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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: Sanford Family. Papers
Collection #: Ms B103
Dates: 1775-1882
Size of collection: 50 items (1 oversize)
Accession number: Donated about 1935
Donor: Myron R. Sanford and Samuel C. Shaw
Restrictions: None
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Biographical/historical note:

Lemuel Sanford (1699-1780), was the progenitor of this particular branch of the family. He and his wife Rebecca Squire, had sons Hezekiah (1731-1798), Lemuel (1740-1803) and Ezekiel (1742-1808). Hezekiah had sons Aaron (1757-1849) who married Lydia Hawley and was a church deacon, Hezekiah (1762-1834), William (1764-1837) and Zalmon (1767-1809). Lemuel had son Lemuel (1769-1831) who married Mary Heron. For more information on the family see Jacobus's History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield and Samuel Orcutt's History of the Towns of New Milford and Bridgewater.

Scope and content note:

The collection consists primarily of legal documents related to members of the Sanford family of Fairfield, Redding and New Milford. The series are arranged chronologically by the date of birth of the person who created or received the documents.

Series A contains the estate settlement, 1799, and a copy of a slave manumission, 1806, from the estate of Hezekiah Sanford (1731-1798). The papers of Aaron Sanford (1757-1849) are arranged in Series B. They consist of a religious diary, 1818-1842; pulpit notes, n.d.; legal documents, including a bond concerning a slave, 1806, a list of his taxable estate, 1822, and a codicil to his will, 1842; a selection of writings to his son, n.d.; and farm account books, 1785-1827, 1837-1842, which contain diary-type entries and genealogical notations. Lemuel (1769-1831) is represented in Series C by deeds, 1795-1839, a power of attorney document, 1826, and an appointment, 1827.

Series D contains documents related to various family members, including a 1775 promissory note to Lemuel (1740-1803); a deed to Lydia Sanford, wife of William (1764-1837); two letters from Horace N. Sanford of Bridgewater, who is stationed at Fort Hooker in Virginia, to a friend named Lyman, 1863, describing life in an army camp; and an insurance certificate, 1882, issued to Daniel Sanford for his home in Easton.

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Series A. Hezekiah Sanford Papers, 1799, 1806

Folder 1. estate settlement, 1799; slave manumission, 1806

Series B. Aaron Sanford Papers, 1806-1842

Folder 1. Religious diary, 181-1842

Folder 2. Pulpit notes, n.d.

Folder 3. Legal documents, 1806-1842; writings, n.d.

Folder 4. Account book, 1785-1827

Folder 5. Account book, 1837-1842

Folder 6. Copies of legal instructions and writings, n.d.

Series C. Lemuel Sanford Papers, 1795-1829

Folder 1-2. Deeds, 1795-1829

Folder 3. Power of attorney, 1826; appointment as commissioner, 1827

Series D. Assorted family papers, 1775, 1863-1865, 1882

Folder 1. Promissory note to Lemuel Sanford, 1775; deed to Lydia Sanford, 1865

Folder 2. Letters from Horace Sanford, 1863; insurance certificate for Daniel Sanford, 1882

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Subject headings:

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Sanford, Aaron, 1757-1849
Sanford, Hezekiah, 1731-1798
Sanford, Lemuel, 1769-1831