

Grout Family Papers

Jonathan Grout (b. Westborough, April 11, 1763) graduated from Harvard in 1790 and married Polly Taylor (b. 1769-d. 1861) on Sept. 27, 1795. He was ordained the first minister of the First Congregational Church in Hawley, Mass. on Oct. 23, 1793 and “continued in that relationship until his death, June 6, 1835.” His daughter Sophronia kept a diary from 1816 until 1837, two portions of which are on microfilm. (see below). They had nine children:

A son – April 6, 1797- April 7, 1797

Polly – May 22, 1798 - m. Thaxter Pool Dec. 4, 1821

Sophronia – July 12, 1800

Jonathan – Mar. 26, 1802 – Aug. 5, 1815

Samuel – April 14, 1804 – m. Laura Joy May 9, 1826

Esther White Taylor – Aug. 4, 1806 – Dec. 23, 1838

Joseph Meriam – July 1808 – drowned June 24, 1823

Henry Taylor – Aug. 7, 1810 – June 12, 1886

Sally (Sarah) Hall – Oct. 6, 1812

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Laura Hale Johnson

Folder 1: Jonathan Grout & Polly Taylor Grout
Correspondence – 1804-1840 6 items

Folder 2: Jonathan Grout
Biblical reference Index
“Journal of a Mission to the District of Maine July 6 – Oct. 12, 1802.” (microfilmed)
2 items

Folder 3: Jonathan Grout
Sermons – 1775-1829 35 items

Folder 4: Jonathan Grout
Sermons undated 62 items

Folder 5: Esther White Taylor
Correspondence – 1827-1834 & n.d. 9 items

Folder 6: Esther White Taylor
Diary- 1830-1837
Account book, 1830-1838 (attributed to E.W.T.) 2 items

Folder 7: Samuel Grout
Correspondence n.d. 1 item

Folder 8: Sophronia Grout
Diaries, 1816-1837- approx. 15 pieces, (sections dated 1816-May 11, 1822 & May 3, 1835-June 28, 1835 are on microfilm)

Correspondence 1828, n.d. 3 items
Writing book, 1816 1 item

Folder 9: Miscellaneous & Genealogy 4 items