



Guide to the Edward Whitman Jr. Papers, 1797-1844, 1911

Administrative Information

Title and Dates:

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Repository:

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Collection Number:

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Author of Finding Aid:

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Creator:

Edward Whitman Jr., 1779-1845

Language:

The materials in this collection are in English.

Extent:

1 Manuscript Box

Abstract:

This collection contains materials relating to Edward Whitman Jr. and the Whitman Family of Henniker, NH. Among the items in the collection are account books, journals, correspondence, and receipts. Topics include farming, weather, family activities, commentary on some international events, and the emancipation of a family slave.

Access and Use

Acquisition Information and Provenance:

Acquired at an unknown date; accessioned in 1977.

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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Collection Overview

Biographical Information/ Administrative Information:

Edward Whitman was born in Boston on October 20, 1779, to Edward Whitman (d. 1805) and Mary Brewer Whitman (1755-1807). He moved to Henniker, NH, with parents where his father worked as a merchant and a farmer. He had two brothers, Thomas Whitman (b. 1787) who lived in Boston, MA, and Ebenezer (b. 1787) who had stayed on the family property in Henniker, NH. After years as a merchant, Edward ran the family farm with Ebenezer. He married Polly Goss and together they had eight children.

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Arrangement:

The collection is not arranged into series. The following description is limited to the folder title and a brief description

Contents List

- Folder 1 Edward Whitman, Jr. Journal, 1808-1815
10 items; loose papers recording farm activities, births and deaths, weather and earthquakes, family activities, and an occasional international event such as Napoleon's escape from Elba and peace with Great Britain in 1815
- Folder 2 Family Correspondence, 1801-1854
6 items; William R. Putnam, regarding taxes, letters by Thomas Whitman to Edward Whitman, 1811, Jacob Whitman to Ephriam Goss, 1813, etc.
- Folder 3 Miscellaneous Receipts and Accounts, 1814-1844, 1911
60 items; house rental on Ship St., fabric, thread, and button purchases, purchases from Page Eaton, household items and farm activities, etc.
- Volume 1 Accounts, 1829
1 item; this book is empty except for a note that it was given by Edward Whitman to Edward Brewster Whitman in 1829
- Volume 2 Accounts and Journal of Edward Whitman Jr., 1800-1809
1 item; includes accounts reflecting farming activities such as pasturing cows, purchase of bridles and saddles. An accident on Cornish Bridge is described in 1808 and the release of a black family slave in December 1809. There is genealogical information for the Whitman family in the back of the volume
- Volume 3 Accounts, 1837-1844
1 item; records notes given and paid, farm activities, pay for laborers, building chimneys, deaths in town and activities of local people as well as an occasional international event such as the birth of a daughter to Queen Victoria in 1840

Subject Terms**People:**

Eaton, Page
Goss, Ephriam
Napoleon I, Emperor of the French, 1769-1821
Putman, William R.
Whitman Family
Whitman, Ebenezer, 1787-
Whitman, Edward, 1779-1845
Whitman, Edward, - 1805
Whitman, Edward Brewster
Whitman, Jacob
Whitman, Mary Brewer, 1755-1807
Whitman, Thomas, 1789-

Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901

Victoria, Empress, consort of Frederick III, German Emperor, 1840-1901

Subjects:

Accounts

African Americans

Cornish Bridge

Earthquake

Farmer

Genealogy

Merchant

Slavery

Weather

Locations:

Henniker, NH

Occupations:

Farmer

Merchant

Related Materials

Edward Whitman, Account Books: 1946.002