

The Levi Woodbury Family

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Collection Summary

Title: Levi Woodbury Family Papers

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Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Correspondence, diaries, speeches and writings, financial and legal papers, genealogical notes, autograph collections, scrapbooks, clippings, and other papers chiefly of Levi Woodbury and also of his son, Charles Levi Woodbury, and other family members.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851
Bancroft, George, 1800-1891--Correspondence
Barnes, Isaac O.
Benton, Thomas Hart, 1782-1858--Correspondence
Blair, Montgomery, 1813-1883
Clapp, Asa, 1762-1848
Clapp, Asa W. H. (Asa William Henry), 1805-1891
Eastman, Nehemiah, 1782-1856
Helferstein, John--Correspondence
Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851--Correspondence
Hoyt, Jesse--Correspondence
Hubbard, Henry, 1784-1857--Correspondence
Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845--Correspondence
Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872
Pearce, Dutee Jerould, 1789-1849--Correspondence
Putnam, William L. (William Le Baron), 1835-1918--Correspondence
Rantoul, Robert, 1805-1852--Correspondence
Rives, William C. (William Cabell), 1793-1868--Correspondence
Rush, Richard, 1780-1859--Correspondence
Steele, George Washington, 1839-1922--Correspondence
Taylor, Mary A.
Van Buren, Martin, 1782-1862--Correspondence
West, Nathaniel, 1794-1864--Correspondence
White, Campbell Patrick, 1787-1859--Correspondence
Woodbury, Charles H. (Charles Howe)--Correspondence
Woodbury, Ellen C. D. Q. (Ellen Carolina De Quincy), d. 1909
Woodbury, Gordon, b. 1863--Correspondence
Woodbury family
Wright, Silas, 1795-1847--Correspondence
Bank of the United States (1816-1836)
Great Britain. Treaties, etc. United States, 1871 May 8
United States. Dept. of the Treasury
United States. Navy--History
United States. Navy Dept.

Vigilant (Ship)

Anne, Queen of Great Britain, 1665-1714. Letter of Anne, Queen of Great Britain

Cahoone, John. Journal of John Cahoone

Charles II, King of England, 1630-1685. Letter of Charles II, King of England

Fox, Gustavus Vasa, 1821-1883. Papers of Gustavus Vasa Fox

Fox, Virginia L. Woodbury. Papers of Virginia L. Woodbury Fox

Hancock, John, 1737-1793. Letter of John Hancock

Woodbury, Charles Levi, 1820-1898. Papers of Charles Levi Woodbury

Woodbury, Elizabeth Williams Clapp. Papers of Elizabeth Williams Clapp Woodbury

Woodbury, Levi, fl. 1780-1781. Logbooks of Levi Woodbury

Subjects:

Bank deposits

Customs administration--United States

Elections--United States--19th century

Finance, Public--United States

Financial crises--United States--19th century

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Telegraph--Patents

New Hampshire--Politics and government--1775-1865

United States--Politics and government--19th century

Occupations:

Cabinet officers

Governors--New Hampshire

Jurists

Lawyers

Senators, U.S. Congress--New Hampshire

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Levi Woodbury (1789-1851), lawyer, judge, governor of New Hampshire, United States Senator, secretary of the navy, secretary of the treasury, and Supreme Court justice, along with those of his son, Charles Levi Woodbury (1820-1898), lawyer, were presented to the Library of Congress between 1929 and 1972 by Gist Blair, Edith Blair Staton, William E. Smith, Robert S. Pace, and others. The Library also purchased materials 1903-1965.

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Biographical Notes

(A [Genealogical table](#) expressing relationship to Levi Woodbury is also available.)

Levi Woodbury

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
|---------------|---|
| 1789, Dec. 22 | Born, Francestown, N.H. |
| 1809 | Graduated with honors from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. |
| 1809-1812 | Studied law at Litchfield, Conn., Boston, Mass., and Exeter, N.H. |
| 1812 | Admitted to the bar and began practicing in Francestown, N.H. |
| 1819 | Married Elizabeth W. Clapp; moved to Portsmouth, N.H. |
| 1817-1823 | Associate justice, New Hampshire superior court |
| 1823-1824 | Governor of New Hampshire |
| 1825 | Member, New Hampshire state house of representatives |
| 1825-1831 | United States senator |
| 1831 | Declined nomination to the New Hampshire state senate |
| 1831-1834 | Secretary of the navy |
| 1834-1841 | Secretary of the treasury |
| 1838 | Declined appointment as chief justice, New Hampshire superior court |
| 1841-1845 | United States senator |
| 1845-1851 | Associate justice, U.S. supreme court |
| 1851, Sept. 4 | Died, Portsmouth, N.H. |

Charles Levi Woodbury

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event</i> |
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| 1820, May 22 | Born, Portsmouth, N.H. |
| 1831 | Moved to Washington, D.C., with family |
| 1840-1845 | Practiced law, Ala. |

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| 1845 | Moved to Boston, Mass., and practiced law |
| 1857 | Member, New Hampshire state legislature |
| 1858-1861 | United States district attorney for Massachusetts |
| 1870-1871 | Member, Massachusetts state legislature |
| 1898, July 1 | Died, Boston, Mass. |

Genealogical Table (Relationship to Levi Woodbury)

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| Barnes, Hannah T. Woodbury | sister |
| Barnes, Isaac O. | brother-in-law; husband of Hannah T. Woodbury |
| Blair, Gist | grandson; son of Montgomery and Mary E. Woodbury Blair |
| Blair, Mary E. [a.k.a. Minna] Woodbury | daughter |
| Blair, Minna | <u>See Richey, Minna Blair</u> |
| Blair, Montgomery | son-in-law; husband of Mary E. Woodbury |
| Blair, Montgomery, Jr. | grandson; son of Montgomery and Mary E. Woodbury Blair |
| Blair, Woodbury | grandson; son of Montgomery and Mary E. Woodbury Blair |
| Brooks, Frances B. Clapp Olney | sister-in-law; sister of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Brooks, Samuel R. | brother-in-law; second husband of Frances B. Clapp Olney |
| Brunetti y Gayoso, Virginia W. Lowery, Duchess of Arcos | granddaughter; daughter of Archibald H. & Frances A. Woodbury Lowery |
| Clapp, Asa G | father-in-law |
| Clapp, Asa W. H. | brother-in-law; brother of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Clapp, Charles Q. | brother-in-law; brother of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Clapp, Elizabeth W. | <u>See Woodbury, Elizabeth W. Clapp</u> |
| Clapp, Elizabeth W. Quincy | mother-in-law |
| Clapp, Frances B. | <u>See Brooks, Frances B. Clapp Olney</u> |
| Clapp, Julia M. Dearborn | sister-in-law; wife of Asa W. H. Clapp |
| Clapp, Julia O. Wingate | sister-in-law; wife of Charles Q. Clapp |

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| Clapp, Mary J. E. | niece; daughter of Asa W. H. and Julia M. Dearborn Clapp |
| Clapp, Mary J. G. | <u>See Emerson, Mary J. G. Clapp</u> |
| Clapp, W. H. Emerson | nephew; born Edward C. Emerson, son of Andrew L. and Mary J. G. Clapp Emerson, changed name, 1848 |
| Dearborn, Julia M. | <u>See Clapp, Julia M. Dearborn</u> |
| Dearborn, Sarah | relationship unknown |
| Dodge, Harriet Woodbury | sister |
| Dodge, Perley | brother-in-law; husband of Harriet Woodbury |
| Eastman, Anstriss B. Woodbury | sister |
| Eastman, George N. | nephew; son of Nehemiah and Anstriss B. Woodbury Eastman |
| Eastman, Nehemiah | brother-in-law; husband of Anstriss B. Woodbury |
| Emerson, Andrew L. | brother-in-law; husband of Mary J. G. Clapp |
| Emerson, Edward C. | <u>See Clapp, W. H. Emerson</u> |
| Emerson, Mary J. G. Clapp | sister-in-law; sister of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Fox, Gustavus V. | son-in-law; husband of Virginia L. Woodbury |
| Fox, Isabel W. Howe | niece; daughter of Luke and Mary Woodbury Howe |
| Fox, John | nephew-in-law; husband of Mary E. Howe and Isabel W. Howe |
| Fox, Mary E. Howe | niece; daughter of Adonijah and Mary Woodbury Howe |
| Fox, Virginia L. Woodbury | daughter |
| Grimes, Martha Woodbury | sister |
| Grimes, Mary J. W. | <u>See Morton, Mary J. W. Grimes</u> |
| Grimes, Thomas | brother-in-law; husband of Martha Woodbury |
| Guild, Charles F. | nephew of Gustavus V. Fox |
| Howe, Adonijah | brother-in-law; first husband of Mary Woodbury and brother of Luke Howe |
| Howe, Isabel W. | <u>See Fox, Isabel W. Howe</u> |
| Howe, Luke | brother-in-law; second husband of Mary Woodbury and brother of Adonijah Howe |

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| Howe, Mary E. | <u>See Fox, Mary E. Howe</u> |
| Howe, Mary Woodbury | sister |
| Kettell, James | husband of Mary Quincy |
| Kettell, Mary Quincy | maternal aunt of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Lowery, Archibald H. | son-in-law; husband of Frances A. Woodbury |
| Lowery, Frances A. Woodbury | daughter |
| Lowery, Virginia W. | <u>See Brunetti y Gayoso, Virginia W. Lowery</u> |
| Lowery, Woodbury | grandson; son of Archibald H. and Frances A. Woodbury Lowery |
| Morton, Mary J. W. Grimes | niece; daughter of Thomas and Martha Woodbury Grimes |
| Olney, Frances B. Clapp | <u>See Brooks, Frances B. Clapp Olney</u> |
| Olney, Gideon W. | brother-in-law; first husband of Frances B. Clapp |
| Quincy, Abraham H. | maternal uncle of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Quincy, Charles E. | cousin of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Quincy, Elizabeth W. | <u>See Clapp, Elizabeth W. Quincy</u> |
| Quincy, Martha | probably a cousin of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Quincy, Mary | <u>See Kettell, Mary Quincy</u> |
| Richey, Minna Blair | granddaughter; daughter of Montgomery and Mary E. Woodbury Blair |
| Sheafe, Edmund Q. | a relative of Mrs. Levi Woodbury |
| Wingate, Julia O. | <u>See Clapp, Julia O. Wingate</u> |
| Woodbury, Anstriss B. | <u>See Eastman, Anstriss B. Woodbury</u> |
| Woodbury, Charles H. | nephew; son of Peter P. Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Charles L. | son |
| Woodbury, Elizabeth W. Clapp | wife; daughter of Asa G. and Elizabeth W. Quincy Clapp |
| Woodbury, Ellen C. deQ. | daughter |
| Woodbury, Frances A. | <u>See Lowery, Frances A. Woodbury</u> |
| Woodbury, George W. | brother |

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| Woodbury, Gordon | great nephew; grandson of Peter P. Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Hannah T. | See Barnes, Hannah T. Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Harriet | See Dodge, Harriet Woodbury |
| Woodbury, James T. | brother |
| Woodbury, Jesse | brother |
| Woodbury, John McG. | relationship unknown |
| Woodbury, (Captain) Levi | relationship unknown |
| Woodbury, Luke | cousin |
| Woodbury, Martha | See Grimes, Martha Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Mary | See Howe, Mary Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Mary E. ("Minna") | See Blair, Mary E. Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Mary Woodbury | mother |
| Woodbury, Peter | father |
| Woodbury, Peter P. | brother |
| Woodbury, Peter T. | nephew; son of Peter P. and Martha Riddle Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Robert S. | nephew; son of George W. and Martha J. Spiars Woodbury |
| Woodbury, Virginia L. | See Fox, Virginia L. Woodbury |
| Woodbury, William R. | nephew; son of Peter P. and Martha RiddleWoodbury |
| Woodbury, Zebulon | relationship unknown |

Scope and Content Note

The Levi Woodbury Family Papers include correspondence, diaries, speeches and writings, financial and legal papers, genealogical notes, an autograph collection, scrapbooks, clippings, and other material relating to Levi Woodbury (1789-1851), his son, Charles Levi Woodbury (1820-1898), and other family members. The collection spans the period 1638-1914 but is concentrated chiefly in the years 1804-1897. Levi Woodbury's papers, which make up three-fourths of the collection, provide an insider's view of United States policy and politics during the first half of the nineteenth century.

The largest segment of the papers is the [General Correspondence](#) file. A major portion of the file documents Levi Woodbury's cabinet service, especially as secretary of the treasury (1834-1841). The executive branch perspective of Jacksonian policy is clearly evident in the controversy surrounding the Bank of the United States, the removal of deposits, the Specie Circular, and the Panic of 1837 as well as the operation of customs houses and land offices.

Correspondence dealing with national politics also figures prominently in the file. Letters received during Woodbury's cabinet and senatorial years (ca. 1824-1845) concern the presidential elections of 1824 and 1828, the nomination of Martin Van Buren in 1836, and the Democrats' loss of the presidency to the Whigs in 1840 and their success in 1844. Most of Woodbury's outgoing correspondence during these years is in the form of letterpress copies which have been segregated as a separate subseries. The copies are of poor quality and are often difficult to interpret. Some of the most informative material consists of letters from around the nation describing local elections and reactions to administration policy.

Significant correspondents include George Bancroft, Thomas H. Benton, John Helfferstein, Isaac Hill, Jesse Hoyt, Henry Hubbard, Andrew Jackson, Dutee J. Pearce, Robert Rantoul, William C. Rives, Richard Rush, Martin Van Buren, Nathaniel West, Campbell B. P. White, and Silas Wright, Jr.

Woodbury's national government service is also documented in memoranda, notes, reports, and speeches in the [Speeches and Writings](#) file; diary entries relating to his years as secretary of the navy, in the [Journals and Diaries](#) file; and in clippings and scrapbooks of clippings in the [Miscellany](#). There is relatively little in the papers pertaining to Woodbury's years on the Supreme Court. His early years as student, lawyer, judge, and governor are covered most completely in the [General Correspondence](#), [Speeches and Writings](#), and [Journals and Diaries](#) files. His memoranda on self examination, personal reflections, and an autobiographical sketch done in 1817 provide insight into his formative years. In addition to Woodbury's diary entries, the [Journals and Diaries](#) file contains a copy of a journal by Captain John Cahoon aboard the *Vigilant* in 1829, ships's logs kept by a Captain Levi Woodbury, 1780-1881, and a lengthy diary kept by Woodbury's daughter, Virginia L. (Woodbury) Fox, 1860-1878.

The [Family Correspondence](#) series and the [Family Papers: Administrative and Financial File](#) contain material written by or relating to Woodbury's extended family. The most numerous and important letters in the Family Correspondence are those exchanged by Woodbury and his wife. Woodbury's letters, many of which are in draft form, are concerned with personal, family and political matters and cover much of his courtship and married life. Also important in these files are letters written by Isaac Barnes, Montgomery Blair (mostly to Charles L. Woodbury), Asa G. Clapp, Asa W.H. Clapp, Nehemiah Eastman, Virginia L. (Woodbury) Fox (mostly to C. L. Woodbury), Charles L. Woodbury, Elizabeth W. (Clapp) Woodbury, and Ellen C. deQ. Woodbury (mostly to C. L. Woodbury). A folder of general correspondence of Gustavus V. Fox, assistant secretary of the navy, 1861-1865, is also present, although most of the correspondence postdates his government service.

The [Genealogical Notes](#) series consists chiefly of notes on the Woodbury and related families. Largely the work of Charles L. Woodbury and his sister, Ellen, the notes probably provided the basis of Charles Woodbury's *Genealogical Sketches of the Woodbury Family: Its Inter-marriages and Connections*, published posthumously and edited by Ellen C. deQ. Woodbury (Manchester, N.H., John B. Clarke Co., 1904).

The [Miscellany](#) series includes an autograph collection compiled by Charles L. Woodbury and others, two Indian treaties (1713 and 1717), contemporary copies of letters from Charles II and Queen Anne, and a letter from John Hancock to his wife regarding Congress's imminent flight from Philadelphia (1777). Copies of documents retained by the donors are inserted in the collection. Letters addressed to Levi Woodbury and once a part of this autograph collection have been interfiled in the [General Correspondence](#) file. The Miscellany series also contains biographical material on Levi Woodbury, including a memoir by his son (1881), and on Charles L. Woodbury, naval documents from the papers of Gustavus V. Fox dealing with fiscal matters and contracts (1847-1850), declarations of the crew of the *Lillias* (1860), and a report on the "Naval Defence of Sweden" (1867); appointments and citations; and printed material.

The papers of [Charles L. Woodbury](#) contain his [general correspondence](#), [subject files](#), and [speech and writings files](#). Two scrapbooks and clippings associated with Charles L. Woodbury are filed among the [Miscellany](#). Of primary interest in these papers is material relating to the United States- Canadian fisheries dispute of the 1880s. Letters, notes, and clippings document the seizure of various United States vessels and Woodbury's legal work directed toward modification of the Washington Treaty of 1871. There is also material case related to Samuel F. B. Morse's telegraph patent and on matters relating to the estate of Mary A. Taylor. Civil docket of Woodbury's years as United States district attorney for Massachusetts are also present. The remainder of his papers contain drafts and notes of articles and speeches. Correspondents include William L. Putnam, George Steele, Charles H. Woodbury, and Gordon Woodbury. Although the last two mentioned are relatives, their letters, aside from two by Gordon Woodbury, have not been placed in the [Family Correspondence](#) series, since they deal primarily with business matters.

Related Material

Material related to the Woodbury family is also included in the [Blair Family Papers](#) in the Manuscript Division.

Organization of the Papers

The collection is arranged in nine series:

- [Journals and Diaries, 1780-1878](#)
- [Family Correspondence, 1680-1914, n.d.](#)
- [Family Papers: Administrative and Financial File, 1787-1906, n.d.](#)
- [General Correspondence, 1809-1851, n.d.](#)
- [Speeches and Writings File, 1804-1849, n.d.](#)
- [Charles L. Woodbury Papers, ca. 1840-1904, n.d.](#)
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Journals, diaries, ship logs, and diary notes and reflections. All material is ascribed to Levi Woodbury unless otherwise noted.
Arranged alphabetically by author.

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Arranged alphabetically by name of family member and thereunder chronologically.

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Arranged by type of material and thereunder chronologically.

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