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ABSTRACT

This collection consists of the personal correspondence, family genealogical records, published materials, and official documents from the Metcalf Family.

ARRANGEMENT AND PROCESSING NOTES

This collection was re-arranged in chronological order of materials to make ease of use. All non-archival duplicate materials were removed from the collection placed into Genealogy files available to researchers in main Research Library.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Metcalf Family collection spans two boxes and six folders of materials originating from 1618 to the 1930s. This collection is divided into six series relating to the Metcalf Family: Michael Metcalf, Thomas Metcalf(s), Jonathan Metcalf, other Metcalf's, genealogy, and family books.

The Michael, Thomas, Jonathan, and other Metcalf boxes include land deeds, wills, marriage certificates, agreements, personal letters, and witness statements.

The genealogy boxes include two folders of genealogical work done by family members and others. The series is split into two folders; one containing work done by Metcalf's and the other containing work done by non-family.

The book box contains multiple academic books as well as personal journals.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michael Metcalf (1587 – 1668)

Michael Metcalf was born in 1587 in Tottenham England. He received his release from the city of Norwich in 1618 and emigrated to Massachusetts in the 1637 as one of the earliest

families to arrive in town. He and his wife Sarah married in 1616, had eleven children, and began accumulating land in Dedham through a series of land deeds once they arrived. He was the first schoolmaster in Dedham, elected to the position in 1655 because of his status as an educated and respected man. After the death of his first wife Sarah in 1644, he remarried a widow Mary Pidge less than a year later. His sons Michael and Thomas and his daughter Sarah are also included in the series.

Thomas Metcalf (1671-1704)

Thomas Metcalf was the son of Thomas Metcalf and Mary Metcalf. He was born May 7, 1671 in Dedham, MA. He married Sarah Avery on November 24, 1696. The pair had four children. Thomas died on December 12, 1704.

Jonathan Metcalf (1676-1738)

Jonathan Metcalf was the son of Deacon Jonathan Metcalf and Hannah (Kenric) Metcalf. He was born September 21, 1676 in Dedham, MA. He married Hannah (Avery) Metcalf and the pair had four children. Jonathan died March 5, 1738.

RELATED MATERIALS

The Dedham Historical Society & Museum also holds the following materials related to these families:

Avery Family Papers

Some Descendants of Rev. Leonard Metcalf of Tatterford Parish, Norfolk, England; CS2

Diary and Journal (1755-1807) of Seth Metcalf; CT2

Metcalf Memories; CS2

The Metcalf and Small Families; CS2

The Genealogy of the Allied Families of Gertrude Rothenberger Metcalf, CS2

Metcalf Genealogy; CS2

Genealogy of a Branch of the Metcalf Family; CS2

The Metcalf Family; CS2

Barnabas Metcalf of Franklin Mass. and his Descendants; CS2

Medecalf; CS2

American Ancestors and Descendants of Zephi Brockett Metcalf; CS2

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Series I: Michael Metcalf

Folder 1:

1. Freedom of the city of Norwich, **Michael Metcalf**, September 1618
2. Public notary, John Warner, September 1636
3. Family register, **Michael Metcalf**, April 15, 1637
4. Genealogy, **Michael Metcalf**, 1637
5. Deed from the Town of Dedham, **Michael Metcalf**, May 18, 1637
6. Deed to Richard ----- from **Michael Metcalf**, December 20, 1662
7. Deed to **Michael Metcalf** from the Town of Dedham, 1668
8. Deed to **Thomas Metcalf** from **Michael Metcalf**, June 16, 1684
9. Deed to **Michael Metcalf**, June 14, 1684
10. Probate notice to **Sarah Metcalf** from **Michael Metcalf**, October 5, 1705
11. Deed to **Michael Metcalf** from William Avery, 1705
12. Town meeting notice from William Avery to **Michael Metcalf**, April 27, 1706
13. Memorandum book belonging to **Michael Metcalf**, 1726

Series II: Thomas Metcalf

Folder 2:

1. Agreement between Robert and Mary Onion and **Thomas Metcalf**, 1674
2. Document of Benjamin Onion's naming **Thomas Metcalf**, December 24, 1681
3. Document describing a wedding gift given to **Thomas Metcalf** from his father **Thomas Metcalf**, October 25, 1696
4. Document detailing an exchange of money to Michelle Metcalf widow of **Thomas Metcalf** "in lieu of a horse to ride, May 29, 1704
5. Document detailing a land transfer to **Thomas Metcalf** from William Avery
6. Document detailing an agreement between Richard Everett and **Thomas Metcalf**, August 7, 1721
7. Document describing an indenture to Sarah and **Thomas Metcalf** following the death of **Thomas Metcalf**, January 31, 1725
8. Indenture of partition between Joseph Wight and his wife Sarah and **Thomas Metcalf**, January 31, 1725
9. Book owned by **Thomas Metcalf** (photocopy), 1740

Series III: Jonathan Metcalf

Folder 3:

1. Deed from John Smith to **Jonathan Metcalf**, January 17, 1684
2. Letter to "loving brother **Jonathan (Metcalf)**" from Jona(?) Metcalf, March 19, 1717
3. Will of John Darling naming **Jonathan Metcalf**, June 20, 1728
4. Will of Josiah Smith naming **John Metcalf**, May 15, 1732

5. Receipt of payment of a sum of 500 pounds between Nathaniel Ames and **Jonathan Metcalf**, January 25, 1729
6. Memorandum of the personal estate of **Jonathan Metcalf**, November 5, 1787
7. Inventory of the personal estate of **Jonathan Metcalf**, October 8, 1788
8. Accomplit of **Jonathan Metcalf** as guardian of Elizabeth Metcalf for payment of a sum, December 27, 1787
9. Witness document of **Jonathan Metcalf's** will by James Sullivan, September 29, 1788
10. Deed to the estate of Elizabeth Metcalf signed by James Sullivan, October 14, 1788
11. Inventory of the estate of Elizabeth Metcalf, April 8, 1788
12. Marriage certificate between Hannah Newman and **Jonathan Metcalf**, August 27, 1766
13. Letter containing an account of the death of **Lieut. Jonathan Metcalf** on September 5, 1778 and an inventory of **Jonathan's** estate

Series IV: Other Family Members

Folder 4:

1. Deed to Nathan Whiting from **Sarah Metcalf**, February 20, 1727
2. Will of Daniel Fisher witnessed by **John, Joseph, and Jonathan Metcalf**, September 5, 1733
3. Receipt of payment of one pound eight shillings from **Michael Metcalf** to William Bacon, March 13, 1759
4. Account of credits between Henry Wight and **John Metcalf**, began January 20, 1788, ended September 26, 1792
5. Application of a new member to the proprietors committee signed by **Joseph Metcalf**, March 3, 1748
6. Letter from **Theron Metcalf** to Charles Train, July 17, 1828
7. Deed from Obed Baker, Joseph Richardson and Welsy Bach to **Jesse Metcalf**, August, 1835
8. Letter from **Jonathan Metcalf** to Col. Weed, February 9, 1852
9. Metcalf Family Record
10. Marriage certificate between Fred Parnell Baker and **Grace Eva Metcalf**, August 23, 1886
11. Letter from Don Gleeson Hill to ---- Metcalf, December 26, 1891
12. Part of Windsor magazine "The White Horses," 1913
13. Letter from ---- Metcalf to Arthur W. Thayer, December 26, 1933

Series V: Genealogy

Folder 5: By Metcalfs

1. Genealogy of the Metcalf Family prepared by **E.W. Metcalf**, July 22, 1892
2. Genealogy of the Metcalf Family prepared by **Jabez Henry Metcalf**, October, 1902

3. Letter from **Irving W. Metcalf** to Arthur W. Thayer, August 6, 1923
4. Letter from **Irving W. Metcalf** to Annie R. Thayer, April 2, 1923
5. Letter from **Irving W. Metcalf**, to Arthur W. Thayer, November 20, 1926
6. "Medecalf" by **Thomas Metcalf**
7. Letter from **Thomas Metcalf** to "Mr. Metcalf," November 20, 1933
8. Letter from Arnold H. Miller to **Elizabeth Metcalf**, August 11, 1924
9. Letter from J. Hunt to **Elizabeth Metcalf**, August 8, 1924
10. Letter from **Marion Metcalf** to Arthur W. Thayer, February 18, 1929
11. Letter from **Elizabeth Metcalf** to Arthur W. Thayer, May 28, 1929
12. Letter from **Charles Metcalf** to Mrs. Thayer, February 23, 1929
13. Letter from **Thomas Metcalf** to Professor Lytle, December 9, 1933
14. Copy of an excerpt of a book sent to **Elizabeth Metcalf**

Series V: Genealogy

Folder 6: By others

1. Family Record
2. Genealogy notes
3. Letter to Don Gleeson Hill from ----, February 27, 1890
4. Letter to A.H. Miller from Fred Johnson, October 8, 1924
5. Descriptions of the Penny Ghent Hills
6. Family tree by Charles W. Lytle, 1930
7. Letter from Lewis Tinker to Arthur W. Thayer
8. Letter from Lewis Tinker to Arthur W. Thayer
9. Letter from Nellie V. Clark to "Mrs. Arthur W. Thayer," May 14, 1931
10. Letter from Nellie V. Clark to "Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Thayer," June 4, 1931
11. Letter from W.T. Hand to "The Rectory," September 26, 1933
12. Letter from Charles W. Lytle to Arthur W. Thayer, November 20, 1933
13. Letter from W.T. Hand to "Mr. Metcalf," November 23, 1933
14. Letter from W.T. Hand to "The Rectory," December 8, 1933
15. Letter from Charles W. Lytle to Arthur W. Thayer, January 25, 1934
16. Genealogy notes
17. Genealogy notes and description of the Penny Ghent Hills
18. Genealogy notes
19. Genealogy notes
20. Genealogy notes
21. Genealogy notes
22. Family Tree
23. Genealogy notes
24. Genealogy notes
25. Genealogical record