

GUIDE TO THE BRIGGS FAMILY PAPERS

BRIGGS FAMILY GENEALOGY: taken from Deerfield cemetery records, *History of Leyden* by William T. Arms, and genealogical records found in the family papers.

Enoch Briggs, son of Enoch and Deborah Church Briggs, born 1732; died 1815. Married Judith Wilbur; they had eight children, one of whom is mentioned below. He was quartermaster of Newport Troop of Horse, 2nd Regiment, from 1765-66. A resident of Leyden and Bernardston, Mass., he bought 104 acres of land in Leyden from Deerfield's Jonathan Ashley, Jr.

His papers include a copy of military commission, deeds, a receipt, and a note.

Judith Wilbur Briggs, born 1732, died 1815. She was the wife of Enoch Briggs.

Her papers consist of a probate court document regarding her share of the settlement of her husband's estate.

Joseph Briggs, son of Enoch and Judith Wilbur Briggs, born 1763, died 1824. He resided with his nephew, Enoch, and never married.

His papers include a letter of administration to Joseph of Enoch's estate, deeds, a release of a deed from Joseph back to Enoch, and a release of Enoch's estate from his brother Owen to him.

Enoch Briggs, son of Owen and Margery Brown Briggs, born 1795, died 1875. Married Maria Lothrop in 1820; they had nine children, one whom is mentioned below. He served as Lieutenant of a company in the Regiment of Artillery, 2nd Brigade, 4th Division of the state militia in 1820; promoted to Captain in 1824. He resigned his commission in 1826.

His papers include his two military commissions and resignation, a letter, a receipt, a deed, and a will. He also has a bond to pay Smith Charities \$1,500 in 1862.

Alden Bradford Briggs, son of Enoch and Maria Lothrop Briggs, born 1839, died 1924. He married Sarah Elizabeth Arms in 1864. They had three children, one of whom is mentioned below.

His papers include a membership card to the Franklin County Agricultural Society (1891), two receipts, and a business stub from a blacksmithing shop. Also a deed, mortgage discharges, and a mortgage assignee, plus a mortgage deed with a promissory note attached. His estate documents consist of an executor appointment regarding his father Enoch's estate, plus his own will to which is attached an appointment of Harry K. Briggs, his son, as executor of his estate. In addition are correspondence and documents regarding

Henry W. Lothrop's estate, of which Alden was a beneficiary, and various insurance policies.

Sarah Elizabeth Briggs, daughter of Henry and Mary Look Montague Arms, was born 1841, died 1937. She married Alden Bradford Briggs in 1864, they had three children, one of whom is mentioned below.

Her papers include letter, teaching certificate, and membership card to Franklin County Agricultural Society.

Harry Kirk Briggs, son of Alden Bradford and Sarah Elizabeth Arms Briggs, was born 1867, died 1937. He married Julia Saxton in 1895; they had three children.

His papers include a paid bill, a will, and a newspaper clipping on his arrest for dangerous driving.

Amariah Briggs, possibly son of Job and Phebe Hastings Briggs, was born 1800 in Shutesbury, Mass. He married Martha Washington Dewolf of Deerfield in 1840.

His papers include three deeds, one which is jointly shared with George A. and Sanford A. Briggs, the latter being Amariah's son.

Container list:

Folder 1: Enoch Briggs

Copy of commission, deeds, receipt, and note, 1777-1793, n.d. (6 items)

Folder 2: Judith Briggs

Probate court document re: settlement of Enoch's estate, 1815 (1 item)

Folder 3: Joseph Briggs

Release documents re: father's estate, letter of administration, deeds, 1796-1816 (5 items)

Folder 4: Enoch Briggs

Military commissions and resignation, receipt, letter, deed, bond to pay Smith Charities, will, 1820-1862 (8 items)

Folder 5: Alden B. Briggs

Membership card to Franklin Co. Agricultural Soc., receipts, mortgage discharges, executor appointment and acceptance, deed, mortgage deed with promissory note attached, mortgage assignee document, correspondence re: mortgage, inheritance, and insurance policies, insurance policies, copy of Lothrop will and heirs list, and father Alden's will with appt. of son as executor, 1875-1927 (33 items)

Folder 6: Sarah E. Arms Briggs

Letter, teaching certificate, membership card to Franklin Co. Agricultural Soc., n.d., 1858 (3 items)

Folder 7: Harry K. Briggs

Paid bill, will, newspaper clipping, 1919-28, n.d. (3 items)

Folder 8: Amariah Briggs

Deeds, one shared with George A. and Sanford A. Briggs, 1865-1871 (3 items)

Folder 9: Miscellaneous Briggs, Arms, Childs correspondence, 1879-1904, n.d. (7 items)

Folder 10: Genealogy

Undated notes (9 items)

Folder 11: Notebook

Notebook of garden newspaper clippings, plus loose clippings of poetry, recipes, religion, medical and household advice, plus loose handwritten notes, magazine page with ads, and prospectus of the *Daily Illustrated Open Letter*, n.d., 1878