

## **Guide to the John Wingate Weeks Papers, 1804-1899**

### Summary Information

#### **John Wingate Weeks Papers, 1804-1849**

#### **Repository:**

New Hampshire Historical Society  
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**Collection Number:** M 1974.072

**Finding Aid:** Updated by Sarah Galligan, October 2013 based on an earlier finding aid.

**Creator of the Collection:** John Wingate Weeks, 1781-1853, James W. Weeks, 1811-1899

**Language:** English

**Extent:** 1 box, approximately 250 items and 1 volume

**Abstract:** Papers, 1804-1849, of John Wingate Weeks consisting primarily of correspondence from Weeks' time in the military, as sheriff of Coos County, and as United States Representative. James Wingate Weeks', 1811-1899, recollections of Lancaster, NH are included in the collection.

## Access and Use

**Acquisition Information and Provenance:** This collection was accessioned in 1974 as 1974- 072. James W. Weeks' recollections of Lancaster, NH were a gift of William B. Jordan Jr., December, 1974.

### **Processing Information:**

This collection was originally processed following accession. The finding aid was updated by Sarah Galligan in October 2013. This finding aid follows the standards set-forth by *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.

**Access Restrictions:** Available for research

**Location:** This collection is located in the New Hampshire Historical Society.

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### **Preferred Citation:**

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## Biographical Information

John Wingate Weeks was born in Greenland, NH on March 31, 1781. His family then moved to Lancaster, NH. He was appointed ensign in the militia in 1804, and then was appointed Captain of the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Army in 1812. Weeks was then promoted to Major in 1815. Following his time in the military, he served as sheriff of Coos County and a state senator to the New Hampshire legislature. As a Jacksonian Democrat, he was elected as a United States Representative from 1829 to 1833. He died in Lancaster, NH on April 3, 1853. John Wingate Weeks is the great uncle of John Wingate Weeks who served as a United States Representative, a United States Senator, and Secretary of War under President Warren G. Harding and President Calvin Coolidge.

## Collection Scope and Content

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

The John Wingate Weeks Papers, 1804-1899, mainly consists of the political correspondence of John Wingate Weeks while he served as Sheriff of Coos County and

United States Representative. The collection is divided into two series: Series I. John Wingate Weeks, 1804-1849 and Series II. James Wingate Weeks, 1811-1899. The first series contains the papers of John Wingate Weeks. Early letters discuss the War of 1812. Much of the correspondence from Weeks' terms as United States Representative discusses President Andrew Jackson and his division with Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, and Daniel Webster. John Wingate Weeks was a supporter of President Andrew Jackson, and the collection includes invitations from President Jackson and Martin van Buren. The collection contains letters discussing how people in New Hampshire feel about national politics as well as New Hampshire's role in some political decisions. Series II. James Wingate Weeks includes a bound scrapbook regarding Lancaster, NH that James Wingate Weeks created.

**Arrangement:** Chronologically

Series I. John Wingate Weeks, 1804-1849

Series II. James Wingate Weeks, 1811-1899

## Contents List

### **Series I. John Wingate Weeks, 1804-1849**

Extent: Approximately 250 items

Scope and Content Note: Series one contains correspondence and other items related to the career of John Wingate Weeks, 1781-1853, including letters written to him immediately preceding and during the War of 1812, while he was sheriff of Coos County, NH, and while he served as United States Representative from 1829-1833. Many letters discuss Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, and John C. Calhoun as well as the political climate of New Hampshire. The series is organized chronologically.

#### Folder

1. 1804-1815
2. 1816-1819
3. 1821-1826
4. 1827-1828
5. 1829- May 1830
6. July- December 1830
7. January-December 1830
8. November-December 1830
9. January-April 1832
10. May-October 1832
11. November- December 1832
12. 1833
13. 1834-1836

14. 1838-1839
15. 1840-1849

## **Series II. James Wingate Weeks, 1811-1899**

Extent: 1 volume

Scope and Content: This series contains one volume of recollections on Lancaster, NH that James Wingate Weeks wrote and collected during the course of his life while living in Lancaster, NH. The recollections mention both John Wingate Weeks, 1781-1853 and John Wingate Weeks, 1860-1926.

### Folder

1. Recollections on Lancaster, NH

## Subject terms

### **Organizations:**

- Bank of the United States (1816-1836)
- Democratic Party (U.S.)
- Postal Service

### **Subjects:**

- Temperance—societies, etc
- United States—History—War of 1812

### **Locations:**

- Lancaster, NH
- Coos County, NH
- Washington, DC

### **People:**

- Weeks, John Wingate, 1781-1853
- Weeks, James Wingate, 1811-1899
- Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851
- Thornton, James Bonaparte,
- Rogers, Nathaniel Peabody, 1794-1846

- Bartlett, Richard, 1794-1837
- Gilman, John Taylor,
- Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851
- Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845
- Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
- Calhoun, John C. (John Caldwell), 1782-1850
- Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852
- Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862
- Pierce, Franklin, 1804-1869

## Related Materials

Weeks-Brackett Papers, 1791-1829, M 1999.020. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.

Wingate Family Papers, 1769-1897, M 1907.001. New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH.