

## GUIDE TO THE STARR FAMILY PAPERS

The first member of the Starr family to live in the Deerfield area was William (1757-1831) who relocated from Middletown, CT, to Greenfield, then to Deerfield in 1804. He operated a mill on the Deerfield River which was passed on to his son, Oliver. His other son, Caleb, was a sailor who eventually settled in Laona, IL, in 1855, not long after Deerfield's Dr. Stephen West Williams went there. The collection also includes some papers of author Eliza Allen Starr, and decorative bookbinder Ellen Gates Starr of Chicago.

### Folder 1:

Genealogical lists (2 items)

Dr. Comfort Starr (c. 1589-1660), first of the name Starr in New England. Photostat of his will, April 22, 1659; pamphlet "Dr. Comfort Starr's Family" by Hosea Starr Ballou, written at the time a tablet in Dr. Starr's memory was dedicated in St. Dunstan's Church in Cranbrook, Kent (2 items)

[Dr. Thomas Starr, son of Dr. Comfort Starr]. "Dr. Thomas Starr, Surgeon in the Pequot War, and His Family Connections" by Hosea Starr Ballou. Incomplete copy of a series of articles that appeared in *Historical and Genealogical Register*, c. 1940-41. (1 item)

### Folder 2:

William Starr (1757-1831) of Middletown, CT, mariner and 7th- generation descendant of Dr. Comfort Starr. Genealogical records (2 items)

Seth Starr (1789-1843), son of William. Deed to land in Deerfield purchased from John Wilson, May 1, 1821 (1 item)

Oliver Starr (1791-1870), son of William and younger brother of Seth. Photograph and lock of hair. (2 items)

Lovina (Allen) Starr (d. 1864), wife of Oliver. Newspaper article about her written by her granddaughter, Mary Houghton (Starr) Blaisdell, in 1925. (1 item)

Oliver Starr (1830-1845), son of Oliver and Lovina. Lock of hair. (1 item)

Eunice Allen (Starr) Wellington, daughter of Oliver and Lovina. Copy of an article, "A Soldier of the Revolution of '76," written by and presented to Eunice by her sister, Eliza [Allen] Starr; Letter to Mary Ann (Allen) Hawks urging her to support the erection of a tablet in Memorial Hall to the memory of Samuel Allen, killed at the Bars fight. Letter dated August 25, 1887. (2 items)

Charles W. Wellington, husband of Eunice. Newspaper article he wrote relating to his father, Charles Wellington, pastor of the Unitarian church in Templeton, MA. (1 item)

**Folder 3:**

Caleb Starr [1822-1915], son of Oliver and grandson of William. Lock of his hair, and lock of his daughter Mary's hair. (2 items)

Deed to land at "Stebbins' Mills" in Deerfield, purchased from his brother, Oliver, Nov. 12, 1852. (1 item)

Undated pamphlet, "In Memoriam/Caleb Allen Starr/by one of His Daughters" [Ellen Gates Starr]. (1 item)

Susan (Childs) Starr (b. 1821), wife of Caleb. Pencil portrait by her daughter, Mary Houghton (Starr) Blaisdell (1 item)

Ellen Gates Starr (1859-1940), daughter of Caleb and Susan. Printed obituary of Ellen, attached to a genealogical record in pencil; copy of the guide to the Ellen Gates Starr Papers in the Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Northampton. (2 items)

Josephine Susan Starr, daughter of Albert Childs Starr and granddaughter of Caleb and Susan. Lock of her hair; letter from her aunt, Eliza Allen Starr, July 17, 1895. (2 items)

**Folder 4:**

Papers of and relating to Eliza Allen Starr (1824-1901), daughter of Oliver and Lovina (Allen) Starr.

Manuscript poem, "The Old House Clock," Dec. 184[3?] (1 item)

Water color drawings of plants (10 items)

Pencil drawings of the Allen House, the Starr family homestead in the Wapping district of Deerfield, and the Mill in Deerfield. (5 items)

Letter, June 1, 1871, from Nathaniel Hitchcock. (1 item)

Other printed material, including an obituary. (4 items)

See also:

The George Sheldon Papers for a number of letters E.A. Starr wrote to him; the Allen Family papers for photographs of her house in Chicago, sent by her to William Jerome Allen; the Fuller-Higginson Papers for a presentation copy to George Spencer Fuller of her privately printed *Christmas Tide*; and the Stebbins Family papers for a presentation copy to Mary (Jackson) Stebbins, wife of Henry Stebbins.