



Maine Historical Society

Coll. 2924
Fitch family
Collection
1782-1906

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Biographical note: Luther Fitch (1783-1870), of Portland, Maine, was a Judge of Probate in 1835. He and his wife Almira Titcomb had seven children -- daughters Mary Titcomb, Caroline, Harriet, and Adeline, and sons Andrew Titcomb, Edward, and Luther. Andrew Titcomb Fitch, a physician, moved to New York in 1853, having failed to obtain a job at Chelsea Hospital (Mass.). Luther Fitch, M.D. (1821-1891) moved to California in 1850 and settled in Foster's Bar, Yuba County where he mined for gold and ran a medical practice. Edward Fitch pursued a real estate and brokerage business in Chicago, in partnership with Frederick Harding. In 1853, he married Helen Adelaide Hovey (1838-1975).

Scope and content note: The majority of this collection are manuscript and typescript (copies of) letters between members of the Fitch family dating from 1824 to 1906. There are also legal documents and deeds from the late 18th and early 19th centuries relating to the Fitch family.

Related collections: See also Coll. 2502, which also contains Fitch family correspondence. There is also a Judge Luther Fitch correspondence, 1850-1856, collection at the Huntington Library in California (<https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/collection/data/85257176>)

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Inventory:

Box 1

Folder 1: Correspondence relating to Luther Fitch family 1824-1847, including William, Daniel, Luther

Folder 2: Correspondence relating to Luther Fitch family 1850-1852, including from Luther to his son in California

Folder 3: Correspondence relating to Luther Fitch family 1857-1858, including to California

Folder 4: Correspondence relating to Luther Fitch family 1866-1867, including Fort Hayes, Kansas (Andrew)

Folder 5: Three handwritten letters – unknown to and from – and one typed letter to Aunts Almira and Lena from nephew 1906

Folder 6: Fitch family deeds and legal documents 1782-1810, including Zechariah