

## GUIDE TO THE ROBBINS/WILBUR FAMILY PAPERS

The bulk of these papers are donations from the Robbins family of Deerfield, Mass. One of the daughters of the Deerfield Robbinses married a Wilbor/Wilbur/Wilber from Leyden, Mass., The collection includes some of his papers, along with those of a few of his relatives.

**John Robbins** was born in 1748 in Ashford, CT. He moved to the Wisdom section of Deerfield in 1776, and died there in 1830. He married Hannah Wise; the couple had three girls and two boys. One of the boys is mentioned below.

His papers include a writ, a letter, 2 estate bills and a probate document for public vendue (auction) not dated, though probably c. 1830.

**Joseph Robbins**, son of John and Hannah, was born 1800 in Wisdom. He married Mary Taintor in 1827; they had two boys and three girls. He died in 1889 and his wife in 1882.

His papers include a deed, a letter, and a promissory note.

**Nathan Robbins**, of Ashford or Colchester, CT, was the brother of John above. He was born in 1753, settled in Wisdom and married Huldah Wise in 1775. He died in 1823 and his wife in 1839. They had five girls and two boys. One of the boys is mentioned below.

His papers include an early deed, letters, town meeting document, a receipt, and two estate papers.

**Nathan Robbins**, son of Nathan above, was born in 1785. He settled in Wisdom as a farmer and married Nancy Bangs of Montague in 1812. He died in 1856, and she in 1877. They had seven children, four of whom are mentioned below.

His papers include letters, promissory notes, receipts, deed, estate documents and a contract.

**Julius Robbins**, son of Nathan and Nancy, was born 1815. He lived in Wisdom where he was a farmer and assessor. He married Jemima Niles in 1843. He was killed by a fall in his barn in 1882. They had three children, two of which died young.

His papers consist of two letters. Not shelved with the papers are 35 detailed agricultural and weather journals that he kept between 1840 and 1882.

**Susan Robbins**, daughter of Nathan and Nancy above, was born in 1821. She married William Foster in 1842; he died in 1847. She next married a Thomas Foster, probably William's brother, in Greenfield, Mass., in 1857. Susan died in 1886.

She is represented by one poem.

**Martha Sophia Robbins**, daughter of Nathan and Nancy above, was born in 1826. She married Hervey Robbins in 1853. I am unable to find her DOD, nor if any children were produced from this marriage. Sheldon states the spouse name as Henry which is incorrect.

Her papers consist of letters, envelopes, poems, receipts, a daybook, a marriage certificate and a contract. Some of these pre-date her marriage, some come later.

**Lucy Robbins**, daughter of Nathan and Nancy, was born in 1813. She married William Potter in Deerfield in 1841. She died in 1875 in Leyden, Mass.

Her papers consist of one undated letter.

**Miscellaneous** include an account book with several Robbins names from above, genealogical information, letters, donor letter, obituaries, etc.

### **WILBUR/WILBOR/WIBER FAMILY PAPERS:**

Hervey Wilbor was born in Leyden, Mass., in 1815, son of Uriah and Sarah (Hebard) Wilbor, Jr. He married Huldah Shaw of Colrain, Mass., in 1845; she died in 1851. In 1853, he married Martha Sophia Robbins, daughter of Nathan and Nancy Robbins. He died in 1887. Her date of death is unknown.

His papers include letters, bills, an account ledger, a railroad report, deeds, envelopes, and a drawing with a note.

The last folder contains documents belonging to three Wilber family members.

### **Container List:**

#### **Box 1: Robbins**

- Folder 1: Misc. documents of John, 1819-1830, n.d. - 5 items
- Folder 2: Misc. documents of Joseph, 1836-1845 - 3 items
- Folder 3: Misc. documents of Nathan (b. 1753), 1788-1823/24 7 items
- Folder 4: Misc. documents of Nathan (b.1785), 1825-1851, n.d. - 23 items
- Folder 5: Letters of Julius, 1843- 2 items
- Folder 6: Poem of Susan, n.d.- 1 item
- Folder 7: Misc. documents of Martha (Robbins) Wilbor, 1843-1900, n.d. - 32 items
- Folder 8: Letter of Lucy, 1841 - 1 item
- Folder 9: Miscellany folder of Robbins genealogy, etc., 1830-2000 - 14 items

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- Folder 10: Documents of Hervey, 1840-1887 - 31 items
- Folder 11: Documents of Arthur, John, and Sarah, 1839-1887 - 5 items