

## GUIDE TO THE STEBBINS FAMILY PAPERS

Papers of the Stebbins family were received as gifts by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association from a number of sources over many years (the papers of Catherine Louisa Stebbins were donated by her, and then her estate in 2001). The Stebbins papers number more than 1,000 items and date from 1679 to 1996. Stebbins family members are also represented by numerous account books and daybooks, kept in a separate collection.

The papers are those of Rowland Stebbins, founder of the family in America, and his wife Sarah. Papers relating to their descendants through their sons, Thomas and John, are included. The number that accompanies names found below are those assigned to the individual by George Sheldon in the genealogy section of volume 2 of his *History of Deerfield* (1895). Many of the following biographical notes are from that source, and from *The Stebbins Genealogy* by Ralph Stebbins Greenlee and Robert Greenlee (1904).

### Biographical Notes and Description of Series

**Joseph Stebbins**<sup>6</sup>, born 1652, was a son of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Hannah Wright Stebbins, and a grandson of Rowland<sup>1</sup>, the first Stebbins to settle in America. Joseph settled in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he served as constable and as representative. In 1673 he married Sarah Dorchester and the couple had ten children. Joseph died in 1728, Sarah in 1746.

Joseph is represented by one paper, "Articles of Agreement" relating to the division of the estate of his father-in-law, John Dorchester. He was one of the signers "in the right of his wife."

**Frances Dickinson Stebbins**, born in Amherst, Mass., in 1780, was the wife of Festus Stebbins [1768-1850], a seventh generation Stebbins through Joseph<sup>6</sup>. A number of their children, all born in Springfield, Mass., are named below. Frances died in that town in 1864.

She is represented by two papers, a letter from her son Charles, who was about to go south to continue his career as merchant (1835) and a letter from her son Richard, planning his studies at Harvard (1843).

**Joseph Stebbins**, eldest child of Festus and Frances (Dickinson) Stebbins, was born 1800, served as a corporal, and later as sergeant, in the Massachusetts militia. He died in Springfield in 1872. His brother Joel Stebbins was born in 1809 and died in 1879; no further information concerning him has been found. Another brother, **James Stebbins**, born in 1811, was a farmer in Springfield and died there in 1892. Their sister **Maria Stebbins**, born in 1818, married John Bliss Stebbins, a merchant and banker in Springfield. She died there in 1891; her husband died in 1899. Their brother, William Stebbins, born in 1820, was jeweler in New York City and later in his native town, where he died in 1876. Their sister, **Sophia Stebbins**, was born in 1822 and died, unmarried, in 1841. **Elizabeth (Richards) Stebbins**, the widow of their brother Edwin (who also had been a jeweler in New York City) died in that city in 1854. Their only daughter, Mary Frances, died before her mother, in 1847.

Except for Joel Stebbins, who is represented by two papers--letters from his brothers Charles and Richard--these siblings and Edwin's widow are each represented by a single item: Maria, Sophia,

and Joseph by letters from Charles; Elizabeth by a letter from William; William by a letter from his brother Theodore; and James by a statement of the cost of the house he had built in Springfield in 1857, the year of his marriage. This family correspondence has been arranged in one chronological file, 1833-1862.

**Theodore Stebbins**, son of Festus and Frances Stebbins, was born in 1802. As a young man he went to New York City and engaged in the dry goods trade. After many years he returned to Springfield and served as state representative in 1858 and 1862. He died in the latter year.

His papers consist of six letters from his brother Charles, all but one written at New Orleans in 1861 and giving information about the Southern point of view at the beginning of the Civil War. Charles wrote one letter in May of that year in Pittsburgh, when he was on his way back to Louisiana after a trip to the north.

**Charles Stebbins**, son of Festus and Frances Stebbins, was born in 1813. He was a merchant in New York and in New Orleans. He and his wife, **Mary Ann (Groves) Stebbins**, who was born in England, were the parents of two sons and five daughters. Mary died in Stanfordville, New York, in 1871; Charles in Brooklyn in 1900.

Charles' papers consist of seven letters he received from his brother Richard between 1850 and 1865; five bills of sale for slaves (three for slaves he purchased, two for slaves he sold; and a daguerreotype and business card of \_\_\_\_ Frank Smith, former slave once owned by Charles Stebbins. The papers of Mary Ann (Groves) Stebbins consist of five letters she received from her husband between May and August 1861. The first (May 24) was written in Washington on his way south, the others in New Orleans.

**Richard Stebbins**, son of Festus and Frances Stebbins, was born in 1824. He graduated from Harvard in 1846 and studied medicine there, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City (graduated in 1850), and in Vienna and Paris (1851-1853). He practiced in New York City until 1857, when he went to Nebraska. He married Mary Jane Billings of Vermont in 1859. They later settled in Onawa, Iowa. After his retirement in 1885, they returned to Nebraska and were living in Omaha when material for the Greenlee genealogy was assembled (about 1904). His papers consist of 14 letters he received from his merchant brother, Charles, from 1861 to 1865. The early letters were written in New Orleans, the others in New York.

**John Stebbins**<sup>3</sup>, younger son of Rowland<sup>1</sup> and Sarah Stebbins, was born in England in 1626. In 1651 he moved from Roxbury, Mass., to Springfield and later settled in Northampton, Mass. He owned land in Deerfield but apparently never lived in the town. In 1646, John married Anna, widow of Abraham Munden; after her death he married (1657) Abigail Bartlett of Northampton. John died in that town in 1679. Of his many children, two sons, Thomas and John are mentioned below.

He is represented by eight papers, all relating to the settlement of his estate. The earliest (September 30, 1679) is a copy of the division and settlement of his estate by the county court. Also included are an agreement between John Stebbins, son and administrator, and his brother Benjamin in regard to pasture land; measure of home lots and meadowland in Deerfield; and quitclaims by his heirs stating that they had received their just portions of their father's estate.

**John Stebbins Lee**, an eighth generation descendant of Rowland<sup>1</sup> through his son John Stebbins<sup>2</sup> and grandson Thomas Stebbins<sup>12</sup>, was born in 1820 in Vernon, Vermont, the son of Eli and Rebecca (Stebbins) Lee. He studied at Deerfield Academy and graduated from Amherst College in 1845. After a year of teaching he pursued theological studies at Tufts College and was ordained in 1847. He served as pastor and teacher in various locations in the following years, and in 1859 became professor of Latin and Greek and later acting president at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. In 1848 he married Elimina Bennett. Both were living about 1904 when the Greenlee *Genealogy* was prepared for publication.

He is represented by photocopies and typescripts of a letter he wrote to his father while a student at Deerfield Academy (1838) and an excerpt from his autobiography. A complete copy of his autobiography, edited by Julia Dill, is available in the Historic Deerfield Library (920.71 L478a).

**John Stebbins**<sup>9</sup>, son of John<sup>3</sup> and Anne Munden Stebbins, was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1647. He served under Captains Lothrop and Moseley and survived the Bloody Brook 'Massacre.' A carpenter later, he settled in Deerfield. He and his family were captured and taken to Canada after the Deerfield raid of 1704, and only he, his wife (the former Dorothy Alexander of Newton, Mass.), and son John are known to have returned. Their other children remained in Canada. Three of their children are mentioned below.

His papers consist of a photocopy of his original will (July 31, 1723) and of executors' obligation appended (January 13, 1724/25); a manuscript copy of the will and obligation; the power of attorney his son, John (the will's executor) granted to his father's friend, Captain Thomas Wells (January 13, 1724/25); and a copy of the inventory of the estate.

**Abigail Stebbins**, the daughter of John<sup>9</sup> and Dorothy (Alexander) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1684. In 1703 she married Jacques de Noyon in Deerfield. After the raid, she remained in Canada when her parents and brother returned to Deerfield. She was baptized as a Roman Catholic and given the name Marguerite. She and her husband had 13 children, the last of whom was born in Deerfield in 1726. She died in Boucherville, Canada, in 1740. [See also the Denio folder in Miscellaneous Personal Papers]. Her sister, **Thankful Stebbins**, was born in Deerfield in 1691. She remained in Canada, took the baptismal name of Therese in 1707, and married Adrian le Grain there. She died in 1729.

Abigail [Marguerite] is represented by a photocopy of her baptismal certificate, May 28, 1708, and by a newspaper article by Pierre Denio of Hancock, New York, which appeared in the March 21, 1963, issue of *The Hancock Herald*. Thankful [Therese] is represented by a newspaper clipping relating to C. Alice Baker's paper read to the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association on February 24, 1891.

**John Stebbins**<sup>14</sup>, a son of John<sup>9</sup> and Dorothy (Alexander) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield about 1685. He was captured in the Deerfield raid of 1704, was taken to Canada, and was redeemed. His home was on Lot 35. About 1714 he married Mary \_\_\_\_\_, the mother of nine of his children. After her death in 1733 he married [1735] Hannah Allen, the mother of the four youngest children. Three sons by the first marriage, and two by the second, are named below. John died in 1760, Hannah in 1772.

His papers show that he owned extensive lands in and near Deerfield. They include plats of land east of Green River, lists of land holdings, and a copy of his will, dated August 1, 1757. A paper dated 1768 sets forth a finding of indebtedness among the heirs of John Stebbins.

**Joseph Stebbins**<sup>18</sup>, son of John<sup>14</sup> and Mary Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1718. He was a farmer, tanner, and shoemaker, served as selectman, and was active in Deerfield town business. He and his wife Mary (Stratton) Stebbins had seven children, three of whom are named below. Both Joseph and his wife died in 1797.

His papers are divided among three folders: the first contains deeds and other land records, mainly to land in Deerfield, but also to some in Greenfield, Conway, and Shelburne, Mass., and in New York State and Vermont. Other land records are dated between 1751 and 1794. In the early records, Joseph is identified as cordwainer, in those of later date as a yeoman. The second folder contains business papers, comprising promissory notes, receipts, judgments and accounts, many of the last being bills for shoes. One item dated June 1778, is a notice that Joseph was drafted in the Continental Army for a period of nine months. The third folder contains two copies of his will (June 25, 1794) and papers relating to the settlement of his estate.

**Mary (Stebbins) Smead Butler**, daughter of Joseph<sup>18</sup> and Mary (Stratton) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield on July 24, 1745. She married Ebenezer Smead in 1763. The couple had six children; they moved from Deerfield to Shelburne, Mass., about 1773. After the death of her first husband in 1777, Mary married Davis Butler. She died in 1815 and was survived by her husband.

There is a deed to land in Ashfield to Mary and her children (1801), but the other papers, including a great many promissory notes signed by her second husband, relate to the settlement of her estate by her brother, Asa Stebbins<sup>24</sup>. The latest papers are releases by her children and by Davis Butler, her widower.

**Joseph Stebbins**<sup>23</sup>, son of Joseph<sup>18</sup> and Mary (Stratton) Stebbins, was born in 1749. He was a farmer and lived in Deerfield on Lot 10. He served in a company of minutemen, which marched on the Lexington alarm, as lieutenant in Captain Maxwell's company, and as acting captain in the battle of Bunker Hill. Later he was captain in Colonel Prescott's regiment. He led a company of militia to oppose Burgoyne's advance from Canada, and later was in the battle of Bemis Heights. For eight years he was a selectman and was prominent in town and county affairs. In 1774 he married Lucy, daughter of Nathan Frary of Deerfield; the couple had 13 children, four of whom are mentioned below. Joseph died in 1816, Lucy in 1831.

His papers consist of the original and a photocopy of his commission as captain in the Continental Army, signed by John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, on July 1, 1775; deeds to land in Deerfield (many of the lots purchased at public auction) and also Bernardston, Conway and Shelburne, Mass.; a large number of accounts and receipts; and a group of miscellaneous papers, including a copy of his will, inventory of his estate, and other papers relating to the settlement of the estate by his son Dennis, the executor. One folder contains a letter addressed to George Sheldon (1898) and Sheldon's notes relating to Joseph Stebbins<sup>23</sup>. For extensive material relating to the settlement of Joseph's estate, see also the account book of Joseph Jr., 1790-1841.

**Dennis Stebbins**<sup>30</sup>, eldest son of Joseph<sup>23</sup> and Lucy (Frary) Stebbins, was born in 1778. He was a farmer who lived in Deerfield on Lot 39. He served as major in the militia and, for nine years, as town selectman. He was one of the committee for the erection of the monument in memory of the Indian attack of 1675. In 1800, he married Lois, daughter of Paul Hawks. The couple had 11 children. Dennis died in 1842, his widow in 1862.

His papers consist of letters from his children, from other relatives (mainly his brother-in-law Richard Catlin, and niece Charlotte Catlin); letters relating to broom making, a folder of correspondence with James Whitelaw and Isaac Dennison in regard to land in Vermont that was originally owned by Dennis' father; commissions in the Massachusetts militia; deeds; receipts; two brief account books (1805 and 1835); and requests (1832-1835) from the town selectmen to Dennis Stebbins, town treasurer.

**Claudius H. Stebbins**<sup>45</sup>, son of Dennis<sup>30</sup> and Lois (Hawks) Stebbins, was born in 1803. He was a farmer who lived in the Green River district of Deerfield. In 1828, he married Emilie Hubbard; the couple had four children. Claudius died in Deerfield in 1838, his widow in 1849. Their son Albert Stebbins, born in Montague, Mass., in 1829, became a resident of Greenfield. In 1858 he married Helen Maria Root.

The papers of Claudius, his son Albert, and daughter-in-law Helen, are grouped together. Claudius is represented by an 1838 letter from his brother, Dennis, written from Shelbyville, Illinois, that tried to interest Claudius in joining him and their brother Lansford in the purchase of a farm in Illinois. Albert and his wife are represented by documents relating to land: a quitclaim to allow crossing of land belonging to Helen, and a deed by which Albert and Helen sold Bridget Dahill land in Deerfield.

**Leonora (Stebbins) Russell**, a daughter of Dennis<sup>30</sup> and Lois (Hawks) Stebbins, was born in 1907. She married Edward Russell in 1831. She died in 1898.

Her papers consist of a letter she received before her marriage from a cousin, Lois Hawks Field [Hawks] of Newark, New Jersey; a mortgage deed from her brother Dennis, giving land in Deerfield as collateral; and a letter from Dennis. Her husband is represented by a letter from his brother, Lemuel Henry Russell, a resident of Richmond, Virginia.

**Louisa Stebbins**, daughter of Dennis<sup>30</sup> and Lois (Hawks) Stebbins, was born in 1811. Her sister, Lucy Stebbins, was born in 1815. Neither sister married.

Louisa is represented by a four-line verse she signed in 1826, and Lucy by two letters, one from her brother Dennis which he wrote in South America, the other from her cousin George P. Field, which he wrote in Peoria, Illinois, where he engaged in the milling trade. Filed with these is a letter Louisa wrote to her sister-in-law, Sarah (Ames) Stebbins, wife of her brother Lansford, when Sarah and her husband were living in Shelbyville, Illinois.

**Dennis Stebbins, Jr.**,<sup>47</sup> son of Dennis<sup>30</sup> and Lois (Hawks) Stebbins, was born in 1812. He was a farmer who went west, first to Shelbyville, Illinois, and later to Yale, Jasper County, Illinois. In 1849 he married Jane Tenery. Dennis died in 1878.

He is represented by a small account book with few entries, pertaining to expenses when he worked on the Boston Worcester Railroad in 1835.

**William Stebbins**,<sup>48</sup> youngest son of Dennis<sup>30</sup> and Lois (Hawks) Stebbins, was born in 1817. He was a farmer in the Deerfield area. In 1845, he married Martha Harper Nims; the couple had six children.

His papers consist of three letters, two from his brother Lansford, the other from Lansford's wife Sarah. All were written in Shelbyville, Illinois.

**Arabella Stebbins**, daughter of Joseph<sup>23</sup> and Lucy (Frary) Stebbins, and a younger sister of Dennis<sup>30</sup>, was born in 1787. She died at the age of twenty-two.

She is represented by one paper, an undated account for clothing.

**Joseph Stebbins**,<sup>31</sup> son of Joseph<sup>23</sup> and Lucy (Frary) Stebbins, was born in 1784. He was a farmer who lived in the brick house on the road to Cheapside. In 1805, he married Laura Hawks; they had seven children. Joseph died in 1827, Laura in 1825.

His papers, which form a relatively extensive group, are mainly business papers relating to the running of his farm. They contain a great many promissory notes he signed, a reflection of his financial difficulties. The later papers relate to the settlement of his estate by Elihu Hoyt, administrator; these include an inventory and notices of his house and furnishings to be sold.

**Baxter Stebbins**,<sup>32</sup> son of Joseph<sup>23</sup> and Lucy (Frary) Stebbins, was born in 1793. He followed his father on the old homestead, was a farmer and a manufacturer of brooms. He also served as selectman of the town of Deerfield. He married Martha, daughter of Zur Hawks. Baxter died in 1862, his wife in 1858. The youngest of their seven children, **Frederick J. Stebbins**,<sup>52</sup> settled in Upper Alton, Illinois.

Baxter's papers consist of a letter from his brother-in-law, Christopher T. Arms (1835), a quitclaim for land in Deerfield and a promissory note (1836), a deed for the sale of land in Deerfield (1840), and a receipt for payment of mortgage. Filed with these is a warranty deed by Frederick J. Stebbins of Illinois, and Helen Whittlesey and her husband James of Deerfield, for land in the western part of Deerfield ceded to Sarah E. Conant.

**Asa Stebbins**,<sup>24</sup> son of Joseph<sup>18</sup> and Mary (Stratton) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1767. He lived in the old homestead; in 1800 built on it a brick house, still standing. He was a farmer, and with his brother, Colonel Joseph Stebbins,<sup>23</sup> built the Meadow Mills in the late 1790s. These included, in addition to their grist mill and a saw ill, a carding mill, fulling mill, shingle mill, dye works, and blacksmith shop. [Sheldon II, 768] In 1790, Asa married Emilia Harvey. They had 13 children, several of whom died in infancy. He served in the militia and was active in town affairs. His wife died in 1841, Asa in 1844.

His papers are about equally divided between deeds and business papers. The deeds, with one exception, are for land he acquired in Deerfield, including his deed to Lot 6 from Charissa Dickinson; one is for land in Shelburne, Mass. The remaining papers include a certificate stating that he had taken the required oath as surveyor of highways; an appraisal of his dwelling house and land (1799); a receipt for payment of taxes on land owned in Vermont; a letter from Elihu Hoyt in Boston resulting from Stebbins' request for information about compasses; a survey by Hoyt in 1833 of a north meadows lot owned by Stebbins; a list of mortgages; a summarized copy

of his estate inventory, and two brief accounts, the earlier kept in an unknown hand covering transactions in the sawmill owned by Joseph and Asa Stebbins as part of the Meadow Mills (1801-1802), the latter (1826) pertaining to a partnership between Seth Sheldon, Asa Stebbins, and Dennis Stebbins.

**Polly Stebbins** and **Roland Stebbins**, deaf mute children of Asa<sup>24</sup> and Emilia (Harvey) Stebbins, were born in Deerfield in 1792 and 1794 respectively. They each attended the American School for the deaf in Hartford, Ct.

They are represented by a discharge for the furniture of their father's estate in 1844.

**Asa Stebbins**,<sup>33</sup> son of Asa<sup>24</sup> and Emilia (Harvey) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1800. He was a farmer who took a prominent part in town affairs, serving as selectman and treasurer for many years. He built a brick house, now standing, on Lot 43. In 1824, he married Maria Stowell of Petersham, Mass. They had one daughter and four sons who survived infancy. Asa died in 1864, his widow in 1872. Three sons, **Francis W. Stebbins**<sup>54</sup> born in 1829 and a farmer and town treasurer; **Asa Harvey Stebbins**<sup>55</sup> born in 1839, who became a merchant in Boston and later a resident of Arizona; and **Horace Stowell Stebbins**,<sup>56</sup> who became a merchant in Boston, are represented in the collection.

The papers of Asa<sup>33</sup> and his sons Francis and Asa have been grouped in one folder. Those of the first two consist of deeds to land in Deerfield. The single paper of Asa Harvey Stebbins is a certificate for a share in the Deerfield River Bridge. The papers of Horace Stowell Stebbins consist of commissions related to his military service in 1862 and 1863. Accompanying these is a letter to his widow from officers under whom he had served (July 1867), and a deed to land sold to Lucy Skinner.

**Henry Stebbins**<sup>34</sup> son of Asa<sup>24</sup> and Emilia (Harvey) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1806. A farmer and captain in the Franklin Cadets, he lived on lot 5. In 1832 he married Mary Ann (Jackson) Little. They had one son and one daughter, each mentioned below. Henry died in 1870, his widow in 1886.

His papers consist of a receipt for money he received from the heirs of Elihu Hoyt, owed to the shingle mill [in Meadow Mills], a promissory note, and two deeds to land he acquired in Deerfield.

**John H. Stebbins**<sup>57</sup> son of Henry<sup>34</sup> and Mary Ann (Jackson) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1833 where he farmed. In 1858, he married Mary Young of Athol, Mass. After her death he married [1874] Amelia, daughter of Augustus Wells.

His papers consist of an "at home" card following his first marriage, and an assignment of his property, as a bankrupt, to George Fuller in 1878. Accompanying these is an undated manuscript of an address given to a literary club by his second wife, Amelia [formerly N-pers. 5045 in the P.V.M.A. collection], and two autograph books kept by his daughter, Mary Jackson Stebbins, known as Daisy.

**Julia A. (Stebbins) Cowing Allen**, daughter of Henry<sup>34</sup> and Mary Ann (Jackson) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1837. In 1856, she married Howland Cowing; sometime after 1874, she married George A. Allen.

Her papers consist of a letter she received from Henry W. Longfellow in 1874, thanking her for a cross of laurel leaves she sent to be put on the grave of Senator Charles Sumner; and a deed to land in Deerfield (1886) sold to her by her brother, John, and his two children.

**Samuel Stebbins**, son of Samuel<sup>19</sup> and Martha Bardwell Stebbins, and grandson of John Stebbins<sup>14</sup>, was born in Greenfield, Mass., in 1769. In 1793, he married Asenath Bascom. He died some time before 1817, the year his widow married Jonathan Russell.

One paper, attribute to him and bearing the name Samuel Stebbins, is a plan of Duxbury, endorsed as having been drawn for a Joseph Bollis, October 17, 1802.

**Moses Stebbins**,<sup>20</sup> son of John<sup>14</sup> and Mary Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1731. In 1761, he married Mercy, daughter of Eleazer Hawks. The couple resided at Bloody Brook (now S. Deerfield) and had six children. After Mercy's death in 1785, he married Experience Clark. Moses died in 1815.

His papers consist of one original deed of 1773, and a copy of a 1785 deed, both for land he purchased in Conway; his account from the 1780s with Daniel Trowbridge; and a receipt (1803) from his daughter Mercy, witnessed by his son Ebenezer, for money Moses paid for services Mercy had performed in his household from the time she was 18 years old.

**Ebenezer Stebbins**,<sup>26</sup> son of John<sup>20</sup> and Mercy (Hawks) Stebbins, was born at Bloody Brook (now S. Deerfield) in 1763. He was an innkeeper. In 1785, he married Rebecca Leonard of Sunderland. He died in 1831, his widow in 1843.

His papers include two drafts of his will, one indicating that it was written in 1826; a writ of trespass brought by Stebbins; and two notes to his attorney, Elihu Hoyt, the earlier, in 1826, regarding a provision in his will; the latter, a few days before his death in 1831, asking that the will be sealed and sent to him.

**Kellogg S. Stebbins**, son of Ebenezer<sup>35</sup> and Rebecca (Hunt) Stebbins and grandson of Ebenezer Stebbins<sup>26</sup>, was born in Deerfield in 1833. In 1860, he married Annie S. Lloyd. He was a passenger conductor for many years on the Connecticut River Railroad and later on the Toledo and Wabash Railroad. He died in 1876.

He is represented by only one paper, a deed of mortgage taken by the Franklin Savings Institution against three of his lots in or near South Deerfield in 1862.

**Samuel Stebbins**,<sup>36</sup> son of Ebenezer<sup>26</sup> and Rebecca (Leonard) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1794. He settled in Conway, Mass., where he was a farmer famous for his maple sugar. He died in 1869.

His papers include a receipt, a promissory note, four deeds to land in South Deerfield (two of which were purchased from his father), and, with his brother Ebenezer Stebbins,<sup>35</sup> an agreement with the proprietors of the Sunderland Bridge.

**Zebina Stebbins**,<sup>37</sup> son of Ebenezer<sup>26</sup> and Rebecca (Leonard) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1797. He married Ruby Graves of Sunderland in 1819; the couple had ten children. They lived at Sugarloaf (South Deerfield) and at the Stebbins' Mill property south of the village of Deerfield. Rebecca died in 1877, Zebina in 1879.

He is represented by two papers: an action for trespass in 1826 against the same persons and for the same cause as that in his father's papers; and a deed for land purchased by him and his sons Christopher A. Stebbins and A. Baxter Stebbins.

**Evander G. Stebbins**,<sup>58</sup> son of Zebina and Ruby (Graves) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1821. A farmer, he lived at the Stebbins Mill property. In 1840, he married Matilda Childs of the Wapping district of Deerfield. Both Evander and his wife died in 1885.

His one paper is a mortgage on the Stebbins Mills property, to be held by Evander Stebbins until paid by Eilliam Hale, to whom the property would then be assigned.

**Benjamin Zebina Stebbins**,<sup>60</sup> son of Zebina<sup>37</sup> and Ruby (Grabes) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1827. In 1853 he married Marion Childs. A farmer, he lived in the Wapping district of Deerfield.

**Benjamin Zebina Stebbins, Jr.**, the son of Benjamin Zebina<sup>60</sup> and Marion Childs Stebbins, was born in Wapping in 1865. He graduated from Deerfield Academy in 1882, and in 1898 married Eleanor H. Brown of Vernon, Vermont. He worked as a local agent for the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad for many years, and was active and greatly admired in the community, serving for more than 40 years on the school board, as trustee of the Deerfield Academy and as an assessor. He died in 1950, his widow in 1955.

His papers include two school exercise books, his Deerfield Academy diploma (1882), correspondence and forms relating to his service as enumerator in the 1895 state census, a certificate by the town clerk stating that he, his wife, and their daughter, Marion, were U.S. citizens and Deerfield residents, and a birth certificate of his son, Fred. There are also two letters to his daughter Marion (one from Frank L. Boyden), and a group of newspaper clippings, including reports of golden wedding celebrations of his parents and his own, and obituaries of Benjamin and his widow.

**Charles E. Stebbins**, son of Alvin<sup>39</sup> and Eliza (Kentfield) Stebbins and grandson of Ebenezer Stebbins<sup>26</sup>, was born in South Deerfield in 1850. He married Mina A. Everett in 1852. She died in 1877; in 1887 he married Myrtie E. Hawks. There were two daughters from the first marriage, and three sons from the second marriage.

His papers consist of two deeds for land in South Deerfield in 1872, both by quit-claim, one from his brother William, the other from his brother Edward.

**Moses Stebbins**,<sup>40</sup> son of Ebenezer<sup>26</sup> and Rebecca (Leonard) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1803. About 1830, he married Laura A Fosdick; the couple had eight children. Moses was a farmer and engaged in raising fine livestock. He served Deerfield as assessor (1852-1854) and justice of the peace (1858), and was one of the councilors of the Pocumtuck Valley

Memorial Association. He died in 1880, his widow in 1891. Their son, James Taylor Stebbins, born in 1834, served in the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War; he was killed in battle at Port Hudson, Louisiana, in 1864.

Moses' papers consist of a deed to land he purchased in Deerfield, a quit-claim releasing land, also in Deerfield, to Edward R. Blake, and two mortgages to the Trustees of Smith Charities. His son James is represented by a deed to land and buildings on the east side of the street in Deerfield (1861).

Simeon Stebbins,<sup>22</sup> son of John<sup>14</sup> and Hannah (Allen) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1736. His first wife was Hannah Hinsdale; his second Margaret Mighills. There were eight children by the first marriage, six by the second. Simeon served in the Lake George campaign in 1758. He settled in Conway, Mass., moved to Shelburne about 1798, and later returned to Conway.

His papers consist of a bill for weaving in 1770 and two judgments against him.

David Stebbins<sup>22</sup>, son of John<sup>14</sup> and Hannah (Allen) Stebbins, was born in Deerfield in 1741. In 1765, he married Rhoda Sheldon. The couple had 12 children. David served in the Revolutionary War in a company that guarded stores in Springfield and Brookfield, Mass. David was a farmer, first in Deerfield, and later (about 1792) in Conway, Mass. He died in 1816, his widow in 1826.

David is represented by a judgment brought against him brought by Elijah Field. Filed with this is a receipt for money paid by his granddaughter, Mary D. Stebbins, and by judgment brought against his grandson Willard Stebbins

Catherine Louisa Stebbins daughter of the Rev. Charles E. and Helen Stebbins, was born in New York in 1900 and attended Oberlin College in Ohio. She later lived in Chicago. After retiring she moved to Benzonia, Mich., where she continued researching her family and Deerfield's early history. Her papers consist of research notes, various published pamphlets, and her unpublished writings.

**Miscellaneous material** includes a letter from J. Rowland Stebbins by which he made a gift to the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association of portraits of his father, James K. Stebbins,<sup>62</sup> and of his mother, Emma (Selby) Stebbins, now in the collection in Memorial Hall; a reproduction of the Stebbins coat of arms; and several photographs.

## Container List:

### Box 1:

folder 1	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>6</sup> 1705	(1 item)
folder 2	Papers of Frances Dickinson Stebbins, 1835, 1843	(2 items)
folder 3	Papers of Joseph, Joel, James, Maria, William, and Sophia Stebbins and of their sister-in-law, Elizabeth, widow of their brother Edwin, 1833-1862	(8 items)
folder 4	Papers of Theodore Stebbins, 1861	(6 items)

folder 5	Papers of Charles Stebbins, 1850-1865	(14 items)
folder 6	Papers of Mary Ann (Groves) Stebbins, May-August 1861	(5 items)
folder 7	Papers of Richard Stebbins, 1861-1865	(14 items)
folder 8	Papers of John Stebbins, <sup>3</sup> 1679-1728	(19 items)
folder 9	Papers of John Stebbins Lee, 1838 and undated	(4 items)
folder 10	Papers of John Stebbins, <sup>9</sup> 1723-1725	(4 items)
folder 11	Papers of Abigail and Thankful Stebbins, 1708, 1891, 1963	(4 items)
folder 12	Papers of John Stebbins, <sup>14</sup> 1736-1768	(10 items)
folder 13	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>18</sup> deeds and other land records, 1789-1814	(33 items)
folder 14	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>18</sup> business papers, 1760-1796	(39 items)
folder 15	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>18</sup> copies of his will and papers relating to the settlement of his estate, 1794-1826	(10 items)
folder 16	Papers of Mary (Stebbins) Smead Butler, 1798-1819	(61 items)

### Box 2:

folder 1	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup> military commission, 1775	(1 item)
folder 2	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup> accounts and receipts, 1771-1791	(64 items)
folder 3	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup> accounts and receipts, 1792-1801	(62 items)
folder 4	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup> accounts and receipts, 1802-1816	(56 items)
folder 5	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup> deeds, 1789-1814	(59 items)
folder 6	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup> Misc. papers, many regarding the settlement of his estate, 1784-1827 and undated	(42 items)
folder 7	George Sheldon's notes on Joseph Stebbins, <sup>23</sup>	(13 pages)
folder 8	Papers of Dennis Stebbins, <sup>30</sup> correspondence regarding Vermont lands, 1800-1833	(33 items)
folder 9	Papers of Dennis Stebbins, <sup>30</sup> deeds, releases, and receipts, 1817-1839	(21 items)

### Box 3:

folder 1	Papers of Dennis Stebbins, <sup>30</sup> and his wife, Lois; letters from their children, 1832-1850, and undated	(22 items)
folder 2	Papers of Dennis Stebbins, <sup>30</sup> and his wife, Lois; letters from other relatives, 1831-1837	(15 items)
folder 3	Papers of Dennis Stebbins, <sup>30</sup> other correspondence, commissions, and business papers, 1802-1843	(16 items)
folder 4	Papers of Claudius H. Stebbins, <sup>45</sup> his son, Albert, and daughter-in-law, Helen Maria (Root) Stebbins, 1838, 1880-1881	(3 items)
folder 5	Papers of Leonora (Stebbins) Russell and her husband, Edward Russell, 1830, 1838, 1857, 1859	(4 items)
folder 6	Papers of Louisa Stebbins and Lucy Stebbins, 1826, 1843, 1864	(3 items)
folder 7	Papers of Dennis Stebbins Jr., <sup>47</sup> and his wife, Jane (Tenary) Stebbins, 1834, 1835	(2 items)
folder 8	Papers of William Stebbins, <sup>48</sup> c. 1842-1844	(3 items)
folder 9	Papers of Arabella Stebbins, undated	(1 item)
folder 10	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>31</sup> 1797-1815	(31 items)
folder 11	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>31</sup> 1816-1826	(43 items)
folder 12	Papers of Joseph Stebbins, <sup>31</sup> 1827-1830, and undated	(38 items)
folder 13	Papers of Baxter Stebbins, <sup>52</sup> his son, Frederick J. Stebbins, <sup>52</sup> 1835, 1836, 1840, 1846, 1876	(7 items)

**Box 4:**

folder 1	Papers of Asa Stebbins, <sup>24</sup> deeds, 1798-1840	(27 items)
folder 2	Papers of Asa Stebbins, <sup>24</sup> account book (1801-02), and miscellaneous, 1790-1844	(21 items)
folder 2a	Papers of Roland and Polly Stebbins	(1 item)
folder 3	Papers of Asa Stebbins, <sup>33</sup> and his sons, Edward W., <sup>53</sup> Francis W., <sup>54</sup> and Asa H., <sup>55</sup> 1847-1871	(6 items)
folder 4	Papers of Horace S. Stebbins, <sup>56</sup> and his wife, Louise (Odiorne) Stebbins, 1862-1863, 1867	(8 items)
folder 5	Papers of Henry Stebbins, <sup>34</sup> 1833, 1843, 1850, 1854	(4 items)
folder 6	Papers of John H. Stebbins and his daughter, Daisy <sup>57</sup> 1858, 1878, undated	(5 items)
folder 7	Papers of Julia A. (Stebbins) Allen, 1874, 1886	(2 items)
folder 8	Papers of Samuel Stebbins, plan of Duxbury, Mass., 1802	(1 item)
folder 9	Papers of Moses Stebbins, <sup>20</sup> 1773-1803	(4 items)
folder 10	Papers of Ebenezer Stebbins, <sup>26</sup> 1826-1831	(5 items)
folder 11	Papers of Kellogg S. Stebbins, 1862	(1 item)
folder 12	Papers of Samuel Stebbins, <sup>36</sup> 1810-1838	(7 items)
folder 13	Papers of Zebina Stebbins, <sup>37</sup> 1826, 1861	(2 items)
folder 14	Papers of Evander Stebbins, <sup>58</sup> 1855	(1 item)
folder 15	Papers of Benjamin Z. Stebbins Jr., school exercise books, and Deerfield Academy diploma	(3 items)
folder 16	Papers of Benjamin Z. Stebbins Jr., census materials, 1895-1896	(10 items)
folder 17	Papers of Benjamin Z. Stebbins Jr., 1930-1955	(4 items)
folder 18	Papers of Charles E. Stebbins, 1872	(2 items)
folder 19	Papers of Moses Stebbins, <sup>40</sup> and his son, James, 1854-1861	(5 items)
folder 20	Papers of Simon Stebbins, <sup>21</sup> 1770-1806	(4 items)
folder 21	Papers of David Stebbins, <sup>22</sup> and his grandchildren, 1789, 1815, 1839	(3 items)

**Box 5**

folder 1	Misc. manuscripts, 1751-1971	(19 items)
folder 2	Letters from John Stebbins to George Sheldon, 1869-75	(11 items)
folder 3	Correspondence with George Sheldon re: Stebbins family, 1867-99	(46 items)
folder 4	Correspondence with George Sheldon and others, 1900-1983	(52 items)
folder 5	Genealogical material	
folder 6	Misc. printed material	

**Catherine Stebbins Papers**

**Box 1** Typescript, "Jacques Denoyon," (203 pp.) Original and carbon copy.

**Box 2** Correspondence with Memorial Libraries, 1974-87; typescript, "Massacre at Deerfield, an Early American Odyssey," (442 pp.)

**Box 3** Scrapbook of newspaper clippings; pamphlets and magazines

**Box 4** Research notes