hill's brother again deranged and at an asylum in Charlestown.

Folder 2 (1827-1833)

## 1827

- Feb. 6 - Jonathan Russell to Hill, re: a subscription to Hill's paper.  
 Dec. 10 - Robert Alcock to Hill, re: ~~celebration~~ celebration commemorating the Battle of New Orleans.

## 1828

- Feb. 29 - Jonathan Harvey to Hill, re: Bartlett's speech; believes old democrats will not like it because of references to J.Q. Adams and Hartford Convention.  
 Apr. 6 - Cornelius Peter Van Ness to Hill (7 pp.), re: N.H. election; despicable, contemptible administration of J.Q. Adams and Henry Clay; bright future for Jackson in New Hampshire.  
 Sept. 1 - Gen. Duff Green to Hill; J.Q. Adams won't get a single western vote; Green appreciates the work Hill has done in N.H.

## 1829

- Mar. 25 - Gideon Welles to Hill: congratulations on Hill's appointment as Second Comptroller of the Treasury and post office appointments in Conn. under new administration.

1829

- Mar. 28 - Levi Woodbury to Hill, re: Post Office appointments in N.H.; also, general triumph of their party, victory of Pierce and Jackson.
- Apr. 2 - Charles Walker to Hill: congratulations on Hill's appointment.
- Apr. 13 - Hill to John Langdon Elwyn, re: appointment of Decatur as collector at Portsmouth.
- June 22 - Deed: Hill to Cyrus Barton and Horatio Hill, sale of Patriot and State Gazette.
- July 11 - Benjamin Kendrick Pierce to Hill: wishes Levi Woodbury had taken Mission to Spain so that Hill could have been appointed to replace him in Senate.
- July 27 - Tomas D. Morrison to Hill, re: recovering money he deposited with the quartermaster of his company during the War of 1812.
- Sept. 4 - Hill to his wife, Susan, re: illness in Washington as contrasted with illness in Concord; argues that there is no reason why she should be reluctant to come to Washington.
- Dec. 13 - Richard H. Ayer to Hill, re: Ayer's job at Portsmouth; Democratic prospects in N.H.

1830

- Jan 13 - Hill to Harry Stark; news from Washington about people they both know.
- Apr. 21 - E.G. Mallett to Joseph Hammons, re: the Senate's rejection of Isaac Hill for the post of Second Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury.
- May 4 - Transcript of letter to the N.H. Patriot and other papers, re: Senate's rejection of Hill as Second Comptroller of the U.S. Treasury.
- May 28 - Amos Kendall to Hill, re: circulating some address.
- June 1 - Amos Kendall to Hill, re: obtaining explicit support for Jackson from the N.H. Legislature.
- June 5 - A. Greenleaf and Daniel P. Drown to Levi Woodbury (copy), re: Woodbury's feelings about running for the Senate again; they have heard he doesn't want to.
- June 5 - Levi Woodbury to A. Greenleaf and D.P. Drown: an ambiguous statement about his own feelings on running for the Senate.
- June 10 - Certificate stating that Isaac Hill was elected to the U.S. Senate by the N.H. legislature, signed by Matthew Harvey, Governor, and Dudley L. Palmer, Sec. of State.
- June 30
- July 30 - William P. Hill to his father, Isaac, re: what William is doing in New Hampton, and how he is spending his money.
- Sept. 16 - Hill to his uncle, Nathaniel Russell: news on members of the family (deaths, where living, etc.); Russell was evidently out of touch for many years.
- Hill to John Branch requesting midshipman warrant for ? Hale

1831

- July 15 - Amos Kendall to Hill, re: affairs in Washington: bands of armed men and alarms; also, a discussion of Jackson's "real" friends.
- Aug. 29 - Hill to John Kelly: urges Kelly to take the job of reporting congressional activities for the Globe.
- Aug. 3 - Poem printed by J. Fellows, re: Gen. Timothy Upham's assault upon Isaac Hill.
- Aug. 11 - Hill to William Low, re: suit against Upham for assault.
- Dec. 9 - Susan A. Hill to her children, re: news from Washington; describes place where they are staying; names other senators boarding at same place.

1832 → Jan. &amp; Feb - 5 letters from Susan A Hill to her children

- Mar. 12 - Lorrain T. Pease to Hill, re: Hill's speech on the tariff; comments on tariff and nullification.
- Apr. 4 - Hill to William Prescott, re: plan for an Extra Globe.
- June 26 - Isaac Hill to his son John M. Hill, re: events in Washington; rumors of cholera on board a ship of immigrants, and of a terrifying, cat-like animal.
- August 1 - Notice: Public dinner for Isaac Hill.
- Dec. 27 - \_\_\_ B. Thornton to Hill, re: Hill's insulting, scandalous remarks about Thornton made in a letter to Cortland.

- 1833 Jan 2 - from Samuel Cortland trying to resolve misunderstanding with J.B. Thornton
- Mar. 21 - Bill to James Moulton, signed Horatio Hill.
- Apr. 3 - Hill to A.G. Danelson: inviting Pres. Jackson to visit Concord; includes description of Concord and the legislature.
- May 7 - Samuel Cushman to Hill; asking Hill's support for someone seeking the position of Ass't. Clerk of the House of Reps.; mentions Jackson's visit to Concord.
- Oct. 5 - Hill to Levi Woodbury (copy in Hill's handwriting), re: veto of the bank bill and withdrawal of the government's deposits.
- Nov. 13 - D'Azro A. Buck to Hill, re: executive appointments in Massachusetts.
- Nov. 31 - Susan A. Hill to son, John Hill, re: family news.
- Dec. 31 - Edmund Burke and John W. Tappan to Hill, re: sending Washington papers.

Folder 3 (1834-1837):

1834

- Feb. 25 - Cyrus Ware to Hill, re: Jackson and the necessity of saving the nation from the monopolists.
- May 11 - John M. and William P. Hill to their father Isaac Hill, re: local news from Concord: subjects studied at school; hotel construction in Concord and some comments on Hubbard, J. Harvey and Densmoore as potential U.S. Senators.
- re: prospectus of the Extra Globe  
 May 24 - Samuel C. Allen to Hill, re: control of the Massachusetts' press by the monied aristocracy, i.e. the monopolists or Whigs.
- June 11 - John McNeil to Hill, re: subscription to the Washington Extra Globe.
- June 13 - William C. Bradley to Hill, re: subscribers to the Washington Extra Globe.
- Aug. 20 - Hill to Judge Reed (Albany, N.Y.): a letter of recommendation for George W. Kittredge, M.D.
- Aug. 29 - Hill to John C. Rives, re: payment for Extra Globes sent to Burlington, Vt.
- Oct. 22 - Felix Grundy to Horatio Hill, re: advances of democratic-republicans in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states.
- Oct. 28 - Benjamin Pierce to Hill, et.al., re: democratic triumphs & some anti-bank comments.
- Dec. 4 - Samuel Hazen Ware (Hill's nephew) to Hill, re: family and local Concord news.
- Dec. 11 - Hill to Luther Roby, re: some property belonging to Hill.
- Dec. 29 - Daniel Clarke to Hill, re: patents on shingle mills.

1835

- Jan 1 - Thomas T. Smiley to Hill, re: Hill's subscription to the American Farmer.
- Jan. 29 - Hill to his son, John M. Hill: sending along a few things from Washington.
- Apr. 19 - Hill to Lewis Cass, re: appointment of Col. Collins at West Point.
- July 6 - Levi Woodbury to Hill, re: testimonials in favor of James Madison Dow.
- July 29 - note of \$300 owed by Hill to Israel Sanborn; also a note of \$1000 owed by Hill to Sanborn.

1836

- Feb. 6 - Jno. H. Houston to Hill, asking Hill to help with the promotion of Seth Eastman.
- Feb. 11 - Hill to John Farmer, re: document relating to life of James Leander Cathcart which Hill thought should be preserved by N.H.H.S.
- Mar. 28 - Hill to Capt. Moses Hoit, re: an application for a pension.
- Apr. 5 - Richard Rush to Hill, re: Hill's speech on the Land Bill and Hill's opposition to distribution.
- May 18 - Benjamin Pierce to Hill, requesting Hill to appoint Thomas Laws one of his aid-de-camps.
- June 21 - B.F. Butler to Hill, re: Hill's speech and views on the Land Bill.
- Oct. 10 - Hill to Levi Woodbury: recommending a son of Henry B. Chase for a position on an exploration trip to the South Seas.
- Dec. 28 - Hill to Henry Hubbard - soliciting employment for Henry B. Chan of Warner

1837

- Feb. 2 - Daniel P. Drown to Hill, re: unfair treatment of Drown by the N.H. Patriot (Col. Barton); comments on distribution of revenue among the states.

1837

- May 18 - John Farmer to Isaac Hill, re: ordering and preserving the state papers and records.
- June 26 - William C. Clark's commission as justice of the peace, signed by Isaac Hill, Governor.

Folder 4 (Electors for Van Buren - 1836):

1836

- Dec. 7 - Documents relating to the casting of ballots by the New Hampshire Electors of President and Vice President of the United States in 1836. 7 votes were unanimously cast for Martin Van Buren for President and for Richard M. Johnson for Vice President;

Folder 5 (1838-1845):

1838

- Mar. 31 - Levi Woodbury to Isaac Hill, congratulations on Hill's re-election as governor, and comments on the resumption of specie payments by the banks, and the importance of N.H. elections.
- June 9 - Levi Woodbury to Joseph Metcalf (N.H. Sec. of State), declining the position of chief justice of the New Hampshire Supreme Court.
- June 12, - Levi Woodbury to Hill, explaining why he declined the appointment as chief justice.
- June 14 - Richard Mentor Johnson to Hill: has read and likes some message written by Hill.
- June 23 - Samuel Cushman to Hill, re: changes in the Post Office in Newmarket desired by the democrats; also, speculation of the sub-treasury bill.
- July 26 - Benjamin Pierce to Hill: personal reminiscences: the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson, etc.

1839

- Feb. 26 - Hill to E.W. Tappan, re: supplying Mr. Williams with Farmer's Visitor.
- Oct. 31 - Andrew Jackson to Hill, re: politics in N.H. and Tennessee; also, the necessity of a national convention to nominate Col. Polk for the Vice-presidency.
- Dec. 13 - Mortgage on property sold by Hill to Francis Winkley and Israel Sanborn.

1840

- Mar. 26 - Release, by Hill, of rights to property over which town of Concord might build a road.
- May 14 - John A. Dix to Hill, re: an address which Dix and Gen. Anderson reworked for Hill.
- June 30 - Hill to William Prescott, declining an invitation to a Fourth of July celebration at which Richard Rush was to speak.
- July 1 - Note of \$1000 owed by Hill to Francis Winkley.
- Oct. 7 - Hill to W.C. Clarke: cannot go to Meredith during October.

1843

- Dec. 4 - Hill to David Henshaw (Sec. of Navy), requesting that David Ames Wells receive position as midshipman.

1845

- Jan. 3 - Hill (in N.Y.) to his sons, re: how Hill is spending his time, a post office contract Isaac Hill & Sons has, his health and the weather.
  - Mar. 3 - Andrew Jackson to Mrs. Isaac Hill, re: Isaac Hill's visit at the Hermitage/
  - Apr. 23 - Andrew Jackson, Jr. to Hill, re: Hill's sending a teacher or preacher to the Hermitage, and Jackson, Sr.'s health.
  - June 4 - Andrew Jackson, Jr. to William P. Hill, re: the schoolteacher that the Hermitage needs, and Jackson Sr.'s health.
- May 4 - Letter to David D. Brodhead



1845

- July 15 - Hill to Andrew Jackson, Jr., re: the schoolteacher Hill is sending to the Hermitage; Andrew Jackson and his death; and the Amoskeag Company.
- Nov. 25 - Memorandum of demands by Isaac Hill re: a property deal with Richard H. Ayer involving a brick block in Concord.
- Dec. 1 - Richard H. Ayer to Hill: a refutation of all Hill's charges re: the property deal involving the brick block.

Folder 6:

Isaac Hill's personal account book for the period Aug. 1844 through March 1847.

Folder 7 (1846-1848):

1846

- May 28 - S. Rumford to Hill, requesting information of the Governor of N.H.
- June 29 - Message from Countess Rumford to Hill, re: a fence between their properties.
- Sept. 3 - Statement of accounts, re: Hill's position as pension agent.

1847

- May 28 - Horatio Hill to Isaac Hill, re: Isaac Hill's lawsuit and family affairs in general.

1848

- Feb. 28 - Document accompanying treasury draft paid to Isaac Hill.
- Oct. 14 - Hill to his son, Isaac Andrew Hill, re: vegetables he has ordered and news of one of Andrew's acquaintances.
- Nov. 15 - Estimate of Isaac Hill's debts and property.
- Dec. 27 - William B. Hill to his father, Isaac Hill, re: William's adjustment to life in Portsmouth, Isaac Hill's lawsuit, William's business; William also admohishes his father for not writing or visiting more often.

Folder 8 (Jan. 1849 - June 1850):

1849

- July 27 - Peter Hagner to Hill, informing Hill that his accounts as pension agent had been audited and reported for decision.
- Sept. 20 - Levi W. Leonard to Prof. R.S. Rust: a letter printed in the Farmer's Monthly Visitor, re: the necessity of popular education.
- Oct. 6 - Hill to his son I. Andrew Hill, re: the potato crop around Haverhill, N.H. and the progress of Isaac Hill's lawsuit.
- Oct. 17 - deed of land in Concord from Isaac Hill to William Adams Russell.
- Dec. 1 - P.G. Washington (Auditor, Post Office Dept.) to Hill, re: Hill's accounts as pension agent.

1850

- Jan. 12 - Deed for land sold by Hill to Reuben Foster for \$2000; and a not for \$2000 owed by Hill to Foster.
- Feb. 18 - William P. Hill to Messr. S. Adams & Co. re: paying for a press which Isaac Hill & Sons bought from Adams; mentions that Isaac Hill is trying to collect \$1800 on post office contract.
- Mar. 12 - I. Andrew Hill to his father Isaac Hill, re: election returns and Andrew's voting in town election.
- Mar. 28 - Robert Smith to Hill, re: Hill's claims (probably relating to the post office contract).
- Apr. 20 - Daniel Webster to Isaac Hill (copy), re: their common interest in national unity.
- May 6 - Edward Curtis to Hill, re: the Hill-Webster correspondence on Webster's March 7, Union speech.

1850

- May 9 - Hill to Edward Curtis, re: Webster and Hill's common position on the union, and giving Curtis permission to publish the correspondence between Webster and Hill.
- May 10 - William R. Lincoln to Hill, requesting a copy of Hill's agricultural paper containing an article on potatoes.
- May 29 - William P. Hill to his father, Isaac Hill, re: family news from Concord.
- June 12 - John Langdon to Hill, re: Langdon's claims against the government.
- June 27 - George Templeman to Hill, re: purchasing the published American Archives and American State Papers.

Folder 9 (July 1850 - Dec. 1851):

1850

- July 4 - William P. Haines to Hill, asking Hill to write an obituary for William Pickering
- July 16 - List of books sent to Washington by Hill and a memorandum of books on hand.
- Aug. 7 - I. Andrew Hill to his father Isaac Hill, re: news from Concord: people, crops, etc.
- Aug. 13 - Hill to son, I. Andrew, re: his health and other family news, as well as some comments on getting paid by the post office dept.
- Aug. 15 - William P. Hill to his father, Isaac Hill, re: news from Concord: sold Gazette establishment, progress of crops, etc.
- Aug. 19 - James Russell to Hill: deposited money in Hill's bank account.
- Aug. 26 - I. Andrew Hill to his father, Isaac Hill, re: family and farming news.
- Sept. 10 - I. Andrew Hill to his father, Isaac Hill, re: Cousin Sarah and news about the family and crops.
- Sept. 28 - Hill to \_\_\_\_\_, re: Daniel Webster, compromise and union.
- Oct. 12 - deed for land sold by Hill to William Adams Russell.
- Nov. 11 - Bill for attorneys & fees from Hill's trial.

1851

- Jan. 17 - Hill to Daniel D. Broadhead, re: Hill's raising money before he travels to Washington.
- Feb. 7 - Hill to son I. Andrew, re: his trip to Washington.
- Feb. 8 - Hill to son William P. (?), re: effect of Washington weather on his health.
- Feb. 9 - I. Andrew to his father, Isaac Hill, re: news from Concord: sold refuse wood; the weather, etc.
- Feb. 18 - William P. Hill to his father, Isaac Hill, re: Andrew's selling of the wood.
- Mar. 20 - Daniel Webster to Hill: offering any help Hill might need.

1855

- Mar. 14 - Mrs. N.C. Towle to Mrs. Isaac Hill, re: a portrait of Isaac Hill done by Mrs. Towle in 1837.

Folders 10, 11 and 12 (1843-1850):

These folders contain circa 150 items relating to a lawsuit in which Isaac Hill was involved from 1846 through 1850. The suit developed from Hill's attempt to obtain a contract to print forms for the post office department. He accused one of his competitors, Alanson Cook, of irregular business practices and when his accusations were published, Cook brought an action for libel.

Hill eventually lost the suit at the trial level and an appeal was denied. In the years that the suit dragged on, it absorbed much of Hill's time and energy, as the case was tried in New York and Hill was forced to travel there frequently.

The material in these folders, from the years 1843 through 1850, relates to Hill's entire business involvement with the post office as well as his involvement in the lawsuit. It includes correspondence, memoranda of testimony of witnesses at the trial, and transcripts of court records. The principal correspondents are Cave Johnson, Post Master General; William J. Brown, Sec. to the Post Master General; John G. Miller, the Post Master

at Columbus, Ohio; William G. Wood and William Curtis Noyes, Hill's attorneys in New York; and C.H. Peaslee, a Concord, N.H. attorney.

## BOX 2

### Folder 1:

5 sample post office blanks. Isaac Hill & Sons printed this type of form for the Post Office Department.

### Folders 2 and 3:(1851-1852)

Material relating to the estate of Isaac Hill. Includes: correspondence; an inventory of the estate; miscellaneous accounts, receipts, checks and bills; and a list of books. Nathaniel B. Baker was executor of the estate and many of the items bear his name or signature.

### Folder 4:

Insurance policies of Isaac Hill, most of them from the Merrimack County Mutual Fire Insurance Company of which Hill was president in the 1830's and 1840's. There are policies from other companies as well. 15 items.

### Folder 5:

Miscellaneous deeds to land bought or sold by Isaac Hill.

### Folder 6:

Invitations to Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Hill, mostly from the years when Hill was a senator or governor.

~~Folder 6: Isaac Hill's accounts with Charles Walker, 1809-1828.~~

### Folder 7:

Circa 10 miscellaneous items relating to the Hill family in the 18th century. Includes: business agreements and deeds of James Hill of Newmarket, as well as the inventory of his estate at his death in 1811; also includes the indenture of John Hill of Nottingham to Joseph Cilley in 1797, and the will of Samuel Hill of Portsmouth (undated).

### Folder 8:

Miscellaneous items, evidently belonging to William P. Hill. Includes, among other things, copy of some correspondence involving Capt. James Leander Cathcart, Timothy Pickering, and Thomas Jefferson; a printed pamphlet entitled "Inauguration of Mill's Equestrian Statue of Andrew Jackson, at Washington, January 8, 1853;" and a clipping from a Boston paper on Amos Kendall, Isaac Hill, Andrew Jackson and their political opponents.

### Folder 9 (Montgomery and West families, 1815-1856):

20 letters, mostly between the Montgomery sisters of Haverhill, N.H. and their relatives. One sister, Nancy Montgomery, married John West; the folder contains some West letters and a typescript genealogy of the West family. An especially good letter (Aug. 19, 1815) from John West to Ann (Nancy) Montgomery describes at length conditions in Ohio and emigration to Ohio from the East. Another letter in the folder is from Levi Woodbury to John West (Jan. 3, 1826).

Most of the letters are lengthy and contain news of visits, illnesses and death as well as comments on personal philosophy. They are interesting for the insight they provide into the manners of the period.

The material in this folder was presented to N.H.H.S. by the New Hampshire Antiquarian Society along with some Isaac Hill material. The only relation this material has to Isaac Hill is that William P. Hill, Isaac Hill's son, married Clara West, the daughter of John and Nancy (Montgomery) West.