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Scope and Content Note:

This collection is a genealogy of the Mead family and focuses on the 6th (1775) through 12th (1899-) generations in the United States of America, beginning with Nathan Mead. In the second series, there is a brief introduction on the Mead family history from 1180 A.D. through to 1897 A.D. The collection was originally housed in two 3-ring binders and one scrapbook and includes manuscript and typed documents about family members, drawings of maps, and newspaper articles. This collection was created by Harry Bert Underhill and Theda Page Brigham. Some of the documents were dated between 1938 and 1948.

Biographical Background:

The branch of the Mead family this collection contains information on is believed to be Norman and descended from William Mead, who moved from England to Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1651. Many variations of the name Mead have been recorded over the years and include Mead, Meade, Meades, Mede, and Mayd.

This collection truly begins with Nathan Mead, the 6th generation of Mead in the United States of America, who was born May 27, 1755 (1756 or 1757) in Connecticut. Little of his life is known during his time in Connecticut and he surfaces during the Revolutionary War, in which he enlisted on May 30, 1775. After a bout of sickness, he was discharged November 4, 1775. Many of the following dates have been estimated due to a lack of record. He married Mary King (born December 11, 1759) around the year 1774 and they had seven children. Nathan Mead was one of the pioneers in settling southwestern Coventry, New Hampshire by 1801, though he moved between Peacham, Vermont; Coventry, New Hampshire; and Landaff, New Hampshire between 1790 and 1800. Nathan Mead was an important part of the establishment of Coventry, being involved in receiving and expending school money for the Lower District and laying and building the first roads. He passed away in February of 1812 at the age of 56, freezing to death in a blizzard.

Coventry took its name from Coventry, Connecticut, which in turn came from Coventry, England. In 1839, legislature approved changing the town name to Benton, New Hampshire. The change was ratified in 1840 and it has remained Benton ever since.

The Mead surname ends on this line in the 8th generation with Horace Mead (1839-1909), who had no children.

Provenance: This collection came to the New Hampshire State Library on deposit by Mrs. Florence Underhill. The collection was created by her husband, Harry Bert Underhill, and Theda Page Brigham.

Span Dates: 1775-1948.

Collection Strengths:

This collection is an important resource to genealogists researching the Mead family or any of its branches. It is a comprehensive record of the New Hampshire Meads. Theda Page Brigham and Harry Bert Underhill provide a thorough record of the Mead family in this collection, including in each entry, where applicable, the birth and death dates, marriage

dates and to whom, children, town resided in, occupation, and education. The collection also includes information on the family in relation to the towns they lived in, predominantly Coventry, New Hampshire. The collection as a whole is the pre-publication manuscript of the Mead Family chapter in Theda Page Brigham's book *Descendants of John Page (1614-1687) of Hingham and Haverhill, Massachusetts, together with Genealogical Record of Certain Branches of the Mead, Jeffers and Hunkins Families*, see 'Other Resources at NHSL' below.

Collection Size and Condition: This collection is housed in one legal sized, half-width upright Hollinger box.

The majority of the collection is in good condition; however, some of the documents are brittle, yellowed, and torn.

Copyright Status and Access: The collection is the property of the New Hampshire State Library and may be viewed at the library upon request.

People: Last Name, First Name (Folder)

Aldrich, Helen (5)	Clement, Mary Belle (5)
Allen, John Franklin (6)	Clement, Minnie Dell (5)
Allen, Ruth Eleanor (6)	Cookson, Linnie (5)
Allen, William Daniel (6)	Crimmins, Ellen (6)
Bickford, Gertie B. (4)	Cross, Esther Addie (6)
Blake, Anna Laura (5)	Cross, Roy Henry (6)
Blake, Blanch L. (6)	Crouch, Abbie Louise (4)
Blake, Chase S. (5)	Crouch, Harvey Franklin (4)
Blake, Earl Russell (6)	Crouch, Henry Leonard (4)
Blake, Gertrude A. (5)	Crouch, Mary Eleanor (4)
Blake, Grace Anna (6)	Crouch, Thomas Seward (6)
Blake, Harold Prescott (6)	Crouch, Willard Allen (5)
Blake, Herbert Elliott (6)	Crouch, Willard Allen Jr. (6)
Blake, Horace W. (7)	Cutting, Ada Morey (4)
Blake, Howard (7)	Cutting, Annie Bell (4)
Blake, Linwood Albert (6)	Cutting, Edd Mead (4)
Blake, Loren Prescott (5)	Cutting, Frank (4)
Blake, Ruby A. (6)	Cutting, Henry Porter (4)
Blake, Taylor Prescott (6)	Cutting, Lena Leota (5)
Blake, Wyman W. (6)	Cutting, Mabel Alice (5)
Brooks, Arthur Burton (6)	Cutting, Martha Ann (5)
Brooks, Charles Leslie Jr. (6)	Demeritt, Ailene Ruby (6)
Brooks, Erza Whitaker (6)	Demeritt, Dorothy Iba (6)
Brooks, Mildred Hazel (6)	Demeritt, Gladys Mae (6)
Brooks, Typhena Florence (6)	Demeritt, Stanley Prescott (6)
Carr, Hazel Glazier (6)	Elliott, Almira (3)
Clark, Myra Ethel (5)	Elliott, Harriette (3)

Elliott, Laura (3)
Elliott, Melinda (3)
Flanders, Alice B. (4)
Flanders, Hosea Baker (4)
Flanders, Walter (3)
Ford, Caleb S. Jr. (4)
Ford, Harriet Ann (4)
Ford, Laura Elliott (4)
Ford, Mary Luella (4)
French, Herbert Cummings (6)
Glazier, Alice Mary (4)
Glazier, Alma Jane (4)
Glazier, Bert James (4)
Glazier, Christine (5)
Glazier, Elmer David (5)
Glazier, Winnie Bell (4)
Gould, Albert (5)
Gould, Dan Welch (4)
Gould, Daniel Warren (5)
Gould, Edwin Warren (4)
Gould, Frank Cutting (4)
Gould, Imogene (5)
Gould, Nellie Imogene (4)
Gould, Orlana Jerome (5)
Hadley, Edwin Bertram (6)
Hadley, Ellsworth Morgan (6)
Hadley, Georgia C. (6)
Hadley, James Edgar (6)
Hadley, Jane Melrose (6)
Hadley, Mabel Louise (6)
Hunt, Ella May (4)
Hunt, Roswell Jr. (4)
Keyes, Harvey (4)
Knight, Ethel Myra (6)
Lathrop, Charles (4)
Lathrop, Della (4)
Lathrop, Fred (4)
Libbey, Alice (5)
Little, Gertrude Anna (5)
Little, Harry Elwin (5)
Little, Henry Anderson (6)
Little, Jonathan Ralph (5)
Little, Lettie Christine (5)
Little, Marshall Crosby (6)

Little, Nellie Ruth (6)
Little, Octavia Wanora (5)
Mariner, Jesse Lenox (7)
Mathews, Hugh (11, 12)
Mathews, Mary Jane (12)
Mead, Abigail (2)
Mead, Anna (2)
Mead, Anna Whitaker (3)
Mead, Emeline C. (3)
Mead, Fanny (2, 9, 11)
Mead, Fanny Page (3)
Mead, Hannah Brown (3)
Mead, Horace Young (3)
Mead, Luther Warren (3)
Mead, Mary (2, 9)
Mead, Mary King (3)
Mead, Moses (2, 9, 11)
Mead, Nathan (1, 9, 11)
Mead, Orlana A. (4)
Mead, Orlana Paddock (3)
Mead, William (2, 9, 11)
Morse Horace Edwin (5)
Morse, Albert Elliott (5)
Morse, Anna Whitaker (4)
Morse, Caleb Howard (5)
Morse, Caleb M. (4)
Morse, Charles Clifton (6)
Morse, Charles Goudey (5)
Morse, Christabel K. (6)
Morse, Clyde Wilson (6)
Morse, Ellen Louise (6)
Morse, Emma J. (4)
Morse, Erza Whitaker (4)
Morse, Helen May (6)
Morse, Herbert Edwin (6)
Morse, Hope Adeliade (5)
Morse, Jennie Lucia (5)
Morse, Karl Eben (5)
Morse, Kate Laura (5)
Morse, Martha Ann (5)
Morse, Mildred K. (6)
Morse, Olive Page (5)
Morse, Ray Eben (5)
Morse, Ruth Esther (5)

Morse, Warren C. (6)
Morse, William Sanders (6)
Morse, Emma Jane (5)
Page Norman Frederic (5)
Page, Barbara White (5)
Page, Eliza Ann (3)
Page, Elizabeth Roach (3)
Page, Ella Misselle (4)
Page, Ernst Tilden (4)
Page, James (3)
Page, James Jeffers (5)
Page, John Henry (5)
Page, Judith (6)
Page, Laura Ann (3)
Page, Lincoln Ridler (5)
Page, Lovina Farnham Mead (3)
Page, Mary King (3)
Page, Milton Lord (6)
Page, Miriam Olive (5)
Page, Norman J. (4)
Page, Theda Olive (5)
Pierce, Clyde Blake (7)
Pierce, Ruth Harriet (6)
Pierce, Ruth Harriet (6)
Pope Theresa Normie (5)
Pope, Harold Winslow (5)
Pope, Thema Olive (5)
Price, Alice Lindsay (6)
Price, Jane Gould (6)
Quimby, Bernard Glazier (6)
Quimby, Jewell Earline (6)
Quimby, Caroll Clinton (6)
Ranney, Orlana (5)
Rusk, Fannie Mead (4)
Rusk, George Page (4)
Shields, Alice Lillian (4)
Shields, Francis Morrow (4)
Shields, Grace Page (4)
Simmons, Carrie Edith (6)
Simmons, Clement Merrill (7)
Simmons, Fannie Ethel (6)
Simmons, Laura Abbie (6)
Simmons, Lewis Auburn (6)
Simmons, Marcia Altha (7)

Simmons, Ray Clement (6)
Smith, Adelbert Hamilton (6)
Smith, Dale Page (6)
Smith, Darline Marian (6)
Smith, Edward Lincoln (6)
Smith, Frances Morse (6)
Smith, Gerald Albert (6)
Smith, Helen Cutting (6)
Smith, Louise Elliott (6)
Smith, Lyle Tannehill (5)
Smith, Marion Rusk (5)
Smith, Roberta Olive (6)
Smith, Ruby Estella (6)
Smith, William Byron (6)
Stone, Elizabeth May (7)
Stone, Frank B. (7)
Stone, Fred Maynard (7)
Stone, Isabelle M. (7)
Stone, Lillian Irene (7)
Stone, Rose Arline (7)
Swain, Alice Mabel (5)
Swain, Charles Ira (5)
Swain, Della Grace (5)
Swain, Elsie Emma (5)
Swain, Helen Martha (6)
Taylor, Carrie (5)
Underhill, Charles Burnside (4)
Underhill, Edward Alanson (5)
Underhill, Elmer Mead (4)
Underhill, Evaline Frances (5)
Underhill, Fred Lanson (4)
Underhill, Freda Lewis (5)
Underhill, Harold Bert (5)
Underhill, Harry Bert (4)
Underhill, Hazel May (5)
Underhill, Isabelle (4)
Underhill, Myron R. (4)
Underhill, Raymond Howard (5)
Webster, Mary Edith (5)
Webster, Minnie Louise (5)
Whitaker, Laura Ann (3)
Whitaker, Mary King (3)
Winn, Frank Haines (6)
Winn, Marion Katherine (6)

Young, Carl (6)
Young, Eleanor Elsie (6)
Young, Eunice Alma (6)
Young, Margaret Thema (6)

Young, Maurice Ray (6)
Young, Norman Charles (6)
Young, Shirley Norine (6)

Subject Headings:

Benton, NH -- History
Coventry, NH -- History
Genealogy -- New Hampshire
Mead Family

Arrangement and Description:

The collection came to the New Hampshire State Library in a very logical order and care has been taken to maintain its original order, with one exception. Some loose documents were placed in the front of the second 3-ring binder; these have been moved to the tax information in Series II since they were the same type of document. Each section of the binders and scrapbook has been placed into folders with the generations found in the two 3-ring binders housed in Series I, dates determined by birthdates, and the scrapbook information housed in Series II. While processing the collection, a single envelope was found, which has been opened and its contents placed in a separate folder from the tax information in Series II. Due to the fragile state of some of the items in this collection, the originals have been photocopied and moved to a separate folder. These changes are listed in the folder titles.

Container List:

Box 1:

Series I: Mead Family Generations

- Folder 1: 6th Generation, 1755
- Folder 2: 7th Generation, 1785-1800
- Folder 3: 8th Generation, 1808-1841
- Folder 4: 9th Generation, 1837-1876
- Folder 5: 10th Generation, 1862-1920
- Folder 6: 11th Generation, 1883-1948
- Folder 7: 12th Generation, 1899-
- Folder 8: Cemetery Information, n.d.

Series II: Family Notes

- Folder 9: Mead Family History, 1180-1897
- Folder 10: Town Tax Inventories and Records, 1803-1850 Photocopies
- Folder 11: Coventry Town Tax Inventories and Records, 1813-1846
- Folder 12: Hugh and Mary Jane Mathews, 1793-1876
- Folder 13: Coventry, New Hampshire, 1796-1816
- Folder 14: Road Information, 1763-1846 Photocopies

Folder 15: Landaff, New Hampshire, 1783-1827

Folder 16: Other Families, 1763-1846

Folder 17: Town Tax Inventories and Records, 1803-1850 Originals

Folder 18: Road Information, 1763-1846 Originals

Other Resources at NHSL:

Brigham, Theda Page. Appendix to Descendants of John Page (1614-1687) of Hingham and Haverhill, Massachusetts, together with *Genealogical Record of Certain Branches of the Mead, Jeffers and Hunkins Families*. Haverhill, NH: Haverhill Historical Society, 1972.
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