

Wright Family Papers

The Wright Family Papers consist of two branches of the Wright family. One branch, the Joseph Wright family, lived in Deerfield in the middle to late 1700s, and then moved to Adams, NY, where the family line continued. The other branch, the Samuel Wright family, lived in Deerfield from the early 1700s onward. While no papers of Samuel Wright are in this collection, he is the earliest confirmed ancestor of this branch of the Wright family. Samuel's grandson and later descendants make up the bulk of the collection.

Joseph Wright Family

Joseph Wright (1721-1793) was a cooper in Ware, MA in 1749 before he settled in Bloody Brook. He married Jane Westwood Cook of Hadley and had 9 children. Three of his children are represented below. Joseph is represented in the collection by a judgment he received against Henry Fraizer of Shelburne in 1787.

Westwood Cook Wright (1750-1826) was the son of Joseph. He was a soldier in the Revolution who went with his brothers to Adams, NY about 1804. He married Sarah Billings, and had 8 children. He is represented in the collection by several judgments against him.

Carmi Wright (1753-1832) was the son of Joseph. He enlisted in the Revolutionary War in 1778 for 3 years. He went with his brothers to Adams, NY around 1804. He married Eunice Cooley and had 15 children. He is represented in the collection by several judgments against him.

Moses Wright (1760-2830) was the son of Joseph. He too went to Adams, NY with his brothers around 1804. He married Patty French and had 10 children. He is represented in the collection by several judgments against him.

Samuel Wright Family

Judah Wright (1677-1747) was the grandson of Samuel Wright. He first came to Deerfield as a garrison soldier in 1704. He was taken captive in the Raid, and later returned to the area. He settled in Wapping, where he was a weaver. He married Mary Hoyt. They had six children. Two of his sons are represented below. He is represented in the collection by several deeds.

Noah Wright (1716-1797) was the son of Judah. Like his father, he settled in Wapping. He was a cordwainer by trade, and a deacon in the church. He married Esther Scott and had 2 children. He is represented in the collection by 3 letters, and a will. Two of the letters are from his sisters.

Asahel Wright (1721-1816) was the son of Judah. He was a selectman, deacon and farmer in Wapping. George Sheldon describes him as "a plain man with plain habits." He married Lucy Waite of Hatfield and had 9 children. Two of his sons are represented below. He is represented in the collection by several deeds, obligation documents, and miscellaneous legal papers.

Asahel Wright Jr. (1767-1828) was the son of Asahel. He was a farmer at Wapping, and a selectman. He married Miranda Wetherby first, and Mercy White second. Together, he had 10 children. Two of his sons are represented below. He is represented by land deeds and a will.

David Wright (b. 1791) was the son of Asahel Jr. He was a deputy sheriff and crier of courts, as well as an inn-keeper. He married Lucretia Kimberly and had 4 children. He is represented in the collection by a land deed, and other miscellaneous legal documents.

Luke Wright (1801-1878) was the son of Asahel Jr. He married Mary Ann Stebbins, the daughter of Asa Stebbins. He is represented in the collection by 3 deeds.

Judah Wright (1772-1823) was the son of Asahel Sr. He was also a farmer at Wapping. He married Charlotte Arms, and then Susanna Root. He had 9 children total with both of his wives. Three of his sons are represented below. He is represented in the collection by probate documents relating to the division of his estate. His widow, Susanna (or Susan) is represented by a legal document.

Eli Wright (1798-1866) was the son of Judah. He was a selectman and a farmer at Wapping. He married Lutheria Negus of Petersham. They had 6 children. He is represented in the collection by a land deed.

Asahel Wright (1806-1875) was the son of Judah. He was a farmer at Wapping. He married Hannah Bardwell. He died without issue. He is represented in the collection by several deeds.

Edward Wright (1815-1852) was the son of Judah. He was Yale educated minister at West Haven, Connecticut. He married Susan Arms. They had 1 child. He is represented in the collection by a letter he wrote to his sister Charlotte and her husband Francis Root.

Other Wrights

Charles Wright is represented by a hand-drawn map done at age 9, and a receipt for goods in Northfield, undated. Charles cannot be identified as belonging to either of these Wright families. The papers may be from two different Charles', or from a Northfield Wright family.

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