

Catlin Family Papers

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Note: Biographical notes are taken from George Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*.

John Catlin², son of John¹, born about 1643 in Connecticut, died Feb. 29, 1704. He was a teacher, "Town's Attorney," and Selectman before moving to Deerfield in 1683, where he also took an active role in town affairs. He married Mary Baldwin in 1662 and they had 10 children, two of whom are represented below. He and most of his family perished during the raid of 1704.

His papers include copies of deeds, an inventory, a bond, a judgment, a newspaper article, and a commemorative program.

Joseph Catlin³, son of John², born ca. 1680, died Feb. 29, 1704. He fell in the Meadows fight, after defending the Benoni Stebbins house. He married Hannah Sheldon in 1701. They had two children, one of whom is represented below.

His papers consist of a bond and an inventory.

John Catlin⁴, son of John², born in 1687 and died Dec. 1, 1766. Taken captive in the raid of 1704; returned to Deerfield in 1706. A house wright and rope maker by trade, he lived on part of Lot No. 29. His house was burned during the raid. He married Jemima Allen in 1715; they had 12 children, two of whom are represented below, as is his wife.

His papers consist of a bond with his son John, a sea captain who lived in New Haven, Conn.; a fence agreement, a partial deed, plot plans, a will, and legal documents regarding his estate division.

Jemima (Allen) Catlin, wife of John⁴, born 1696, died Feb. 6, 1772. She married John⁴ in 1715.

Her papers consist of a deed, a will, and an account of her husband's estate.

Abigail Catlin, daughter of John⁴ and Jemima, born Jun. 23, 1728; died May 1, 1772. She was an invalid who never married.

Her papers consist of an order of inquiry of insanity and a guardianship appointment to her brother, Jonathan.

Samuel Catlin, son of John⁴ and Jemima, born Jul. 9, 1731 and died ca. 1826. He was a teamster and a soldier in the French and Indian War. He lived in Hadley, Hatfield, and Deerfield, Mass. He married Rhoda Mitchell in 1756.

His papers consist of a receipt, an order to pay, bills, writs, promissory notes, land appraisal and an account of debt.

John Catlin⁵, son of Joseph³ and Hannah, born 1704, died Sep. 24, 1758. Taken captive in the raid of 1704. He served in the military as a lieutenant and commanded various companies and forts. He married Mary Munn in 1727; they had 9 children, two of whom are represented below.

His papers consist of a deed, records of service, and a letter.

Mercy Catlin, daughter of John⁵ and Mary, born Sep. 13, 1741, died 1821. She married Consider Arms of Conway, Mass., on Dec. 11, 1765.

Her papers consist of a memorandum and a mss. copy regarding the purchase of household articles.

Seth Catlin⁹, son of John⁵ and Mary (Munn), born 1734 and died Mar. 19, 1798. Drummer, second Lieutenant, and a quartermaster in the military. He was active in town affairs, serving as selectman for three years. He lived on Lot No. 22 where he kept a tavern. He married Abigail Denio in 1762; they had 9 children.

His papers consist of letters, writs, promissory notes, a receipt, a deed, and an order to pay.

John Catlin¹¹, son of Nathan⁶ and Thankful (Foster), born 1759 and died Mar. 6, 1814. He lived on Lot No. 24 in Deerfield where he was a farmer, rope maker, and pewter button maker. He married Huldah Bangs in 1787; they had six children.

His papers consist of two writs and two promissory notes.

Miscellaneous Catlins: Other family members with documents:

Ben (order); **Charlotte** (receipt); **Henry** (bills, promissory notes, writ); **Huldah** (letter); **Jonathan** (promissory note); **Joseph** (order for supplies); **Richard** (account settlement, promissory note); **Samuel** (deed)

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: John Catlin² - Deeds, legal documents, article, program of a plaque dedication ceremony - 10 items

Folder 2: Joseph Catlin³ - Bond and inventory (1704-1705/6) - 2 items

- Folder 3: John Catlin⁴ - Estate documents, 2 plot plans, a deed, legal documents (1718-1766/67) - 9 items
- Folder 4: Jemima Catlin - deed, will, account of estate (1770-1777) - 3 items
- Folder 5: Abigail Catlin - legal documents re: competency, guardianship (1772) - 2 items
- Folder 6: Samuel, son of John⁴ - Bill, receipt, writs, promissory notes, appraisal, etc. (1788-1826) - 11 items
- Folder 7: John Catlin⁵ - Deed, records of service, letter (1737, 1934, n.d.) - 4 items
- Folder 8: Mercy Catlin, dau. of John⁵ - List of household items purchased (1765) - 2 items
- Folder 9: Seth Catlin⁹ - Letters, writs, deed, receipt, promissory notes, and order (1765-1790) - 10 items
- Folder 10: John Catlin¹¹ - Writs and promissory notes (1811) - 4 items
- Folder 11: Miscellaneous Catlins - Legal documents (1784-1839) - 14 items
- Folder 12: Correspondence of George Sheldon re: Catlin Family (1877-1913) - 19 items
- Folder 13: Genealogy and notes re: Catlin Family (1881-1955) - 21 items
- Folder 14: Miscellaneous correspondence, clippings, etc. re: Catlin Family (1912-1993) - 19 items
- Folder 15: Transcriptions of letters from Charlotte A. Catlin of Illinois to relatives in Mass., 1850-1855
- Folder 16: Correspondence, notes, etc. re: Catlin Family, NOT of Deerfield (1841-1880) - 12 items

CATLIN (non-Deerfield- folder 16)

- Letter to Charles Catlin from N.P.W. Miner - Oct. 17, 1880
- Letter to Charles Catlin from D. F. Day - Oct. 20, 1880
- Printed obituary - "Frank Catlin"
- Notes on Frary House contents by M. C. Neiland
- Letter to Anna from C. Alice Baker - n.d.
- Letter to Anna from Charles Catlin - July 22, 1864
- Letter to "my Dear Anna" from Aunt Kate Baker - Feb. 14, ?
- Letter to Dear Sister Maria from Kate - Jan. 21, 1911
- Letter to My Dear Mother from Charlotte - n.d.
- Letter to My Dear Mother from Charlotte - n.d.
- Letter to My Dear Parents from Charlotte - n.d.

Letter to My Dear Mother from Charlotte - Dec. 1, 1840
Letter to My Dear Mother from Charlotte - May 6, 1841
Letter to My Dear Mother from Charlotte - June 6, 1841
Letter to My Dear Mother from Charlotte - Oct. 3, 1841
Letter to My Dear Brother from Charlotte - March 20, 1859
Letter to My Dear Father & Mother from Abby - Jan, 16, n.d.
Letter to My Dear Mother from Abby - April 1, 1842
One copy of clipping, "Reminiscences of Chicago"