

GUIDE TO THE BARNARD FAMILY PAPERS

Scope and Content Note

The Barnard Family Papers have been received by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association from many sources over many years. They number approximately 1150 pieces and date from 1697 to about 1940. Certain materials that relate to the family are of considerably later date.

The papers are those of Francis Barnard (1617-1698), an early settler of Deerfield, of his son Joseph Barnard (1641-1695), and of a number of Joseph's descendants. The names of those members of the family who are represented by papers are underlined in red on the preceding chart. The letter and number that follow many of the names on that chart, and in the notes below, refer to the number assigned to the individual by George Sheldon in genealogical notes on the Barnard family that are included in the second volume of his *History of Deerfield* (1895). Many of the following biographical notes were taken from the same source. John Barnard of Hadley, possibly a collateral relative, is represented by one paper.

Biographical Notes and Description of Series

Francis Barnard [S1] was a maltster who lived in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1644. He became one of the first settlers of Hadley (1659) and later of Deerfield (1673). He returned to Hadley during Phillip's War and died there February 3, 1697/98, at the age of 81. Prior to 1641 he had married Hannah Marvin; they had two daughters and four sons. After her death he married, in 1677, Frances Foote Dickinson, the widow of John Dickinson.

He is represented in the collection by only one paper: his will, dated December 17, 1697, with a codicil dated January 28, 1697/98.

Joseph Barnard [S2], the eldest son of Francis, was born in 1641. He was a tailor, surveyor and farmer, and was one of the foremost residents of Deerfield, where he served as recorder for the Proprietors, first town clerk, and clerk of writs. He was wounded by the Indians in August 1695 and died the following month. His wife was Sarah Strong of Northampton, Mass., who survived him. They had eleven children.

Two papers, both relating to the settlement of Joseph Barnard's estate, are included in the collection.

Frederick Barnard, Great-great-grandson of John Barnard [S5], who was the eldest son of Joseph and Sarah, was descended through John's eldest son, Thomas Barnard, a physician in Tolland. Frederick, a merchant, lived for a time in Laurens, Otsego County, New York, where he was one of the three partners in Gershom Wilcox & Co. apparently a blacksmith and wagon shop. In 1832 he moved to Painted Post, in neighboring Steuben County.

His papers, dated between 1825 and 1842, include a certificate relating to his father's right in the United Library of Milford, Connecticut, his commission (1830) as lieutenant in a New York State infantry regiment, and lists in which he is named as inspector of the common schools. Most of the material, however, consists of business agreements.

Ebenezer Barnard [S20], a grandson of John Barnard [S5] through his son Joseph, was born in 1752 and lived in the old family homestead near the Whately, Mass., town line. He was a blacksmith. He married Lydia Clark of Sunderland and they had three sons and a daughter. Ebenezer died in 1827.

His papers include one deed for land in Deerfield and several legal judgments in his favor.

Ebenezer Barnard [S32] and Elihu Barnard, sons of the above, lived on the paternal farm. Ebenezer married Sophia Quinn, who survived him; they had seven children. Elihu married Electa Cooley.

Each brother is represented by one paper; Ebenezer by a note signed by Joseph Barnard in 1801; Elihu by a mortgage held by the Boston Bank on land in Deerfield, in 1815.

Samuel Barnard [S7], a younger son of Joseph [S2], was born in 1684. He was married four times but sired only one son who died in infancy. He moved from Deerfield to Salem at some time before 1734 and there he amassed a fortune in trade. He died there in 1762. By his will he provided for the poor in Deerfield and Salem, left funds for silver plate for churches in Salem, Mass., Deerfield, and Greenfield, and land for an academy in Hadley or "some other town." Most of his large estate, however, was left to his nephew Joseph [S11] mentioned below.

His papers consist mainly of promissory notes, bonds, and deeds to land. Also included are an autograph copy, incomplete, of a will dated 1747; a manuscript copy of his last will (1755/62); and a photocopy of the original will, lacking the 1762 codicil, the manuscript of which is filed in the Essex County Court House.

Ebenezer Barnard [S8], posthumous son of Joseph [S2], was born in March 1690. He became a clothier in Roxbury, Mass., when he was 21, but returned to Deerfield about 1732, where he continued his trade until his death in 1764. He married Elizabeth Foster of Roxbury in 1715; they had nine children. The year after her death (1754) he married Mary Hitchcock Arms, widow of Daniel Arms; she survived him.

The earliest of his papers, dated 1729, is his appointment as deputy sheriff of Suffolk County. Many of his other papers, dated from 1738 to 1766, concern land in "Fall Town," granted originally to officers and soldiers (and their descendants) who had taken part in the "Falls Fight" above Deerfield in 1676. Also included are an account, a judgment, and a copy of his will.

Joseph Barnard [S11], the oldest son of Ebenezer, was born in 1717. Generally known as "Ensign Barnard," he served in several campaigns of the French and Indian wars. He engaged in trade in Deerfield, employing persons under commission of his uncle Samuel [S7] to weave duck for maritime

trade. He inherited for life a large estate from his uncle. Joseph built the "Willard House" and was prominent in town affairs. He died in 1785. He and his wife, Thankful, daughter of Ebenezer Sheldon of Deerfield, had seven children.

His papers, dated from 1727 to 1791, include deeds to land in Roxbury, Salem, Fall Town (with plats), and Deerfield; promissory notes; accounts, several of which relate to work on his house in Deerfield; receipts; and several letters, one of which, from his uncle Samuel, includes the writer's wishes in regard to land in Deerfield when Joseph's son Samuel reached the age of 21. There are a few papers relating to the settlement of his estate, and a miscellany that contains a reproduction of a Boston newspaper advertising for the return of a runaway Negro belonging to Joseph Barnard, a rubbing from the latter's gravestone, and a typescript of a list of books thought to have been in his library.

Joseph Barnard [S21], eldest son of Joseph and Thankful, was born in 1741. He served as Lieutenant of militia and lived on his father's homestead, taking an active part in town affairs. He died of smallpox in 1803. His wife, who survived him, was Rebecca Jones of Machias, Maine. They had ten children.

His papers, which date from 1769 to 1802, consist mainly of deeds to land in Deerfield, but also include his accounts for construction of the original Deerfield Academy Building (1797-1800), two letters written in Shipton, Lower Canada, by his son William, and promissory notes and receipts. There are also papers, dated 1802-1812, relating to the settlement of his estate; and a folder of papers of his wife Rebecca, with a few papers relating to the settlement of her estate, 1803-1822.

William Barnard [S34], eldest son of Joseph and Rebecca was born in 1765. He was a farmer and a teamster who engaged in trade in Deerfield and also in Shipton, Lower Canada, from 1796 on. He and his brother, Stephen, were among the planners of a new town near Three Rivers for which he received a grant of 1000 acres. He returned to Deerfield about 1810 and died there in 1822. His first wife was Abigail Hastings of Bernardston, Mass.; they had four children. She died in 1804; the following year he married Hannah Heard of Canaan, Vermont, who survived him. There were five children from this marriage.

His papers, which date from 1789 to 1823, include letters from his four brothers: Joseph, George, James, and Theodore, and letters to and from his brother-in-law, Samuel Heard; the marriage agreement between Barnard and his wife Hannah; powers of attorney granted to him to handle the sale of lands in Lower Canada and in Deerfield; deeds; judgments; and promissory notes. The papers of his wife, **Hannah Heard Barnard**, date between 1822 and 1830 and include letters from her step-son Ralph, and from her brothers-in-law Stephen and George Barnard. There are also a copy of arbitration on lands in Canada and an assignment of land in Deerfield.

Ralph Barnard, the eldest child of William and Abigail Hastings Barnard, was born in 1794. He was a trader in Boston for a time, then moved to Wetumpka, Georgia, where he died in 1835.

His papers, dated between 1817 and 1835, include deeds to land in Deerfield; an indenture of partnership with Elias Haskell and William Thatcher for trade in West India goods; letters from his

uncles James and Stephen Barnard and from David Stone regarding business prospects in Dayton, Ohio; his expense accounts on a journey to Ohio in 1830; and business accounts in Georgia, 1831-35.

Lydia Barnard (b. 1796) and **Abigail Barnard** (b. 1799), daughters of William and Abigail, were unmarried and lived in the family homestead in Deerfield with their step-sister **Sarah Jenks Barnard** (b. 1812), who was head of a school in the town.

The papers of these three women are interfiled and date from 1836 to 1870. They include a letter which Sarah wrote to Abby and Lydia while on a voyage to Cuba in 1839; deeds from their brother Theodore [S41] for his share of the family homestead and for other land in Deerfield; rental agreements; a printed prospectus relating to Sarah's school in Deerfield; and papers relating to the settlement of the estates of Lydia (d. 1862) and Sarah (d. 1864).

William Barnard, eldest son of William and Hannah Heard Barnard, was born in 1806 and died without issue in 1864.

His papers, dated from 1835 to 1850, include his appointment as administrator of the estate of Ralph Barnard; bond for land in Alabama; and correspondence relating to his business in books and periodicals in Deerfield.

Hannah Barnard, daughter of William and Hannah Heard Barnard, was born in 1815. She married Richard Jenks of New York in 1840.

Her papers, dated from 1864 to 1896, consist of correspondence, most of which related to land in Lower Canada, once owned by and inherited from her grandmother, Elizabeth Heard. The last letter, written in London, is from her niece, Edith Barnard.

Theodore Barnard [S41], youngest child of William and Hannah Heard Barnard, was born in 1818. He was publisher of the *Army and Navy Chronicle* in the 1840s, telegraphic agent in Washington for the Associated Press in the 1850s, printer and newspaper man in Washington, and agent with the Army of the Potomac in the 1860s. He died in Washington in 1864. His wife, whom he married in 1844, was Mathilda R. Berry; they had three children.

His papers contain letters from various editors of the South requesting or agreeing to furnish news of the Presidential Election of 1856, and subsequent events; and correspondence while he was agent of Army of the Potomac. Papers relating to the settlement of his estate dated between 1869 and 1887. A few papers relating to his widow include a newspaper clipping reporting her death in Washington in 1915.

William Theodore Barnard, only son of Theodore and Mathilda, was born in 1848. He served for a time in the U.S. War Department as secretary to Alphonso Taft, and later as superintendent of the printing of the Records of the Rebellion. From 1879 to 1888 he served as assistant to Robert Garrett, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He subsequently was president of the Chicago and South

Side Rapid Transit Railroad Company in Chicago. In 1874 he married Emma J. Thomas; they had one daughter, mentioned below.

His papers include testimonials from Alphonso Taft and George McCrary as to the value of his work for the War Department. There are also letters from his Aunt Hannah Jenks and a few communications with presidents of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Papers of his wife, Emma, date between 1890 and 1894 and are mainly letters from her husband when he traveled in Europe on business relating to the Heroult process of smelting.

Edith Barnard, daughter of William Theodore and Emma Barnard, was born in Washington, D.C., in 1874. She married James Delano of New Bedford, Mass. in 1908 and they had one son, James Jr., who died in infancy of pneumonia. She was the contributor of stories to many magazines and collaborated in the writing of three plays. During her childhood she had spent much time at the Barnard house in Deerfield with her great-aunts Abigail Barnard and Hannah Jenks; she later bought the house and it was her home during the latter years of her life. She died there in 1946.

Her papers include letters from her father, when he was traveling in Germany on business, and, from 1920 on, letters from a cousin, Leroy Barnard of Granville, New York, and from John Heard, Jr., of Boston, who was interested, as was she, in family genealogy. Most of her papers, however, consist of retained copies (mainly typescripts) of various of her writings, described in the container list below.

Stephen Barnard [S35], the second son of Joseph [S21] and Rebecca Barnard, was born in Deerfield in 1768. He moved to Shipton and later to Melbourne, Lower Canada. He was serving the latter town as justice of the peace in 1829. He married Frances Granger of Suffield, Connecticut, in 1796; they had two sons and four daughters, the eldest three born in Shipton, the youngest three in Deerfield. Mrs. Barnard died in Shipton in 1852.

His papers, which date from 1790 to 1852, include deeds to lands in Belchertown, Mass., and in Deerfield; a memorandum of sales, 1803, and, in the same year, an agreement he made to bring settlers to Canada.

Joseph Barnard [S36], third son of Joseph and Rebecca, was born in 1769. He was a blacksmith and a mail manufacturer who had a rolling mill in Walpole, New Hampshire. He later lived in Troy, New York, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and St. Louis, Missouri. In 1793 he married Tirzah, daughter of Joseph Stebbins; they had twelve children. Joseph died about 1847, his wife about 1840.

He is represented by only two papers, both deeds to land in Deerfield, which he bought from his brother Stephen in 1796 and 1798.

Derick Barnard [S42], eldest son of Joseph and Tirzah Barnard, was born in 1794. He settled in Milbury, Delaware. He and his wife, Ann Custis Wapples, had four children.

He is represented by one paper: the appointment of Derick and Joseph Stebbins Barnard to act as attorneys for their aunt, Rebecca, daughter of Joseph Barnard [S21].

George Barnard, fourth son of Joseph and Rebecca Barnard, was born in 1772. He settled in Montreal, Canada.

Only one of his papers appears in the collection: a deed, dated 1816, from his brother Thomas, to “one undivided tenth part of two thirds of a home-lot in Deerfield ... being a part of the share that was set off” to him from their father’s estate.

James Barnard, fifth son of Joseph and Rebecca, was born in 1775. He settled in Quebec, Canada.

There are two of his papers, dated 1809 and 1813; a letter he wrote to Captain Cook on board the *Royalist*, with a list of articles.

Theodore Barnard [S37], seventh son of Joseph and Rebecca, was born in 1779. He was a blacksmith who lived successively in Troy, New York, Hartford, Connecticut, and Canton, Illinois. He and his first wife Lucy, daughter of Col. Joseph Stebbins, were married in 1805. After her death, in Hartford, Ct., he married Amy Lewis, a widow of Bristol, Ct.

His papers, dated from 1811 to 1817, include a power of attorney from his sister, Rebecca, to act for her in regard to Vermont land she inherited from their father; and deeds from his brothers Thomas, James, and Stephen, to land in Deerfield formerly belonging to their father.

Thomas Barnard [S38], eighth son of Joseph and Rebecca, was born in 1782. He lived in western New York and later in Michigan. About 1809, he married Fanny, daughter of Asa Childs of Shelburne, Mass.

One paper, a deed of 1817 to land in Deerfield from his brother George is in the collection.

Ebenezer Barnard, son of Joseph [S11] and uncle of the preceding, was born in 1745. He graduated from Harvard in 1766, studied medicine with his uncle Lemuel [S15] at Sheffield, and later practiced in Deerfield. About 1772, he married Sally Ingersoll of Great Barrington, Mass., and they lived on No. 16 (the “Fogg Place”). He died without issue in 1790; his wife survived him.

Papers of Ebenezer and Sally, dated between 1775 and 1803, include receipts; a promissory note; a memorandum by four Deerfield men proposing that money for the instruction of Mr. Gales’ daughter by Mrs. Barnard be put in trust for the latter; and Mrs. Barnard’s small account book for the period 1790 to 1803.

Samuel Barnard [S22], a younger brother of Ebenezer, was born in 1746. He graduated from Harvard in 1766, served as delegate to the first Provincial Congress at Concord in 1774, and thereafter established a legal practice, first in Hampshire County, and from 1795 on, in Montgomery, Vermont. Active in town affairs, he was generally referred to as “Lawyer Sam.” In 1770 he married Abigail Upham of Brookfield, Mass.; they had nine children. He died in 1819; his wife in 1826.

His papers include an account book he kept while a student at Harvard; promissory notes; orders for payment of money owed; a judgment brought against him by Ebenezer Hindsdale Williams of Roxbury, Mass.; and a deed to land in Conway sold because of his failure to pay the taxes.

Charles Barnard, second son of Samuel and Abigail, was born in 1781. He became a merchant in Boston. In 1806 he married Sarah Bent. He died in 1869.

He is represented by only one item: a letter of 1858 which he received from his niece, Eliza Hamilton, of Montgomery, Vermont.

Theodore Barnard, youngest son of Joseph (S11), was born in 1748. A trader, he moved to Shelburne, Mass., about 1780. He served as treasurer in that town many years, and after 1800, became a collector of U.S. excise taxes in that district of Massachusetts. His first wife was Lydia, daughter of Remembrance Sheldon. After her death in 1795, he married Lucy, widow of the Reverend Robert Hubbard. Theodore returned to Deerfield about 1816 and died there without issue in 1821.

His papers date from 1773 to 1819. The earliest is an agreement with Simeon Harvey in regard to two Harvard College lottery tickets owned jointly by the two men. There are a number of business receipts; deeds to land in Deerfield, Readsboro, Vermont, and Shipton, Lower Canada; and a few letters from members of his family. His certificate of appointment as a collector of excise taxes is dated 1800, and subsequent to this there are letters from the tax inspector in Medford and several receipts for taxes. He was administrator of his brother Joseph's estate, and after 1803, many of his papers consist of powers of attorney from his many nephews, deeds to land his brother had owned, and other documents dealing with the estate. Filed with the papers are a copy of his own will, dated 1819, and documents relating to the settlement of his estate (1821-1831), among which is an inventory of his personal property.

Abner Barnard (S13), son of Ebenezer (S8), was born in 1724. He became a clothier and settled in Northampton, Mass., where he died of smallpox in 1797. **Emuel Barnard** (S15), a younger brother of Abner, was born in 1735. He graduated from Yale in 1759, studied medicine, and practiced first in Sheffield, Mass., later in Great Barrington, Sunderland, Orange, and Warwick. In 1764 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Thomas Williams. She died in Sunderland in 1804; he died in Warwick, Mass., in 1817.

Each of these brothers is represented by only one paper. There is an order from Abner Barnard to Azariah Wright, Sr., to pay a sum for dressing cloth, dated in Northampton, May 29, 1750. Lemuel's paper is a deed to land in Deerfield, which he purchased from Thomas Wells on April 3, 1850.

Salah Barnard (S14), also a son of Ebenezer (S8), was born in 1725. A trader and farmer, he also served in the French wars. He kept a tavern and store on Lot no. 29 (the Frary lot) and built the south part of that house. In 1765 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jeremiah Nims; they had ten children. He died in 1795, his wife in 1827.

His papers date from 1759 to 1793, and are accompanied by papers relating to the settlement of his and his widow's estate. The earliest papers are orders for stores to be supplied to members of his company at Crown Point; in 1761, his commission as major of the regiment of foot under command of Colonel Richard Saltonstall; and in 1764 his petition for reimbursement of money he had expended during his military service. There are deeds to land in Deerfield, a memorandum regarding settlement of some accounts of his father as factor to Abigail Wells of Northampton, Mass., and several judgments in Salah's favor. The documents relating to settlement of his and his widow's estates concern the division of the land, particularly the dower land, among their heirs.

Ebenezer Barnard (S24), eldest son of Salah, was born in 1766. He also was a trader and farmer, with an office and store on Lot no. 26 (the old Ware house). He moved to Northampton about 1810 and served many years in the office of the clerk of courts.

His papers, which date from 1782 to 1809, relate entirely to the period he was a trader in Deerfield, and concerns, particularly, his dealings with Justin and Theodore Ely of West Springfield, Mass. There are also several promissory notes and judgments in his favor.

Erastus Barnard, a younger brother of Ebenezer, was born in 1768. He succeeded his father, Salah Barnard, as tavern keeper in Deerfield, and later moved to Canandaigua, New York.

His papers, dated between 1791 and 1806, include a deed to land in Deerfield, several receipts, and a number of judgments in his favor.

John Barnard removed from Cambridge, Mass., to Hartford, Ct., and thereafter to Hadley, Mass., where he was one of the first settlers. He was buried there in 1664. His wife died the following year. John left much of his property to the children of his kinsman, Henry Hayward, of Wethersfield, Ct., and the children of his sister, Mary Barnard Bedient. (See Judd's *History of Hadley*, p.451.)

He is represented by one paper: "An accompt of the dispose of John Barnard deceased his Estate, with incident Charges according to the Will of the deceased," October 1697.

The final box of the collection consists of transcripts of the wills of Francis Barnard (S1) and his grandson Samuel. There is also genealogical material relating to the Barnard, Heard, Andrews, and Jenks families, much of which was assembled by Edith Barnard Delano, and 19th and 20th century correspondence relating to the Barnard family. This is described further in the "Container List" which follows.

CONTAINER LIST

- Box 1.** Folder 1: Papers of Francis Barnard (S1), 1697/98 (1 piece)
2: Joseph Barnard (S2), 1698, 1702/3 (2 pieces)
3: Frederick Barnard, 1825-1842 (20 pieces)
4: Ebenezer Barnard (S20), 1790-1802 (7 pieces)
5: Ebenezer Barnard (S32) and Elihu Barnard, 1801 and 1815 (2 pieces)
6: Samuel Barnard (S7), 1706-1752 (18 pieces)
7: Samuel Barnard (S7), 1757-1762 (18 pieces)
8: Samuel Barnard (S7), 1747, 1755-62 (2 pieces)
9: Samuel Barnard (S7), Photostat of will (5 sheets)
10: Papers re. settlement of estate of Samuel Barnard, 1762-1791 (49 pieces)
11: Papers of Ebenezer Barnard (S8), 1729-1766 and undated (19 pieces)
12: Joseph Barnard (S11), 1727-1750 (20 pieces)
13: Joseph Barnard (S11), 1751-1758 (29 pieces)
14: Joseph Barnard (S11), 1759-1763 (23 pieces)
15: Joseph Barnard (S11), 1764-1767 (24 pieces)
16: Joseph Barnard (S11), 1768-1771 (27 pieces)
17: Papers of and re. the estate of Joseph Barnard, 1772-1791 (37 pieces)
18: Miscellany (3 pieces)
- Box 2.** Folder 1: Papers of Joseph Barnard, Jr. (S21), 1769-1789 (21 pieces)
2: Papers of Joseph Barnard, Jr. (S21), 1790-1802 (19 pieces)
3: Papers re. settlement of estate of Joseph Barnard, 1803-1812 (14 pieces)
4: Papers of Rebecca Jones Barnard and re. settlement of her estate, 1803-1822 (19 pieces)
5: Papers of William Barnard (S34), 1789-1799 (21 pieces)
6: Papers of William Barnard (S34), 1800-1815 (18 pieces)
7: Papers of William Barnard (S34), 1816-1823 (24 pieces)
8: Papers of Hannah Heard Barnard, 1822-1830 (5 pieces)
9: Papers of Ralph Barnard, 1816-1834 (19 pieces)
10: Papers of Lydia, Abigail and Sarah Barnard, 1836-1870 (46 pieces)
11: Papers of William Barnard, 1835-1850 (27 pieces)
12: Papers of Hannah Barnard Jenks, 1864-1896 (12 pieces)
- Box 3.** Folder 1: Papers of Theodore Barnard (S41), 1841-1856 (20 pieces)
2: Papers of Theodore Barnard (S41), 1857, Jan.-Aug. (24 pieces)
3: Papers of Theodore Barnard (S41), 1857, Sep.-Oct. (26 pieces)
4: Papers of Theodore Barnard (S41), 1857, Nov.-Dec. (21 pieces)
5: Papers of Theodore Barnard (S41), 1858-1861 (20 pieces)
6: Papers of Theodore Barnard (S41), 1862-1864 and undated (34 pieces)
7: Papers re. estate of Theodore Barnard, 1869-1887 (25 pieces)
and papers re. his widow, Matilda Barnard (4 pieces)
8: Papers of William Theodore Barnard, 1864-1894 and undated (49 pieces)
9: Papers of Emma Thomas Barnard, 1890-1894 (12 pieces)

10: Papers of Edith Barnard Delano, 1885-1890, Aug.	(21 pieces)
11: Papers of Edith Barnard Delano, 1890, Sep.-1893	(16 pieces)
12: Papers re. Edith Barnard Delano, 1913-1938, 1950	(14 pieces)

Box 4. Writings of Edith Barnard Delano:

- 1) Out Wisdom Way. Incomplete typescript of foreword and 11 of the 19 tales listed in the table of contents. MS. note by Mrs. Delano on title page.
- 2) The Proud Village. Typescript (carbon) 230 p.; with a "Preface" to the work by David J. Russo (1973)
- 3) The Three Wise Men. Original typescript with ms. emendations; and carbon copy.
The Little Flute. Carbon copy.
Is There a Manger Here? Carbon copy.
4. The House Across the Road. 76 p. Carbon copy.
5. You've got to Know How. 23 p. Carbon copy.