

Guide to the BARDWELL FAMILY Papers

PVMA Library

Scope and Content Note:

The Bardwell family papers include legal documents, deeds, land surveys, receipts, and correspondence encompassing the period 1714-1830. An extensive amount of genealogical material can also be found in the collection.

Superscript numbers following some names refer to their listing in *Bardwell/Bordwell Descendants, Book 2* (1974) edited by Portia Chamberlain.

The April 8, 1776, military commission of **Noah Bardwell** (1748-1825) of Hatfield, made 2nd Lieutenant of the 12th Co., is shelved with other oversize commissions in drawer 4 of the flat file, PVMA Mss. Room.

Samuel Bardwell Sr.¹² (1685-1771), son of Robert and Mary Gull Bardwell, was born in Hatfield, MA. Came to Deerfield in 1711 and lived on Lot 39 where he kept a tavern. He married Martha Allen of Montague, MA.

His papers consist of land survey plats, deeds (one in association with three other Deerfield men), and a promissory note.

Thomas Bardwell¹⁴ (1691-1781), son of Robert and Mary Gull Bardwell, was born in Hatfield where he learned the saddler's trade. He purchased property in Deerfield and by 1722 resided in the village with his wife, Sarah Belding Bardwell.

His papers include a 1714 promissory note, plat of survey of his land, deeds, and a copy of his will (1760). A 19th-century copy of his wife's will (Oct. 1782) is shelved with his papers.

Ebenezer Bardwell II¹¹¹ (1707-1789), son of Ebenezer and Mary Field Bardwell, was born in Hatfield, MA. He served in several campaigns of the old French and Indian wars. In 1731 he married Elizabeth Gillett of that place. The couple moved to what is now Whately in 1734.

His papers contain a joint right to purchase land in Housatonic Township, a bond for a loan, a receipt, and deeds.

Samuel Bardwell Jr.¹²¹ (1715-17), son of Samuel and Martha Allen Bardwell, was born in Deerfield and moved to Montague, MA, in 1750 where he helped organize that town. In 1737 he married Anna Severance of Deerfield.

His papers consist of receipts, a writ of payment.

Reuben Bardwell^{121.6} (1754-1840), son of Samuel and Anna Severance Bardwell, was born in Montague, MA. With his brother Gideon, he established Bardwell's ferry on the Deerfield River in c. 1780. He married Susanna Wilson of Montague in 1778.

His papers include receipts, writs for non-payment, and a complaint against David Childs II for not appearing at the cavalry militia muster in Greenfield in June 1789.

Moses Bardwell^{122.5} (1762-1840), son of Enoch and Experience Stebbins Bardwell, was born in Montague where he kept a "boatman's tavern," and farmed. He married Sally/Sarah Ransom in 1785 in Greenfield.

His papers consist of receipts and a writ for non-payment.

Gideon Bardwell^{123.1} (1725-1814), son of Gideon and Hannah Hawks Bardwell, was born in Deerfield, eventually moving to Foxtown - or Bardwell's Ferry - in Shelburne, MA. In 1779 he married Keziah Foster. He and subsequent generations of his family ran the ferry across the Deerfield River.

His papers consist of a receipt from Elijah Alvord and a writ for payment of a note.

Eldad Bardwell^{124.1} (1763-1805), son of Eldad and Ruth Oakes Bardwell, was born in Deerfield where he married Rachel Catlin in 1784.

His papers comprise writs for payment and one receipt.

John Bardwell¹⁴⁴ (1735-1814), son of Thomas and Sarah Belding Bardwell, was born in Deerfield, MA, where he held a variety of offices, including constable and representative to the General Court. He served in the militia and took part in the Saratoga Campaign against Burgoyne. In 1765 he married Mercy Sheldon of Deerfield.

His papers consist of receipts and deeds.

Reuben Bardwell^{144.1} (1763-1851), son of John and Mercy Sheldon Bardwell, was born in Deerfield, but moved to Conway, MA, and later Phelps, NY, eventually settling in Rochester in 1823. He married Sarah/Sally Smead of Deerfield in 1792.

His papers consist of receipts, deeds, and a letter from his niece, Catherine E. Bardwell.

Andrew Bardwell^{144.4} (1770-1853), son of John and Mercy Sheldon Bardwell, was born in Greenfield, MA. In 1804 he married Nabby Kimberley of New Haven, CT.

His papers contain receipts, writs for payment, and deeds.

Robert Bardwell^{144.5} (1772-1847), son of John and Mercy Sheldon Bardwell, was born in Greenfield and operated a store in the Cheapside section of Deerfield. He married Pamela Dickinson of Deerfield in 1802.

His papers include receipts and writs to recover money.

Catherine Elizabeth Bardwell^{144.21} (1812-1889), daughter Henry and Rhoda Smith Bardwell, lived her entire life in Deerfield. In 1842, she married Caleb Allen of that place.

Her papers consist of letters from Reuben Bardwell of Rochester, NY.

Thomas Bardwell Jr.¹⁴⁷ (1744-1826), son of Thomas and Sarah Belding Bardwell, was born in Deerfield. He served in the 1775 Lexington alarm. In 1790 he married Catherine Sekins of Pelham, MA.

His papers consist of several writs, for and against him, for collecting money due, and a 1790 note to the selectmen of Deerfield informing them that members of his wife's family from Pelham had taken up residence with him.

India Mae Bardwell^{122.231.73} (1876- 1971), daughter of Charles T. and Laura Pierce Bardwell, was born in Bear Lake, PA. In 1904 she married Wayne Chadwick; the couple moved to California where both are buried.

Her papers include poems, information on plays she appeared in, her wedding announcement, and letters from her brothers, C. Elwood and T. Juan, while serving in France during WWI.

Other Bardwells represented in the collection include **Remembrance** (1715-1779) of Hatfield, MA; **Joel** (1732-1811) of Kent, CT; Ebenezer III (1733-1818) of Whately, MA; **Job** (b. 1746) of Shelburne, MA; **Elias** (b. 1763); **Enoch** (b. 1775) of Shelburne; **Luke** (1783-1855) of Clinton Co., NY); **Otis** (1792-1871) of Walpole, NH; **Consider** (b. 1807) of Leyden, MA; school exercise book of **Alice Nancy** of Colrain (1887-1968).

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: Papers of Samuel Bardwell Sr., 1710-1754	(11 items)
Folder 2: Papers of Thomas Bardwell Sr., and wife Sarah, 1714-1782	(15 items)
Folder 3: Papers of Ebenezer Bardwell II, 1739-1770	(6 items)
Folder 4: Papers of Samuel Bardwell Jr., 1768-1788	(3 items)
Folder 5: Papers of Gideon Bardwell Jr., 1750; 1787/88	(2 items)
Folder 6: Papers of Eldad Bardwell, 1789-1800	(6 items)
Folder 7: Papers of John Bardwell, 1767-1798	(3 items)
Folder 8: Papers of Reuben Bardwell, 1789-1791	(24 items)
Folder 9: Papers of Moses Bardwell, 1789-1823	(4 items)
Folder 10: Papers of Reuben Bardwell, 1798-1830	(5 items)
Folder 11: Papers of Andrew Bardwell, 1807-1820	(7 items)
Folder 12: Papers of Robert Bardwell, 1802-1819	(25 items)
Folder 13: Papers of Thomas Bardwell Jr., 1790-1819	(7 items)
Folder 14: Papers of Catherine, E. Bardwell, 1828 -1837	(7 items)

Folder 15: Papers of India Bardwell Chadwick, 1902-1919	(24 items)
Folder 16: Papers of misc. Bardwell family members, 1745-c.1900	(13 items)
Folder 17: George Sheldon's correspondence regarding Bardwell genealogy, 1868-1908	(19 items)
Folder 18: Correspondence (1959) regarding papers loaned to George O. Bardwell for use in preparing Bardwell genealogy	(15 items)
Folder 19: Correspondence regarding the transfer of documents to PVMA	(23 items)
Folder 20: Misc. correspondence, 1897-1986	(16 items)
Folder 21: Misc. genealogical information, clippings, printed material	(14 items)

Box 2

"Descendants of Milton Bond Bardwell, 1821-1899, number 615 in the record of the descendants of Robert Bardwell, 1647-1726" (bound mimeograph, 1966)

Notebook of Bardwell genealogy, compiled by James M. Crafts of Orange, Mass., c.1890. 217pp. bound manuscript with index.

Genealogical correspondence, notes, typescripts.

Box 3

Genealogical correspondence, notes, typescripts.

Joseph Atherton, Samuel Bardwell, Ebenezer Field and Edward Allen, Jr., re: their Stoddard purchase, 1718.

Box 4

Folder 1: Photographs and photocopies of photographs

Folder 2: copies of military and marriage records; newspaper clippings; misc. genealogical information

Folder 3: Printed genealogical information

Folder 4: Bardwell Family Association: correspondence, publications. genealogy, and bibliography

Box 5 (oversize - shelved in south stacks room)

Notebooks and typescripts of genealogical information and family letters.