

KIMBALL-JENKINS COLLECTION**1753-1927**

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This document will be, of necessity, a general overview of the Kimball-Jenkins collection. There are numerous reference materials available for biographical information, as well as the Kimball genealogy in the Tuck Library. Also included in the collection is a loose-leaf notebook containing extensive genealogical data on, not only the Kimballs and their peripheral families, but also on Gages, Goulds, Masons, Morrills, etc.; many of which were in Carolyn Jenkins' line through her father, Walter Jenkins.

We have tried, whenever possible, to include brief genealogies with each family member, for clarity's sake; several important members have been similarly named, and there is a preponderance of Samuel, John, Sarah, Anne and Elizabeth, often all in the same generation, causing infinite confusion for the unwary. On occasion we have added clues as to which John Hazen Kimball or Anne Kimball the reader might be encountering.

The box containing the "Box Notes" gives a brief description, folder by folder (sometimes item by item) of each box's contents. Each folder is numbered, and on the folders, themselves, are brief description, as well, to contents. Each box has a duplicate sheet that corresponds to the one found in the box, titled Box Notes.

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Reference List of Boxes, according to Number:

The books which are interwoven throughout the collection are designated by the number of the box that precedes it, plus a second number to denote book status (for example, **18-1** or **72-3**) They are marked in bold face type on this list, and underlined for easier noting

Note: Several of the boxes in the collection contain smaller books, grouped by owner. These, in most cases, are also numbered in the same way to indicate books inside.

Box A—Administration, Various Genealogies, and Kimball Family Newsletters

Box B—Administration (Loose-leaf notebook with genealogies and biographical information)

Box C—Register, containing Scope Notes, Box List, and a detailed description of the contents of each box, by folder.

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1. **Early Concord, NH Documents--1700s**
 2. **JOHN HAZEN, (1758-1828), PRISCILLA MCKINSTRY HAZEN, 1765-1842)**
 3. **SARAH HAZEN, (1804-1862), correspondence, personal papers**
 4. **HAZEN family (CHARLOTTE HAZEN HUBBARD, GEORGE LEONARD HAZEN, NATHANIEL HAZEN, THOMAS HAZEN): also HUBBARD, GARDEN correspondence**
 5. **MCKINSTRY family (includes SPARHAWK, WILLIS, WINSLOW, AYER, etc.)**
 6. **STARKS**
 7. **DEACON JOHN KIMBALL (1738-1817), correspondence, business papers. Also papers of BENJAMIN KIMBALL, ANNA AYER KIMBALL, JAMES KIMBALL, THOMAS PARKER, and Federal Bridge**
 8. **JOHN KIMBALL (1769-1840), sons: JOHN HAZEN KIMBALL (Barton John), FREDERIC WHITE KIMBALL, SYLVESTER DANA KIMBALL: daughters, CLARA KIMBALL, MARY KIMBALL, LUCRETIA plus grandchildren (see also Box 27)**
 9. **BENJAMIN KIMBALL (1771-1818) and HARRIET KIMBALL GREEN (1799-1881)(daughter)**

Clarification of names

Samuel Ayer Kimball, as is shown in the genealogy chart, had a brother John. Each of them married; John, early in life, and Samuel, into his forties. Each had several children, among them, one named for himself, and one for his brother, hence, there were now two Samuel Kimballs, and two John Hazen Kimballs, the two younger Samuels and Johns nearly a generation apart in age.

We have separated the two Johns by calling the younger, Samuel's son John, "Bath John," because he removed to Maine after marrying Anne Humphries, (and now there were two Anne Kimballs who became fast friends) and there he proceeded to have five sons. One was named John. One was named Samuel. His cousin John Hazen Kimball (the elder of the two cousins), moved to Barton Vermont (and is referred to as "Barton John") where he married Harriet, and had several children, one of whom was named John. he also had a son Samuel who died at birth.

It was the custom in previous centuries when marrying into another family to adopt that family as one's own. One's husband's sister was referred to as one's sister, and was called "sister," one's brother was considered "brother" to all the extended families; no verbal or written distinction was made between sisters-in-law and blood kin, cousins-in-law and real cousins, etc. We have discovered that the term "in-law" existed but it was used only by the lower classes, maids, household help, and so forth. One reference was found and has been noted in which a woman commented, "or as my [maid] would say, 'sister-in-law' ..." We have attempted to be as specific and clear as is possible along the way, to keep everyone straight, in our own minds as well as for any researcher.

One further note about names is that there were two Samuel Ayer Kimballs; the second, later one was the son of Bath John H. Kimball (and the grandson of SAK), a physician, two years younger than George M. Kimball, also a physician. We refer to him as Dr. Samuel A. Kimball.

Scope Notes:

Box 1:

Early Concord documents, ca. 1753-1812: covering the early days of Concord's formation; highways, town meetings, government, etc. Resolutions, proclamations, etc. The final document concerns Joseph Brandt: a letter purported to be written by him, concerning questions of happiness vs. civilization. Encapsulated, with transcription and biographical information included.

Boxes 2-4:

Hazen family papers, ca. 1801-1896

Box 5:

Mckinstry family, includes Sparhawk, Willis, Winslow, Hazen, Ayer and Leonard family correspondence, 1760-1824

Box 6:

Stark family correspondence, ca. 1820-1890.

Boxes 7-9:

Deacon John Kimball (1738-1817) (box 7), son John Kimball (1769-1840) (box 8, but see also box 27), and son Benjamin Kimball (1771-1818) (box 9)

Boxes 10 and 12-26:

Samuel Ayer Kimball (1782-1858), 1800-1858: family, legal, business: including Roby Merrill Kimball Bible publishing venture. Also six leather-bound books pertaining to his law practice and business dealings, 3 Mylar envelopes and one oversized box containing Senate Journals, 1813-1815

Box 11:

Elizabeth Hazen Kimball (1788-1867), 1801-1867: personal correspondence

Box 27:

John Kimball (see also box 8)

Boxes 28-33:

Sarah Kimball (1779-1869), 1801-1869: letters to friends, family. Diary entries, religious writing, poetry etc.

Boxes 34-38:

Hazen Kimball (1767-1819)--1784-1819: business, family letters, most notably to his sister, Sarah. Five leather or parchment bound volumes documenting business dealings both in Concord and Savannah, Georgia.

Boxes 39-41:

Hannah Kimball Dana (1777-1846), 1802-1846
Sylvester Dana (1769-1849), 1800-1849
children: CB Dana, Hannah Dana Tappan, Ann Kimball Dana Barrows

Boxes 42-45:

42-Anna Kimball Parker True (1773-1850)-- includes correspondence concerning Anna's first husband, Robert and her stepdaughter Clarissa, as well as her second husband John True and his business ventures.

43-Clarissa Parker Smith (stepdaughter)

44-Luther and Antoinette Morrill: It is unclear about the relationship if any between Samuel Morrill and Luther Morrill, but Luther and Antoinette (Nettie) were apparently close to George Kimball and quite important in his life as he was growing up.

45-Dr. Samuel Morrill and Elizabeth Kimball

Boxes 46-50:

Anne Ayer Kimball (1830-1896), 1846-1892:

Large collection of personal correspondence to and from Anne involving both family and non-family, as well as legal and financial documents (1852-1896) and a number of small account books, diaries, etc.

Boxes 51-52:

John Hazen Kimball (1823-c. 1901) letters by John and his wife, Anne Humphreys Kimball, to family. To brothers Samuel Sparhawk Kimball primarily about business, 1852-1876. Includes 52-1, business ledger, 1859-1860.

Boxes 53-54:

George Leonard Kimball (1825-1892), letters to brother, Samuel S. Kimball, concerning Kimball and Perry business, 1866-1875; also letters to family, 1846-1876. Includes personal correspondence by his wife Mary Magness Kimball, 1864-1884, and estate papers.

Boxes 55-61:

Robert E. Jones (1813-1889) and Priscilla Jones (1827-1890), 1844-1889. Letters to family and friends, including the death of their only child Mary, and concern about Robert's business acumen. Extensive papers about Priscilla's estate, and the business papers and letters of Robert, mostly dealing with projects gone awry. Estate papers for Robert Jones, bills, receipts, etc. Also 3 large leather account books, 1869-1871, RE Jones & Co.

*Boxes 62-71, * 73-75:*

Samuel Sparhawk Kimball (1828-1899), the bulk of the boxes contain business papers which have been removed from their original files, in order, bills and receipts, work orders and bills of lading, etc. The remainder is personal correspondence. Included is specific business correspondence dealing with his enterprises in Dardanelle, Arkansas, as Murdock and Kimball.

Also 32 leather bound volumes of varying sizes, dealing with accounts from business ventures in Dardanelle, Arkansas and Concord NH. See book list for specifics.

Box 72:*

Hannah Mason Kimball (1824-1889), wife to Samuel S. Kimball, correspondence to son George M. Kimball, 1867-1884.

Boxes 76-94:

George Morrill Kimball (1855-1927): personal papers include letters; financial papers, notebooks and ledgers relating to medical education (1879-82). There are three boxes, 80-1, 80-2 and 80-3 containing lecture notebooks, Harvard Medical School notebooks, etc. 80-4 through 80-13 pertain to his medical practice; calls, prescriptions, daybooks, visiting lists, etc.

Business papers deal with a variety of business ventures; several advertising companies which failed within a year of being formed, as well as Boscawen Mills, and Contocook Mfg.

Boxes 95-98:

95: **Gage family correspondence**, including three leather books, two from Thomas Emery, and one from E. Murray.

96-97: **Annie Louise Gage Kimball (1852-1933)** (wife of George Morrill Kimball), personal correspondence, 1885-1920: papers, invitations, etc. Includes 97-1, a box of books (see list) including Bibles and account books.

98: **Robert Gage Kimball (1888-1958)**, son to George and Annie Louise; and **Natalie Allen Kimball (1895-1958)** (wife), correspondence to family.

Boxes 99-111:

Miriam Bancroft Jenkins (1894-1927) first wife of Walter Jenkins. Travel documents, details of death in China during childbirth.

Box 100 contains extensive photographs of China

101-102: Walter Jenkins (1893-1977), personal correspondence, legal, financial and estate papers.

103-108: Louise Mason Kimball Jenkins (1896-1974), (daughter of **George and Annie Louise Kimball**), second wife of Walter Jenkins. Correspondence with husband, dau. Carolyn, and other family members.

109-110: Carolyn Jenkins (1930-1981), daughter of Walter and Louise Jenkins; personal papers, education. Included is **110-1**, Estate records

111: Miscellany

Boxes 112-116:

Oversized Boxes, A-E -- George Morrill Kimball, (1855-1927)

Box A contains 9 folders of blueprints, drawings, and rough sketches for both electric and horse drawn delivery wagons, most done by F.C. Morton for various of Morrill Kimball's companies, 1897-1902.

Also sketches for the Kimball Monument, floor plans for the Kimball Jenkins mansion, and several letters and documents on oversized paper.

Box B contains sketches on drawing linen and paper for the Motor Vehicle Advertising Company, 1900-1901

Box C, blueprints for same, encapsulated

Boxes D and E are preliminary rough sketches for a delivery wagon, ca 1900