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Scope and Content:
The collection is an assortment of papers, mainly correspondence, collected and donated by Bruce W. Hazelton. Most of the materials bear little relation to each other, containing family postcards and letters sent between spouses, siblings, and cousins, friendly notes concerning daily business, as well as official correspondence dating from Maine’s time as part of Massachusetts and beyond. More well known names include John M. Gould and his wife Amelia, G. B. Barrows (George Bartlett Barrows?), Alpheus S. Packard, Shepard Cary, as well as last names Stanley, Bickford, Robinson, Coburn, Bradley, Thomas, Horr, Clinton, Booker, Candage, Fessenden, etc.

Provenance: Gift of Mr. Bruce W. Hazelton.

Folder 1:
-5 Postcards from John M. Gould to his wife, Amelia Gould, 1878-1882 and undated.
-2 Postcards from Amelia Gould to John M. Gould, 1885 and 1888.
-Postcard from Stuart to G.B. Barrows of Fryeburg, undated.
-Catarrh recipe, undated.
-Cough syrup recipe, undated

Folder 2:
-Letter to Capt. Robinson from A. Yales, 1838.
-Letter from “Father and Mother,” undated.
-Letter to M. Bradley from Abner Coburn, 1847.
-Articles of Argument, signed by James W. Lyman (agent), R.W. Day, John Fox, Bucknam Blake, and S.W. Pope, 1858.
-Letter of merit for Mabel Littlefield, of North Parsonfield Seminary, signed by M.K. Mabry, 1871.
-Letter to First Selectman Mr. Smith of Clinton, from B. Booker, 1871.
-Specimen of Photo-Electrograph, 1887.
-Letter to Joseph and Sarah Stanley (?) from Nancy Stanley, 1864.
- Letter to L.E. Bickford, undated.
- Nametag of Frank L. Gray, undated.
- List of dry goods, 1852.
- Letter to the Land Agent of the State of Maine from Hezekiah Lombard, 1847.
- Copy of a discharge certificate of Thomas Morrison, signed by James Thompson and J. Burton, 1865.
- Letter from George Weston, 1862.
- Letter to tax assessors of Marion, ME from P.H. Longfellow, clerk, 1872.
- Letter to Mrs. Julia Stubbs from P.M. Stubbs, 1852.
- Deed granting land from Matthew Cleland to the St. Croix Coal and Firestone Company, ca. 1845.
- Letter to Eli Webb of Windham, unsigned and undated.
- Letter from Ladoc Long, of Buckfield, 1847.
- Indenture between Thomas Cleaves, Jacob Huson, George Mead, James Morrison, and George Brown, 1862.
- Articles of Agreement signed by J.W. Lyman (agent), John Fox, and S.W. Pope, 1857.
- Letter to Tax Assessors of Maine, signed by Eben Everett (cashier) and John Humphrey (Justice of the Peace), 1838.
- Letter to Mr. Parker Libby, Secretary of the Temperance Society of Gray, ME from the Cumberland County Temperance Society, 1835.
- Letter from Manning Ellis, 1834.
- Candage family genealogy, undated.
- Letter to R.G.W. Dodge, Esq. of Bluehill from R.G.F. Candage, 1876.
- Letter to “Brothers and Sisters,” from Abel Merrill and Anna Merrill, 1796.

Folder 3:
- Letter on genealogy to Emily S. Hall from Nathan Mitchell of Plymouth Antiquarian Society, 1849.
- Letter to John Burnham from E.M. Cousins and the Biddeford Second Congregational Church, 1900.
- Letter to Nellie from Lucy, 1880.
- List of property owned by Nathaniel Littlefield, 1850.
- Missionary’s list of specimens of Eastern languages, undated.
- Telegram form in French, to Liverpool, undated.
- Letter to Gil from Connie and Caddie, 1855.
- Letter to Josiah Richardson, of [Chelmsford, MA,] from Silas Richardson, 1843.
- Blank certificate of Examination of the Country Treasurer by the state treasurer, undated.
- Blank certificate of a warrant of distress against a delinquent taxpayer, 1790s.
- Blank certificate of a warrant of distress on the property of the inhabitants, undated (post 1800).
Letter to [Samuel Thing of Gray] from James O'Donnell, 1848.
Letter to [Merrill Chase of Woodstock] from Edward Little, 1825.
Letter to Augustine Blake, Esq. from Edward Little, 1842.
Letter to “Sis” [Delia Dennison] from “Brother Sambo,” 1848.
Letter to [Bath Collector of Customs] from Samuel Miller (?), 1842.
Letter to J.W. Seaver, Esq. of South Berwick, Maine, from Phineas Pratt, 1842.
Letter to [Luther] Fitch of Portland, from Jacob E. Bevvy of Fryeburg, 1841.
Letter to “Green and Susan” from Eliza, and to “Parents” from J.P. Weston, addressed to Mr. Eliphaz Weston, [1846].
Letter to J.H. Ingersoll of Greenbush, from W.A. Pratt in Freeport, 1849.
Letter to [Joseph True, c/o Capt. James Sawyer, Schooner Cairo, NYC] from wife Marie (?) Be True, undated.
Letter to W.C. Cristy from the Treasury Office, signed by B.D. Peck and Wm. (?) Caldwell, 1858.
Letter to “Cousin Andrew” from D.W. Fessenden, 1860.
Letter to F.A. Walden from True, Hayward & Company in Bangor, 1854.
Letter to “Cousin” from “Cousin Nell,” 1856.
Letter to [Joseph Titcomb of Augusta] from George P. Titcomb, 1850.
Letter to Levi Bradley, Esq. from Leo. Pierce, 1843.
Letter to Luther D. Sawyer, Esq. in [Ossipee, NH] from John Brown at Hancock Barracks in Houlton, 1838.

Folder 4:
Letter to Hon. E. Robinson, from Daniel Sanborn at Sebec, on Whig politics, 1838.
Letter to Ichabod Brant from Charles Frazer, 1794.
Deed, signed by S. Pease in Cornish, 1837.
Letter to John F. Mareene, Esq. in the House of Representatives in Augusta, from J.D. McCrate, Esq., 1842.
Letter to the Hon. J.R. Kingsbury from J. Wyman Phillips, in Orrington, 1876.
Letter to the Hon. Cornelius Holland in Canton, from Charles Keene, 1832.
Letter to Mrs. Agnes Bacon, c/o Mr. W.H. Bacon, in West Newton, MA, from Franklin Henry Eaton in Portland, 1847.
Letter to the Hon. Rufus McIntire [P.M. of Lincoln] from G.W. Jacob, 1840.
Note to Mr. McClallan from F.H. Grant in Westbrook, 1875.


Letter to [Fred Robinson] from Joshua C. LeFevre, 1839.

Letter to Harris Garcelon, Esq. at St. Albans from J. True, at Bangor, 1841.

Letter to G. Williamson from C.F. Paddach at Augusta, 1843.


Letter to “Cousin Miriam” from L.A. Wilcox at Lewiston, undated.

Letter to Miriam from Lizzie A. Wilcox at Lewiston, undated.

Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Fairfield at Kennebunk Depot, from son William Fairfield at Saco, 1849.

Letter to John Harris, Esq. of Portland, from Nathan Alden at Thomaston, with petition to the Hon. Governor and Council of the State, from Nathan Alden, inmate at Thomaston State Prison, 1826, signed by Daniel Rose, Warden Thomaston State Prison, 1826.

Handwritten copy of a letter to Daniel Webster, Esq. from Joseph Gilman at Wells, 1841.

Folder 5:

Letter to Doctor Bearce at New Gloucester, from Sally Bearce at Bridgewater, concerning General Knox, 1805.

Letter to the Selectman of Chesterville, on behalf of John L. Bundy, signed by Hiram Belcher at Farmington, 1835.


Letter to the Selectman of Chesterville, on behalf of John Oakes, signed by R.H. Vose, 1834.

Letter to A.J. Heath, Esq. from [Hezekiah Williams, U.S. Representative], in Washington, 1846.

Political letter to the Hon. C.D. Parris from N.L. Woodbury at Portland, 1856.


Notice to the Selectman of Fryeburg regarding the sale of liquor, signed by Robert Bradley and Ebenezer Fessenden, Selectman of Fryeburg, and Thomas Clark, clerk, 1818.

Letter to Ruth Bradbury at York from N.H. Bradbury at Belfast, 1824.

Letter to the Sup. School Committee of Dixmont, from Joseph Bartlett, School Commissioner for Penobscot County, at Bangor, 1852.

Letter to “Cousin Fanny” from J.W. Baxter, with postscript from an aunt, at Gilroy, 1879.

Letter to John Hancock, Esq. of Augusta, Maine, from Oliver Crosley (?) of Otisfield, undated.


Letter to Fred J. Dow, Esq. from P.P. Gilmore, state liquor commissioner, at Bucksport, 1892.
Letter to Levi Cutter, Esq. in Portland, from his son Edward, at NY, 1823.
Receipt for $1.75 payment from A. Black, Esq. to Daniel C. Stanwood of Augusta, 1846.
Letter to “Brother Chandler” from D. Field at Oakland, 1890.
Letter to Lizzie B. Croswell, from Abbie S.S.W. Bailey, possibly at Maine Wesleyan Seminary, undated.
Letter to Mr. Leavitt, from Walter C. Ross at Brunswick, with dimensions of a large lobster, 1824.
Letter to the Selectmen of Wiscasset from R. Elwell of Boston, with details of weapons sales, 1814.
Newspaper article on San Juan earthquake, addressed to Mr. A.C. Chandler of New Gloucester, ME, 1890.
Plan of land called “Chester First Purchase,” prepared by Oliver Sewall, 1831.
Letter to Capt. Thomas Browne from Joshua Leavitt in Portland, requesting employment as a teacher, 1821.
Militia of Massachusetts company order to Segt. Robert Nevens from Lieut. Samuel True, 1815.
Receipt to Major N.C. Allen from Robert Thorndike of North Yarmouth, 1798.
Promissory note from Samuel Rufsell, signed by Nathaniel C. Allen, to Capt. Robert Thorndike, in North Yarmouth, 1798.
Letter to “Brother and Sister” from Emma and Joseph, of Gardiner, ME, 1872.
Letter to the keeper of the Monhegan Light, Monhegan, from James Earskins in Waldoboro, regarding political nominations, undated.
Letter to Mrs. Robert Bell, of Pasamaquady [sic], from Rhoda Colcord of Berwick, 1802.
Letter to Daniel Manning, Secretary of U.S. Treasury, Washington DC, from James Doyle, of East Lyndon, Aroostook County, Maine, 1885.
Letter to Edward Robinson from Boynton Miller of Thomaston, 1839.
Scrap of a letter from Mr. Edy, Piscataquis Farms, undated.

Folder 6:
Photograph of 2 boys, undated.
Sign from Gray’s Portland Business College, Portland, ME, undated.
Sample of illuminated initials, undated.
Alfred Tennyson playing card, undated.
Letter to William K. Greene, Esq. of Paris Hill, ME from J. Willard Greene of Manassas, VA, 1879.
Scrap signed by Catharine G. Wedgwood, undated.
Obituary of Prof. William B. Wedgwood, undated.
Letter to J.B. Ruesman, of Washington, from J.B. Brown, regarding the Burnham heirs in America, 1873.
Letter to Mr. R.H. Richardson of Danville from Franklin P. Shumway Company, signed by D.J. MacMichael, 1909.
Ticket for the musical “Direct Hit,” in Portland, ME, 1944.
Ticket to admit D. Averill to a Promenade Council event, Portland, 1858.
Genealogical notes, undated.
- Cure for dyspepsia, undated.
- Invitation to Col. Lewis Hunton to attend a military and civic ball, Readfield, 1840.
- Certification that V.D. Parris, Marshal Dt. Maine, paid the Treasurer of the United States $1963, signed by Assistant Treasurer Henry Hubbard, Boston, 1847.
- Ad for the Oxford County Advertiser, 1886.
- Ad for bonds from E.H. Rollins and son, undated.
- Annual statement of the Second Congregational Church of Biddeford, ME, 1899.
- Pamphlet for the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport, 1885.
- Musical announcement from Miss Frances DeMotte of Bucksport, ca. 1885.
- Letter to alumni from F.A. Pitcher, Westfield, MA, 1897.
- Invitation to Masonic ceremonies after the funeral of Rev. John Rice, Gray, 1888.
- Directory of the Plymouth Ave. Church, Oakland, CA, 1890.
- Program for Encampment of Castine Normal Alumni Association at Sandy Point, ME, 1897.
- Letter regarding Otisfield schools, signed by Stephen Knight and Robert Anderson, selectmen of Otisfield, 1809.
- Letter to J.B. Waits from Jeremy Hill, in Biddeford, 1787.
- Letter to Mr. Smith from Jon. McNamara, undated.
- Letter to Asa Smith, Esq. from A. Freeman at Dover, 1838.
- Letter [to Asa Smith at Mattawamkeag] from John Smith, Jr. and Danville, proposing a real estate deal, 1849.