

## GUIDE TO ARMS FAMILY PAPERS

### Scope and Content Note

The Arms Family Papers have been received by the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association from many sources over many years. They number approximately 2,350 items and date from 1736 to about 1936. Certain materials relating to the family, and not included in the item count, are of considerably later date.

The papers are those of seven generations descended from William Arms through his sons John, Daniel and William. William Arms (ca. 1654-1731) first came to Deerfield about 1698, moved to Sunderland in 1713, and returned to settle in Deerfield on the "Arms Corner" about 1717. The names of those members of the family who are represented by papers are in bold print. The number that follows many names in the notes below, refers to the number assigned to that individual by George Sheldon in the genealogical notes on the Arms family that are included in the second volume of his *History of Deerfield* (1895). Many of the following biographical notes were taken from the same source.

### Biographical Notes and Description of Papers

**John Arms**<sup>2</sup> (1679-1753) was the eldest son of William<sup>1</sup>, founder of the family in Deerfield. He saw service in the Indian wars and was crippled from wounds received in an attack near Deerfield in 1709. He and his wife, Hannah (Nash) Arms of Hatfield, Mass., had two daughters and a son.

John is represented by one paper, a plat of his property in Deerfield, surveyed by Elijah Williams in 1736.

**John Arms**<sup>5</sup>, son of John<sup>2</sup>, was born in 1722. He settled in Brattleboro, Vt., where he served as its first postmaster and later as sheriff. He kept a famous tavern there, to which Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys came. He and his wife, the former Susannah Willard, had three children. John died in 1770.

His papers consist of a deed to land in Deerfield; an account with Sawyer Wright; and a conveyance of John's heirs and other property holders in Deerfield.

**Josiah Arms**<sup>16</sup>, son of John<sup>5</sup>, continued to keep the tavern in Brattleboro, Vt., left by his father. He was born in 1750 and died in 1803.

There are two sets of his papers in the collection: an account of money owed by his father's estate to the John Russell estate; and a deed to land he sold to Samuel Smead of Shelburne, Mass.

**William Arms**<sup>41</sup>, born in 1790, was one of the youngest of fourteen children of Josiah<sup>16</sup>. He settled in Dummerston, Vt., where he died in 1876.

He is represented by one paper, a letter he received in 1832 from two brothers, P.H. and Daniel Knowlton.

**Daniel Arms**<sup>3</sup>, born in 1687, was a son of William<sup>1</sup>. He lived on the old homestead, which his father had established on the "Arms Corner", and he died there in 1753. His first wife, Esther (Smead)

Arms, was the mother of all of his eleven children. His second wife, Mary (Hitchcock) Taylor Arms, outlived him and later married Ebenezer Barnard.

The collection includes a letter Daniel wrote to his brother-in-law, Azariah Wright of Northfield, Mass., in 1745; and a deed to land Daniel's widow, Mary, purchased in 1754 from John Taylor, a son by her first marriage.

**Ebenezer Arms**<sup>19</sup>, a grandson of Daniel<sup>3</sup> was born in 1760. He became a resident of Greenfield, Mass., and died there in 1812. His wife, whom he married in 1785, was Mercy, daughter of Salmon White of Whately, Mass.

He is represented by one paper, an agreement of 1811 with John Anderson of Shelburne.

**Daniel Arms**<sup>6</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>3</sup>, was born in 1719 and lived on the old homestead in Deerfield. He married Mary, the daughter of John Stebbins, in 1743; they had eight children, one of whom is mentioned below. Daniel died in 1784; his widow in 1798.

He is represented by only one paper, a promissory note dated 1774. The papers of his descendants, however, comprise almost half of the collection of Arms Family Papers.

**Aaron Arms**<sup>17</sup>, son of Daniel<sup>6</sup>, was born in 1749 and, like his father, lived on the old homestead. In 1775, he married Lucy, daughter of Christopher Tyler of Boston, and the couple had eleven children, a number of whom are mentioned below. Aaron died in 1803; his widow in 1810.

His papers date from 1771 to 1810. The seven papers dated before 1804 consist of a deed, promissory notes, a complaint by Aaron against five men for breaking into his property, and a letter (1803) from his sister and brother-in-law, Esther and Elijah Wilder. The remainder consists of a copy of his will (1806) and papers relating to the settlement of his estate. These are followed, in a separate folder, by papers of his widow, **Lucy Arms**, 1862 and 1827 – probate documents, receipts and an inventory, relating to her estate.

**Sophia Arms**, daughter of Aaron<sup>17</sup> and Lucy, was born in 1793 and died, unmarried, in 1857.

The collection includes four letters to her, the earliest dated October 13, 1813, which she received from Fanny Hoyt.

**Aaron Arms**<sup>44</sup>, son of Aaron<sup>17</sup> and Lucy, was born in 1789. After his graduation from Yale in 1813, he was a preceptor in Deerfield Academy (1813-1825) and a lawyer. His first wife, Sophia (Holland) Arms of Belchertown, Mass., lived less than a year after their marriage in 1821. His second wife, Eliza Hapgood of Petersham, Mass., was the mother of their son and two daughters. His papers consist of letters from his brothers Daniel and Christopher Tyler; and a letter he wrote to Park Holland of Bangor, Maine.

**Ralph Arms**<sup>45</sup>, son of Aaron<sup>17</sup> and Lucy, was born in 1791. He settled on a part of the old homestead. He and his wife, the former Caroline Bardwell, had eight children, several of whom settled in Bellows Falls, Vt. Ralph died in 1851, his widow in 1855. His papers consist of a judgment he obtained against Charles Newcomb, a paper relating to the appraisal of his estate, and a description of land set off to satisfy execution of all fees pertaining to his estate.

**Christopher Tyler Arms**<sup>43</sup>, son of Aaron<sup>17</sup> and Lucy, was born in 1781. He was a surveyor and farmer, who settled on the old homestead for a time. He left for Canada in 1829, but returned in 1833 and died in Deerfield in 1854. His wife was Avice Stebbins, a daughter of Colonel Joseph Stebbins. They had eleven children, several of whom are mentioned below.

There are more than fifty of Christopher's papers in the collection. They date between 1801 and 1855. Many of the earliest items relate to the settlement of the estate of Joseph Stebbins, his father-in-law. Others are letters he received from various family members: his brothers Daniel and Aaron; his brothers-in-law Thomas Saxton, Theodore Barnard, and Joseph Barnard; his sons, Christopher Tyler, Jr., George Albert, and Richard Catlin; his daughter Melissa; and nephew Samuel Clesson. There are also surveys and accounts of his explorations in Maine.

The papers of his wife, **Avice**, are in a separate folder. They consist of letters she received, 1811-1850, from her husband, her sisters Mehitable and Aurelia, her daughters Melissa and Avice, sons Richard and George, and niece Aurelia.

**George Albert Arms**<sup>70</sup>, son of Christopher Tyler<sup>43</sup> and Avice, was born in 1815. He went to Canada with his father in 1829, returned five years later and worked at various jobs in Boston, Northfield, Mass., Bellows Falls, Vt., Ohio (where he operated a coal mine) and finally in nearby Greenfield, where he acquired extensive real estate holdings. His first wife, and the mother of his three children, was Eunice Stratton, daughter of Isaiah Moody of Northfield.

There are only two of his papers in the collection: a letter from his mother and sister Julia and an undated invitation to a ball in Frary House.

**Avice S. Arms**, daughter of Christopher Tyler<sup>43</sup> and Avice, was born in 1816 and became a resident of Greenfield, Mass.

The collection includes more than twenty of her papers – letters received from her brother Richard, niece Eleanor, and nephews Herbert and Winthrop, between about 1834 and 1899.

**Richard Catlin Arms**<sup>71</sup>, another son of Christopher Tyler<sup>43</sup> and Avice, was born in 1818. A civil engineer, he was engaged in locating railroads from 1837 to 1850, and later was a contractor for bridges. He and his wife, Ellen (Root) Arms of Greenfield, had three children, all of whom are mentioned below. Richard died in 1908, and, after his death, his widow lived with their son Herbert and his wife (the former Alice Joy) in Grand Junction, Colorado.

His papers consist of a number of account books, survey books, field notes, and letters received mainly from his brother George, his sister Avice, and his daughter Eleanor, between 1835 and 1901. Oversize surveys by RC Arms are shelved in flat files.

The papers of his wife, **Ellen**, in separate folders, consist almost entirely of letters from her daughter Eleanor (Nelly).

**Winthrop Tyler Arms**, the eldest son of Richard C.<sup>71</sup> and Ellen, was born in 1861. He worked for paper companies in Holyoke, Mass., for a time but was not successful in business. He later turned to farming in Deerfield. His wife, Jane Harriot (Chapin) Arms (1865-1904), left seven young children, the youngest, William, an infant, when she died.

Most of his almost 900 papers in the collection consist of letters he received between 1882 and 1923 from his wife, his children, his parents, his sister and brother, and other relatives. These are

accompanied by a file of general correspondence in regard to business matters, a folder of bills and receipts, and a small group on miscellaneous items.

In separate folders are the papers of his wife, **Jane Chapin Arms**, also called Jennie. These consist of a brief diary she kept as a girl in 1877; letters she received from her husband, her mother, and others between 1880 and 1904; letters received by the children of Winthrop and Jane from 1893 to 1934; and papers of his mother-in-law (**Elizabeth Harriott Chapin**) and her daughter **Adelaide** between 1891 and 1913.

**Jane Arms Kelly** (“Jimmie”), the youngest daughter of Winthrop T. Arms and Jane Chapin, was born around 1901. She was only 3 years old when her mother died.

She is represented by correspondence with various people, including her brother William (Billie), and his wife Masha; along with correspondence regarding the Putney School. Published writings and poems of Jane are also included, as well as documents relating to the estate of her brother William. Letters from her are found in the papers of Katharine Fuller Arms and Richard Pepperell Arms.

**Eleanor Maria Arms** (“Nelly”), the only daughter of Richard C.<sup>71</sup> and Ellen, was born in 1864 and lived until about 1937. For a time she and her brother Herbert headed the Arms School in Nyack, N.Y. She later taught at the Rogers School in Lowell, Mass. She lived in Deerfield, caring for the children of her brother Winthrop for most of the time after the death of his wife in 1904. During those years she was active in producing rugs, baskets, and other craft items.

There is a long, almost unbroken, series of her diaries dating from 1884 to 1933. The contents of twelve of these introspective manuscripts (between 1888 and 1924) are described in Robert J. Wilson’s guide to various diaries in the P.V.M.A. collection. Her papers also include notebooks that contain rough drafts of her fictional writings; letters she received between 1878 and 1936; several account books; miscellaneous items concerned with her teaching in Nyack, NY, and Lowell, Mass.

**Phineas Arms**<sup>26</sup>, son of William<sup>10</sup>, was born in 1759. He was a resident of “Turnip Yard,” a section about three miles southeast of The Street in Deerfield. He and his wife, the former Lydia Root of Montague, were married in 1780 and were the parents of 12 children, most of whom settled in places other than Deerfield. Phineas died in 1838.

He is represented by three documents: two judgments and a receipt.

**William Arms**<sup>27</sup>, another son of William<sup>10</sup>, was born in 1769. He became a lawyer who practiced in Simsbury, Conn., Plainfield, N.H., and Painted Post, N.Y. He died in 1813; his widow, the former Mercy Snow of Goshen, Mass., in 1817.

There are five of his papers in the collection: receipts, a promissory note, and documents relating to a case of bastardy brought against him by the father of Mary Mitchell in 1789.

**Elijah Arms**<sup>11</sup>, son of William<sup>4</sup>, was born in 1727. For a time he lived on lot 20 in the south of Deerfield. He later moved to the Mill River section of Deerfield, and died there in 1802. He and his first wife, Experience (Hawks) Arms, had four daughters and one son, mentioned below. Elijah’s two papers consist of a letter he received from Lewis Lyman in 1787 and a copy of his will (1800).

**Elijah Arms**<sup>28</sup>, son of Elijah<sup>11</sup> and Experience, was born in 1760. A resident of Mill River, he served as captain of the militia and a state representative for 11 years. He died in 1821.

The earliest of his three papers in the collection (c. 1802) is a quitclaim in connection with the settlement of his father's estate. The other two: a list of notes and a promissory note to the trustees of Amherst Academy.

**Thomas Arms**<sup>12</sup>, son of William<sup>4</sup>, was born in 1799. He settled at Bloody Brook and died there in 1808. He and his wife, the former Lydia Alvord of Sunderland, Mass., had ten children. A number of their descendants are named below.

He is represented by eight papers, dated 1784-1802, all of which are legal documents.

**Eliphaz Arms**<sup>29</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, was born at Bloody Brook in 1754. For four years (1789-93) he lived in Conway, Mass. He and his wife, Miriam (Wright) Arms, had nine children, four of whom are named below. Eliphaz died in 1826, seven years after the death of his wife.

The collection contains only one of his papers, a summons on his behalf, dated 1801.

**Erastus Arms**<sup>59</sup>, **Dennis Arms**<sup>61</sup>, and **Josiah Arms**<sup>63</sup>, sons of Eliphaz<sup>29</sup> and Miriam, and residents of Bloody Brook, are represented by five papers in all, consisting of judgments and deeds dated 1811-1834.

In a separate folder are one paper, each, of **James Arms** and **Charles Arms**, sons of **Dennis**<sup>61</sup>. The papers consist of deeds to land in South Deerfield, 1855 and 1859. Accompanying these is a legal paper (1826) of **Lyman Arms**, son of Harry<sup>60</sup>, and a deed (1865) to which his widow, **Diadama (Temple) Arms** was a party.

**Seth Arms**<sup>30</sup>, a son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, was born in 1757 at Bloody Brook (today S. Deerfield). He lived for a time in Bernardston, Mass.

Seven promissory notes and judgments against him, 1797-1821, are in the collection.

**Thomas Arms, Jr.**<sup>31</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, was born at Boody Brook (today S. Deerfield) in 1759 and died in 1832.

His seven papers, like those of his brother Seth, consist of promissory notes and judgments against him, 1799-1809. In a separate folder is an assignment of mortgage (1836) of **John Boyden Arms**<sup>64</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>31</sup> and his second wife, Hannah (Boyden) Arms. Also a commonplace book of John's wife, Hannah (Childs) Arms.

**Lemuel Arms**<sup>32</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, was born in 1769. There are nine of his papers in the collection, all legal documents: promissory notes, judgments, and a complaint issued against him.

**Eliakim Arms**<sup>38</sup>, son of Eliakim<sup>15</sup> and grandson of William<sup>4</sup>, was born in 1767 at Bloody Brook (today S. Deerfield), served as captain in the militia and died in 1823. He is represented by one paper, a division of landholdings in his estate (1828). In a separate folder is a legal document, dated 1823, of his son, **Orramel Arms**.

**Jonathan Arms**<sup>14</sup>, son of William<sup>4</sup>, was born in 1735. A blacksmith and trader, his house, shop, and store were on Lot 30 in Deerfield. He died there in 1819.

His papers include deeds, receipts, apprenticeship and guardianship agreements, a partnership agreement with Lewis Lyman (1795), and papers relating to the settlement of his estate. Associated with these, and bringing the total number to 50, is a description of dower lands set off to **Eunice (Lyman) Arms**, his second wife.

**Jonathan Arms**<sup>34</sup> and **Stephen Arms**, son and grandson of Jonathan<sup>14</sup>, and his first wife, Rebecca (Hinsdale) Arms, are represented by four papers, all legal documents, dated between 1791 and 1813. Jonathan was a blacksmith and captain of artillery, who settled in Charlestown, N.H., and later in Montpelier, Vt.

**Pliny Arms**<sup>35</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>14</sup> and Eunice, was born in 1778, and graduated from Yale in 1842. He became a lawyer.

He is represented by just over 40 items, most of which are legal documents. Included, however, are an address he gave at Bloody Brook (today S. Deerfield), [1836-40?], and his manuscript history of Deerfield. The last two items were formerly identified as M-a 4438 and M-a 4439, respectively, in the P.V.M.A. collection.

**George Arms**<sup>36</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>14</sup> and Eunice, is represented by one paper (1820), concerned with the settlement of his estate.

**David Arms**, a joiner of Sunderland, Mass., and probably a collateral relative of the Arms family of Deerfield, is represented by two papers: an action for trespass against him (1787) and an attachment against him for debt (1788).

**Richard Pepperell Arms**, son of Winthrop T. and Jennie Chapin Arms, was born in Deerfield in 1895. After studying at Harvard, he joined the Navy in 1918, and served until 1945. In July 1927, he married Katherine Fuller; the couple had two children: Richard, and Mary Kathleen Chapin, later Marsh. Arms died in 1956 and is buried in the Laurel Hill Cemetery.

His papers mostly consist of correspondence with his wife, children, and family members, many during his time of service. Also included are miscellaneous receipts, writings, and a folder relating to his beekeeping business, Pocumtuck Bee Farms. A diary he kept in 1911 is shelved in the Diary Collection.

**Katherine Yale Fuller Arms**, daughter of Spencer and Mary Williams Field Fuller, was born in Deerfield on January 12, 1891. She attended Miss Sacker's school and for a number of years worked in Boston decorating trays and restoring antique furniture, later in her own shop. In July 1927, she married Richard P. Arms. She died in Deerfield in 1985.

Her papers consist of correspondence with her husband and children, her sister, Elizabeth Fuller, her brother, Alfred Fuller, and his wife, Anne, Katharine's mother. Also included are household accounts, and records and notebooks relating to her studies and work as an artisan. Letters dated before her marriage are located in the Fuller-Higginson Papers, Box 47.

**Mary Katharine Arms Marsh**, daughter of Richard Pepperell and Katherine Fuller Arms, was born in Deerfield in Sept. 1943.

**Richard Arms**, son of Richard Pepperell and Katherine Fuller Arms, was born in Deerfield in June 1928. Like his father, he served in the Navy. In Nov. 1951 he married Joan Pollen of Deerfield. The couple had three children, Richard, Winthrop, and Katherine Arms. He died in 2007 and is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Deerfield.

## CONTAINER LIST

### Box 1

Folder 1: Plans of Arms property, 1736-1880	(6 items)
1) 1736 survey by Elijah Williams of John Arms' <sup>2</sup> property	
2) 1736 survey by Elijah Williams of William Arms' <sup>4</sup> property	
3) 1771 survey by Timothy Childs of Daniel Arms' <sup>6</sup> property	
4) 1835 survey of Arms lot in Deerfield	
5) 1836 survey of Arms lot in Deerfield	
6) 1880 survey of George A. Arms' <sup>70</sup> lot in Deerfield by L.F. Root	
Folder 2: Papers of John Arms <sup>5</sup> , 1760-ca. 1770	(3 items)
Folder 3: Papers of Josiah Arms <sup>16</sup> , son of John <sup>5</sup> , 1787, 1795	(2 items)
Folder 4: Papers of William Arms <sup>41</sup> , son of Josiah <sup>16</sup> , 1832-1858	(6 items)
Folder 5: Papers of Daniel Arms <sup>3</sup> and his wife Mary, 1745, 1754	(2 items)
Folder 6: Papers of Ebenezer Arms <sup>19</sup> , grandson of Daniel <sup>3</sup> , 1811	(1 item)
Folder 7: Papers of Daniel Arms <sup>6</sup> , son of Daniel <sup>3</sup> , 1774	(1 item)
Folder 8: Papers of Aaron Arms <sup>17</sup> , son of Daniel <sup>6</sup> , 1781-1810	(51 items)
Folder 9: Papers relating to the estate of Lucy Arms, 1826-1827	(24 items)
Folder 10: Papers of Aaron Arms <sup>44</sup> , son of Aaron <sup>17</sup> , 1816-1835	(6 items)
Folder 11: Papers of Ralph Arms <sup>45</sup> , 1819, 1827	(3 items)
Folder 12: Papers of Sophia Arms, daughter of Aaron <sup>17</sup> , 1813-1843	(4 items)
Folder 13: Papers of Christopher Tyler Arms <sup>43</sup> , son of Aaron <sup>17</sup> , 1801-1855	(62 items)
Folder 13A: Papers of Christopher Tyler Arms <sup>43</sup> , settlement of father's estate, 1803-1828	(39 items)
Folder 14: Papers of Christopher Tyler Arms <sup>43</sup> , exploration in Maine, 1835-1840	(10 items)
Folder 15: Papers of Avice Stebbins Arms, wife of Christopher <sup>43</sup> , 1811-1884	(29 items)
Folder 16: Papers of George A. Arms <sup>70</sup> , son of Christopher <sup>43</sup> , 1839-1892	(6 items)
Folder 17: Papers of Avice Stebbins Arms, dau. of Christopher <sup>43</sup> , c. 1834-1908	(42 items)
Folder 18: Papers of Christopher T. Arms <sup>69</sup> , son of Christopher <sup>43</sup> , 1887	(1 item)

### Box 2 Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>, son of Christopher T. Arms<sup>43</sup>, 1836-1907

1. 1836 account book (1 vol.)
2. 1848-1849 field notes, R&B Railroad construction division (1 vol.)
3. 1850-1851 field notes, Troy & Rutland Railroad (1 vol.)
4. 1856 accounts (1 vol.)
5. 1862-1866 survey books (3 vols.)
6. 1869-1870 survey book (1 vol.)
7. 1871 survey book and accounts of 1861-1862 (1 vol.)
8. 1870-1872 survey book (1 vol.)
9. 1872-1874, 1881, 1883 field book (1 vol.)
10. 1873-1874 field book (1 vol.)
11. 1874, 1876 field book (1 vol.)
12. 1874-1876 field book (1 vol.)
13. 1877-1878, 1880 field book (1 vol.)

14. 1880-1881 field book (1 vol.)
15. 1883-1886 field book (1 vol.)
16. 1892-1907 field book (1 vol.)
17. Level book, Blakely Hollow & Turners Falls Railroad, 1871 (1 vol.)
18. Upper and lower routes, Greenfield and Turners Falls, 1871 (1 vol.)
19. Levels along S. Deerfield, Conway & Bear River Railroad routes, surveyed 1871 (1 vol.)

**Box 2A** Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>

Additional notebooks and accounts of Richard Catlin Arms:

1. Notebook kept while at Deerfield Academy
2. Accounts, 1850s
3. Accounts, 1850-1859
4. Accounts, 1859-1864
5. Time book, 1856-1871
6. Survey notebook, 1866-1871 (mainly re. Deerfield)
7. Survey notebook, 1845 (first survey over Hoosic Mountain)
8. Field notes, Troy & Rutland Railroad, 1850
9. Cross section book, Troy & Rutland Railroad, 1850
10. Line over Napier's Gap, Marietta, Ohio, 1853
11. Local railroad surveys, 1871
12. Mill River specifications, 1874
13. New London & Northern Railroad, 1877
14. Round measure squared to board measure, undated
15. Bolts and timber for truss and pile, undated
16. Bills for timber, iron, etc., undated
- Folder 1: Professional correspondence, receipts, etc. 1847-1869 (50 items)
- Folder 2: Professional correspondence, receipts, etc. 1872-1891, undated (63 items)

**Box 3** Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>

- Folder 1: Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>, 1835-1852 (52 items)
- Folder 1a: Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>, 1853-1881 (63 items)
- Folder 2: Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>, 1882-1911&undated (79 items)
- Folder 2A: Papers of Richard Catlin Arms<sup>71</sup>, Invitations, 1859-1907, undated (33 items)
- Folder 3: Papers of Ellen Root Arms, 1883, 1891-1892 (36 items)
- Folder 4: Papers of Ellen Root Arms, 1893-1897, 1903, 1910-1911 (44 items)
- Folder 5: Papers of Herbert Arms, son of Richard C. and Ellen, 1883, 1893-1899 (9 items)

**Box 4** Papers of Winthrop Tyler Arms, son of Richard C. and Ellen Root Arms

- Folder 1: Letters from his wife, Jane Chapin Arms, 1892-1904 (11 items)
- Folder 2: Letters from his children, 1902-1909 (30 items)
- Folder 3: Letters from his children, 1910-1912 (34 items)
- Folder 4: Letters from his children, 1913-1914 (27 items)
- Folder 5: Letters from his children, 1915 (25 items)
- Folder 6: Letters from his children, 1916-1917 (27 items)
- Folder 7: Letters from his children, 1918-1919 (24 items)
- Folder 8: Letters from his children, 1920-1923 (18 items)
- Folder 9: Letters from his parents, 1880-1895 (38 items)
- Folder 10: Letters from his parents, 1896-1899 (26 items)
- Folder 11: Letters from his parents, 1900-1919 (20 items)



**Box 5** Papers of Winthrop Tyler Arms (cont.)

Folder 1: Letters from his sister, Eleanor Maria Arms ("Nelly"), 1882-1896	(27 items)
Folder 2: Letters from his sister, Eleanor Maria Arms, 1897-1906	(37 items)
Folder 3: Letters from his sister, Eleanor Maria Arms, 1909-1928	(46 items)
Folder 4: Letters from his brother, Herbert, 1891-1896	(21 items)
Folder 5: Letters from his brother, Herbert, 1897-1921	(21 items)
Folder 6: Letters from his aunt, Avice Arms, 1885-1898	(10 items)
Folder 7: Letters from his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Chapin, 1904-1910	(23 items)
Folder 8: Letters from his mother-in-law, Elizabeth Chapin, 1911-1921	(30 items)
Folder 9: Letters from other Chapin relatives, 1891-1913	(37 items)
Folder 10: Letters from other Chapin relatives, 1914-1923	(28 items)
Folder 11: Letters from C. Alice Baker and Emma L. Coleman, ca. 1879-1911	(34 items)

**Box 6** Papers of Winthrop Tyler Arms (cont.)

Folder 1: General correspondence, 1875-1882	(44 items)
Folder 2: General correspondence, 1883-1899	(75 items)
Folder 3: General correspondence, 1900-1903	(35 items)
Folder 4: General correspondence, 1904-1912	(39 items)
Folder 5: General correspondence, 1913-1923 and undated	(52 items)
Folder 6: Bills and receipts, 1875-1922	(99 items)
Folder 7: Papers relating to estate; undated notebook kept in Holyoke, misc.	(49 items)
Folder 8: Papers of William Tyler Arms, son of Winthrop Tyler Arms, 1956-2001	(15 items)

**Box 7** Papers of Jane (Jennie) Chapin Arms, her children, her mother, and her sister

Diary, 1877	(1 small vol.)
Folder 1: Letters from her husband, Winthrop Tyler Arms, ca. 1896-1908	(33 items)
Folder 2: Letters from her mother, ca. 1890-1900	(24 items)
Folder 3: Letters from her mother, 1901-1904	(35 items)
Folder 4: General correspondence, 1880-1895	(47 items)
Folder 5: General correspondence, 1896-1900	(44 items)
Folder 6: General correspondence, 1901-1904	(48 items)
Folder 7: Letters received by the children of Winthrop and Jane, 1893-1908	(32 items)
Folder 8: Letters received by the children of Winthrop and Jane, 1909-1934	(27 items)

**Box 7A**

Folder 1: Charlotte Arms Pann, dau. of Winthrop & Jane, letters, poems, cards, 1930-36, n.d	(10 items)
Folder 2: Elizabeth Arms Menzel, dau. of Winthrop & Jennie, correspondence, scrapbook, <i>Smith College Monthly</i> , 1916, 1960s	(10 items)
Folder 3: Papers of Jane's mother, Elizabeth H. Chapin, and her sister, Adelaide, 1891-1913	(11 items)
Folder 4: Samuel Harriot family, relations of Jane and Jennie Chapin Arms, business correspondence, 1874-1884	(11 items)
Folder 5: Adelaide Heriot Arms Hering, dau. of Winthrop & Jennie, articles in <i>Smith College Monthly</i> (1913, 1914), letters, 1948-1964	(11 items)
Folder 6: Jane Arms Kelly, correspondence, 1937-1961 & undated	(56 items)
Folder 7: Jane Arms Kelly, letters from Masha and Billie Arms, 1947-1962	(31 items)
Folder 8: Jane Arms Kelly, drafts of poems and other writings	(112 items)
Folder 9: Jane Arms Kelly, biographical; published writings; misc.	(11 items)
Folder 10: Jane Arms Kelly estate documents, 1961-1964	(35 items)

**Box 8** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms ("Nelly")  
Diaries for the years 1884, 1888-89, 1890-92, 1893, 1897-1900, 1900-05, 1905-08, 1908-10,  
1910- 13, 1911,1912 (2 vols.), 1913-14, 1914, 1915 (15 vols. total)

**Box 9** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)  
Diaries for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1923-24, 1924, 1925,  
1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936 (21 vols.)

**Box 9A:** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)  
Diary, 1893-1897, includes notes by Mary Hawks  
Account book, 1932-1936  
Two autograph albums, 1880-1882  
Purse (contains gold sheath paper and bead)  
Sketch books, 4 (one is labeled Student's Book, School of Drawing and Painting,  
M.F.A., Boston, Mass. with sketches and lecture notes) - all undated

**Box 10** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)  
Notebooks containing drafts of her writings:  
"Story of Ups and Downs of Amberley" (8 vols.)  
"The One Track Mind" (2 vols.)  
"Tommy" (sequel to "The One Track Mind") (5 vols.)  
"The Button Age and Other People's Clothes" (1 vol.)  
continuation of "The Button Age" (1 vol.)  
notebook containing a short story and a list of books (1 vol.)

Folder 1: Manuscript lecture notes and writings on various subjects (16 multiple-page items)

Folder 2: Biographical information on Eleanor Maria Arms (6 items)

**Box 11** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)  
Folder 1: Letters from her mother, Ellen Root Arms, 1878-1920 (42 items)  
Folder 1a: Letters from her father, Richard C. Arms, 1878-1908 (57 items)  
Folder 2: Letters from her brother, Winthrop Tyler, 1886-1912 (43 items)  
Folder 2a: Letters from her brother, Herbert, 1883-1895 & undated (11 items)  
Folder 3: Letters from her nieces and nephews, 1904-1924 (21 items)  
Folder 4: General correspondence, 1873-1888 (33 items)  
Folder 5: General correspondence, 1889-1892 (30 items)  
Folder 6: General correspondence, 1893-1898 (42 items)  
Folder 7: General correspondence, 1899-1907 (39 items)

**Box 11A** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)  
Folder 1: General correspondence, 1908-1910 (43 items)  
Folder 2: General correspondence, 1911-1918 (47 items)  
Folder 3: General correspondence, 1919 (34 items)  
Folder 4: General correspondence, 1920 (57 items)  
Folder 5: letters from Eleanor Maria Arms to George Eels, 1898 and undated (2 items)  
Folder 6: General correspondence, 1921-1923 (50 items)  
Folder 7: General correspondence, 1924-1925 (65 items)  
Folder 8: General correspondence, 1926-Aug. 1927 (48 items)  
Folder 9: General correspondence, Sept.-Dec. 1927 (34 items)  
Folder 10: General correspondence, 1928 (33 items)

Folder 11: General correspondence, 1929 (43 items)

**Box 11B** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)

Folder 1: General correspondence, 1930 (37 items)

Folder 2: General correspondence, 1931-1933 and undated (44 items)

Folder 3: Genealogical material relating to the Arms family

Folder 4: Correspondence of Geo. Sheldon and others relating to the Arms family, 1862-1983 (71 items)

Folder 5: Business correspondence, will, deeds, 1908-1936, n.d. (21 items)

Folder 6: Miscellany, 1933, 1935, n.d. (26 items)

Folder 7: School exercise books, test, n.d. (4 items)

**Box 12** Papers of Eleanor Maria Arms (cont.)

Folder 1: Prospectus for the Arms School in Nyack, NY, 1892-1893; prospectus for the Rogers School in Lowell, MA, 1899-1900 (9 items)

Folder 2: Bills and receipts, 1891-1908 (mostly 1890s) (117 items)

Folder 3: Receipts, 1927-1933 (c. 100 items)

Folder 4: Misc. materials relating to her arts and crafts activities (45 items)

Account book, 1884-1885 (1 vol.)

Account book, 1892-1895 (1 vol.)

Account book, 1909-1911 (1 vol.)

Account book, 1934 (1 vol.)

Class roll and grade book (1 vol.)

Composition book, notes on Deerfield Industries (1 vol.) - some duplication of items in fol. 4

Notebook, 1895, writings on animal kingdom (1 vol.)

Scrapbook of news clippings (1 vol.)

**Box 12A:** Papers of Jane Arms Kelly (nickname Jimmie) daughter of Winthrop T. Arms

Folder 1: Misc. correspondence (inc. Billie) with bio info, 1937-1961, n.d. (33 items)

Folder 2: Vivian Johannes correspondence to Jane, 1945-1961, n.d. (20 items)

Folder 3: Ruth Grandin correspondence re: Jane to & from Billie & Masha Arms, 1961-62 (23 items)

Folder 5: Writings and poems of Jane A. Kelly, some mss. and typescripts (90 items)

Folder 6: Published writings of Jane A. Kelly, 1946-1965 (6 items)

Folder 8: Putney School related correspondence, etc. - 1943-1985 (25 items)

**Box 13**

Folder 1: Papers of Phineas Arms<sup>26</sup>, son of William<sup>10</sup>, 1786-1797 (4 items)

Folder 2: Papers of William Arms<sup>27</sup>, son of William<sup>10</sup>, 1789-1801 (6 items)

Folder 3: Papers of Elijah Arms<sup>11</sup>, son of William<sup>4</sup>, 1787, 1800 (2 items)

Folder 4: Papers of Elijah Arms<sup>28</sup>, son of Elijah<sup>11</sup>, c. 1802-1819 (3 items)

Folder 5: Papers of Thomas Arms<sup>12</sup>, son of William<sup>4</sup>, 1784-1802 (8 items)

Folder 6: Papers of Eliphas Arms<sup>29</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, 1801 (1 item)

Folder 7: Papers of Erastus Arms<sup>59</sup>, Dennis Arms<sup>61</sup>, and Josiah Arms<sup>63</sup>, sons of Eliphas<sup>29</sup>, 1811-1834 (5 items)

Folder 8: Papers of James Arms and Charles Arms, sons of Dennis<sup>61</sup>, 1855, 1859; papers of Lyman Arms, son of Harry<sup>60</sup>, and papers of his wife Diadama (4 items total)

Folder 9: Papers of Seth Arms<sup>30</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, and Lucretia, dau. of Seth<sup>30</sup>, 1797-1821 (17 items)

- Folder 10: Papers of Thomas Arms Jr<sup>31</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, 1799-1809 (7 items)
- Folder 11: Papers of John B. Arms<sup>64</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>31</sup>, 1836; and his wife, Hannah Childs Arms (3 items, incl. commonplace book)
- Folder 12: Papers of Lemuel Arms<sup>32</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>12</sup>, 1796-1804 (9 items) \*
- Folder 13: Papers of Eliakim Arms<sup>38</sup>, son of Eliakim<sup>15</sup>, 1828 (1 item)
- Folder 14: Papers of Orramel Arms, son of Eliakim<sup>38</sup>, 1833 (1 item)
- Folder 15: Papers of Jonathan Arms<sup>14</sup>, son of William<sup>4</sup>, 1757-1813; papers regarding dower land laid off to Eunice, his widow, 1820 (52 items)
- Folder 16: Papers of Jonathan Arms<sup>34</sup>, and his son Stephen, son and grandson (respectively) of Jonathan<sup>14</sup>, 1791-1813 (4 items)
- \* See Box 11B folder 3 for a biographical sketch of Luman Arms, son of Lemuel

#### **Box 14**

- Folder 1: Papers of Pliny arms<sup>35</sup>, son of Jonathan<sup>14</sup>, 1802-1847 (42 items)
- Folder 2: Papers relating to the estate of George Arms<sup>36</sup>, c. 1820 (4 items)
- Folder 3: Papers of David Arms of Sunderland, 1787-1788 (2 items)
- Folder 4: Papers of Albert Arms (2 items)\*
- Folder 5: Papers of William (Willie) W. Arms (9 items)\*
- Folder 6: Miscellany (39 items)
- \* Materials donated by Richard W. Arms, son of Frank L. Arms, in 1982.
- Folder 7: Tax collectors book for Gill, John Arms (collector), 1861 (1 item)

#### **Box 15** Papers of Katharine Fuller Arms

- Folder 1: Letters from Joan Arms, 1960-1962 & undated
- Folder 2: Letters from daughter Mary K. Arms, 1958-1964 & undated
- Folder 3: Letters from son Richard, 1946-1959
- Folder 4: Letters from Richard P. Arms, 1919-1921
- Folder 5: Letters from Richard P. Arms, 1928-1933
- Folder 6: Letters from Richard P. Arms, 1942-1945
- Folder 7: Letters from Richard P. Arms, 1946 & undated
- Folder 8: Letters from Jane Burke, 1947-1984 & undated
- Folder 9: Letters from Alfred & Anne Fuller, 1945-1961
- Folder 10: Letters from Alfred & Anne Fuller, 1962-1966
- Folder 11: Letters from Alfred & Anne Fuller, 1967-1980
- Folder 12: Letters from Alfred & Anne Fuller, 1945-1983 & undated

#### **Box 16** Papers of Katharine Fuller Arms

- Folder 1: Letters from Elizabeth Fuller, 1954-1961
- Folder 2: Letters from Elizabeth Fuller, 1962-1966
- Folder 3: Letters from Elizabeth Fuller, 1967-1970
- Folder 4: Letters from Elizabeth Fuller, 1971-1979
- Folder 5: Letters from Elizabeth Fuller, undated
- Folder 6: Letters from Adelaide Arms Hering, 1942-1971 & undated
- Folder 7: Letters from Jane Arms Kelly, 1955-1961 & undated
- Folder 8: Correspondence, 1922-1931
- Folder 9: Correspondence, 1933-1955
- Folder 10: Correspondence, 1956-1961
- Folder 11: Correspondence, 1962-1976

#### **Box 17** Papers of Katharine Fuller Arms

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1977-1982

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1983-1984 & undated  
Folder 3: Business and legal documents, correspondence, 1928-1980  
Folder 4: Household accounts; misc. receipts  
Folder 5: Receipt books: accounts, 1919-1941, 1937; teaching accounts, 1916-1917, 1933-1941; consignments, 1915-1919, 1930-1931, 1935-1943; art notebooks; guest register, 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

Papers of Katharine Fuller Arms & Richard P. Arms

Folder 6: Letters from Mary K. Arms Marsh, 1950-1958  
Folder 7: Letters from Mary K. Arms Marsh, 1960-1963 & undated  
Folder 8: Correspondence, 1927-1964 & undated  
Folder 9: Household accounts; misc. receipts  
Folder 10: Miscellaneous  
Folder 11: Papers of Mary K. Marsh: letters, misc.  
Folder 12: Papers of Richard Arms (1928-2007): letters, misc.

**Box 18** Papers of Richard Pepperell Arms

Folder 1: Letters from Adelaide Arms, 1910-1956 & undated  
Folder 2: Letters from Katharine F. Arms, 1919-1946 & undated  
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1910-1941  
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1944- June 1945  
Folder 5: Correspondence, July 1945-1960  
Folder 6: Correspondence, 1954-1964 & undated  
Folder 7: Correspondence, undated  
Folder 8: Estate  
Folder 9: Invoices/receipts. 1919-1940  
Folder 10: Pocumtuck Bee Farm  
Folder: 11: Writings, including a small diary of 1909

**Box 19** Postcards sent to Katharine Arms & family, or collected by her