



## **Guide to the Albert G. Webster Letter Books, 1883-1903**

### Administrative Information

**Title and Dates:**

Albert G. Webster Papers, 1883-1903

**Repository:**

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**Collection Number:**

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**Author of Finding Aid:**

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**Creator:**

Albert G. Webster, -1904

**Language:**

The materials in this collection are in English.

**Extent:**

4 Volumes

**Abstract:**

The Albert G. Webster letter books, 1883-1903 contain 4 volumes of copies of letters sent by Albert G. Webster from November 5, 1883 to August 1903. The volumes also include an abstract, inventory, and exhibit of the Kindred Farm, Kindred Blocks, the Villard Hotel Property, the Hartley Brothers of Business Blocks and Farm, the Billups Lands, and Sec. 16\_49\_14, in Douglas Co. Wisconsin.

## Access and Use

### **Acquisition Information and Provenance:**

The Arthur G. Webster letter books were a gift of Linda S. Wright on February 18, 1992.

### **Processing Information:**

The finding aid was updated by Katelynn Vance in October 2014. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

### **Access Restrictions:**

Available for research.

### **Location:**

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

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Collection Overview

### **Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:**

Albert G. Webster was born about 1825 when his parents Nathaniel and Sarah Lovering Webster were living in North Danville, NH. The family appears to have been descended from the Kingston, NH, branch of the Webster's as he mentions in Volume 4, page 20-22, his grandparents Benjamin Webster and Mary Page Webster (d. circa 1815) and an earlier ancestor Captain Jacob Webster.

Notes in his letter books show that he moved to Chicago, IL, around 1865 where he was employed by the Superior & Duluth Railroad in the right-of-way department until about 1890. From 1891 to 1897 he lived in Superior, WI where he worked in abstracting. In about 1897 because of ill health, he retired to the family farm in North Danville, NH.

### **Collection Scope and Content Note:**

The Albert G. Webster Papers, 1883-1903 contain 4 volumes of copies of letters sent by Albert G. Webster from November 5, 1883 to August 1903. Webster's letters discuss both personal and business matters. The volumes also include an abstract, inventory, and exhibit of the Kindred Farm, Kindred Blocks, the Villard Hotel Property, the Hartley Brothers of Business Blocks and Farm, the Billups Lands, and Sec. 16\_49\_14, in Douglas Co. Wisconsin.

**Arrangement:**

The collection contains 4 bound volumes containing correspondence. The volumes are arranged in chronological order.

**Contents List**

- Volume 1 Letter book, 1883-1884  
November 5, 1883 –August 1884; Inventory and exhibit of land in Douglas County, Wisconsin, copies of letters regarding the land of the Hartley Brothers
- Volume 2 Letter book, 1897-1898  
Mentions farming, sale of lumber from sister's land, specification of parts and ordering of "tip cart" and "dingle cart" to be built, business regarding improvements and taxes on Chicago property, efforts to sell said property, orders book on windmills, complains about muddy roads
- Volume 3 Letter book, 1899-1901  
Sells apples, mention of son Burt Webster in St. Louis, MO, buys horses, received the Wisconsin newspaper, writes to nephew Walter B. Brown in Ashland, NH, mention of maple sugar, sells property of George W. Brown (possibly of Haverhill, MA) at auction in December 1899, takes care of business for sisters Mattie D. Webster Brown and Juliette Webster Pollard.
- Volume 4 Letter book, 1901-1903  
Letters to Col. David Quigg (originally of Chester, NH) who was Webster's attorney in Chicago, IL, letters to New England Brick in Epping, NH re: sale of cord wood from his sister's land, consulted regarding railroad right-of-way in Chicago in letter answered in August 1903

**Subject Terms****People:**

Brown, George W.  
Brow, Mattie D. Webster  
Brown, Walter B.  
Quigg, David  
Webster, Albert G., -1904

**Subjects:**

Apples  
Brick manufacturing  
Business  
Farming  
Lumbering

**Locations:**

Chicago, IL  
Danville, NH  
Douglas County, WI