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William Plumer Sr. and Jr.: Correspondence and Papers



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Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains the writings of two prominent New Hampshire politicians, Governor William Plumer and William Plumer Jr., from the late 18th through the mid-19th century, a time when the new nation was still forming and establishing its principles and character. The writings include correspondence, biographical and historical notes, essays and speeches, legal and financial papers, poetry, and a variety of journals, notes, and memoranda.

Biographical Background:

The information in this section is compiled from the works of Mevers, Turner, the biographical notes in the Library of Congress finding aid, the biographical notes in the New Hampshire Historical Society finding aid, and online sources. See the reference section at this end of this document.

William Plumer (June 25, 1759–December 22, 1850) was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts but moved with his family to Epping, New Hampshire in 1768. He became a Baptist preacher before studying law, was admitted to the bar in 1787, and became involved in politics. He was elected to the New Hampshire legislature (1785-1786, 1788, 1790-1791, 1797-1800), including service as Speaker of the House and President of the Senate; the U.S. Senate (1802-1807); and as governor of New Hampshire (1812-1813, 1816-1819). He was also a presidential elector.

He was an advocate for making Dartmouth College a state university, and a founder of the New Hampshire Historical Society. During his term, the construction of the New Hampshire state house was completed. He intended to write a comprehensive history of the United States and compiled a great deal of information, but eventually abandoned the project and focused instead on writing biographies of people who had been influential in the rise of the new nation.

Plumer married Sarah ("Sally") Fowler in 1788 and had five children. He died in Epping at the age of 91.

William Plumer, Jr. (February 9, 1789– September 18, 1854) was born in Epping, New Hampshire, educated at Philips Exeter Academy, and graduated from Harvard in 1809. He was admitted to the bar in 1812 and followed his father's footsteps into politics, serving in the United States House of Representatives and in the New Hampshire Senate. He also served as Justice of the Peace and United States Commissioner of Loans for the state of New Hampshire. A poet, author, and abolitionist, he gave orations and participated in debates on a wide variety of topics. He also wrote a biography of his father.

Plumer, Jr. married Margaret Frost in 1820 and had three children. He died in Epping at the age of 65.

Provenance:

The bulk of Plumer and Plumer Jr.'s written work is housed in the New Hampshire State Library. The library probably received these items as a gift from the Plumer grandchildren in the late 19th century and just at the beginning of the 20th. Plumer titles appear in NHSL's publication "Author List" in 1897, 1902, 1904, and 1908. A second donation was made to the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1886. A third set of documents was purchased by the

Library of Congress between 1906-1923. The contents of these collections is noted by Turner in his biography of Plumer (p. 349-354).

How and by whom the decision was made to divide the collection is apparently unknown. As Mevers points out (p. 2), the researcher would need to consult all three of the major repositories to compile a complete chronological sequence of the lives of William Plumer and William Plumer Jr.

Span Dates: 1786-1863, bulk 1800-1840's.

Collection Strengths:

William Plumer and his son William Plumer Jr., corresponded voluminously not only with each other but with some of the key figures in the development of the United States, including presidents, cabinet members, Congressmen, newspaper editors, social reformers, governors, cartographers and scientists, judges, military veterans, professors, and clergymen. The letters are the largest and most valuable part of the collection, containing originals as well as drafts and copies of letters sent. Some of the signatures themselves are quite valuable. The subjects written about, from the vantage point of two men who were often actively involved in the events they discuss, include the Federalist Party, Louisiana Purchase, the War of 1812, slavery, Indians, foreign relations, international trade and events, public debt, and the inner workings of Congress.

Also of interest are the biographical notes and sketches of key figures in US history and Plumer's notes on the history of the country. William Plumer Jr.'s agricultural journals throw light on the concerns of a farmer in the 19th century. The collection also contains the draft of his biography of his father.

Collection Size and Condition: The papers are contained in 19 legal size archival boxes, 6 of which are half-size (2.5 inches deep), and 13 of which are full-size (5 inches deep). The 19 boxes span approx. 6.8 linear feet.

The collection was stored for many years in archival boxes and folders in a room with no temperature controls. A few documents have faded writing and some of the paper is beginning to soften. Overall however, the general quality of the documents in this collection is good.

Copyright Status and Access: The collection is owned by the New Hampshire State Library and may be viewed at the library upon request. Certain valuable documents may only be viewed and /or copied with permission of the library administrator or state librarian.

Correspondents (Names in bold are indexed by box and folder at the end of the finding aid)

Abbot, Benjamin
Adams, Charles Francis
Adams, C. L. (Mrs.)

Adams, John Quincy, 1767-1848
Adams, John R.
Adams, Nathaniel
Allen, Ira

Allen, William, 1784-1868
 Andrews, Edward W.
Armstrong, John, 1758-1843
 Ashton, Jacob
Atherton, Charles H., 1773-1853
 Atkinson, W. N.
Badger, William, 1779-1852
 Bailey, Mary Otis
 Bamford, George (Col.)
Bartlett, Ichabod, 1786-1853
 Bartlett, Richard
 Bartlett, Thomas
 Beck, Moses
 Behm, P. H.
Belknap Jeremy, 1744-1798
 Bell, Chester
 Bell, Joseph
Bell, Luther V., 1806-1862
Bell, Samuel, 1770-1850
Bentham, Jeremy, 1748-1832
 Bentley, William
 Betton, Thornton
 Blake, John L.
 Bliss, Abel
 Bliss, J. W.
 Blugge, L.
 Bolton, Silas
 Bouton, N.
 Boyd, John P.
 Boyd, Joseph B.
 Bradford, Sarah E.
 Bradley, Cyrus P.
Bradley, Stephen, 1754-1830
Breed, Andrews, 1794-1881
 Breed, Henry A.
 Brewster, Amos A.
Brodhead, D. Dodge, 1802-1885
 Brown, Ezekiel
 Brown, Samuel
 Brown, W. W.
Buffum, Joseph, 1784-1874
 Bullard, Caroline
 Burleigh, J. A.
 Burnside, Samuel
 Burroughs, C. (Rev.)

Butler, Henry
Butler, Josiah, 1779-1854
 Butterfield, L.
Carrigain, Philip, 1772-1842
 Cartell, Hanson
Cass, Lewis, 1782-1866
 Chadwick, Peter
 Chambers, B. S.
 Chandler, John
 Chase, Harvey
 Chase, Henry B.
 Chase, Theodore
Chittenden, Martin, 1763-1840
Cilley, Bradbury, 1760-1831
 Cilley, Daniel
Cilley, Joseph, 1734-1799
 Cilley, Samuel
 Cist, Lewis J.
Claggett, Clifton, 1762-1829
 Claggett, Emma
 Claggett, Sarah
Claggett, William, 1790-1870
 Clark James
Clay, Henry, 1777-1852
 Cleveland, James M.
 Cochrane, Samuel
 Coffin, Charles
Coffin, Joshua, 1792-1864
 Cogswell, Pearson
 Cogswell, W.
Coleman, William, 1766-1829
 Conner, Samuel T.
 Cortland, Moses A.
 Cousin, F. L. Mead
 Cowes, I. E.
 Cowes, J. E.
 Cowes, S. E.
 Cox, Jonah
Crawford, William H., 1772-1834
Crowninshield, Jacob, 1770-1808
 Cunningham, A. H.
 Cushing, Hannah S.
 Cushman, Elizabeth
Cushman, Samuel, 1783-1851

Cutting, Nathaniel
Cutts, Charles, 1769-1846
 Cutts, Edward
Dallas, Alexander J., 1759-1817
 Dana, Charles B.
 Dane, James T.
 Davies, C. S.
Deane, Silas, 1737-1789
Dearborn, Henry, 1751-1829
 Dearborn, N.
Dinsmoor, Samuel, 1766-1835
Dix, John Adams, 1798-1875
 Dow, W. Q.
Drake, Samuel G., 1798-1875
 Dudley, Moses
 Durfee, Jon
Durrell, Daniel M., 1769-1841
 Eastman, Moses
Eastman, Nehemiah, 1782-1856
 Eaton, T.
 Ela, Richard
 Eliot, Charles
 Eliot, John
 Elkins, Jeremiah
 Elliot, Jonathan
 Ely, William
 Emery, Nicholas
 Emory, J. A.
 Emory, James W.
 Espy, James P.
 Evans, Edward
Evans, Estwick, 1787-1867
 Evans, G.
Evans, Richard [dates n/a]
 Everett, A. H.
Everett, Edward, 1794-1865
 Farmer, John
 Farrar, T.
 Fell, Josiah B.
 Flint, James
 Folsom, C.
 Folsom, Daniel
 Folsom, John
 Folsom, Nicholas L.
Foster, Abiel, 1735-1806

Fowler, Asa, 1811-1885
 Francis, John W.
 Franklin, Benjamin
 French, Daniel
 Frost, Catherine
Frost, George, 1720-1796
 Fuller, Timothy
 Fulton, Matthew
Gaillard, John, 1756-1826
Gallatin, Albert, 1761-1849
 Gale, W.
 Gan, Joseph
 Gardner, William
 Gibbs, G.
 Gilbert, B. J.
 Gilby, G.
Gilman, John Taylor, 1753-1828
Gilman, Nicholas, 1755-1814
 Goddard, John
 Goddard, Henry
 Godfrey, Charles L.
 Goodrich, J. Z.
 Gookin, Daniel
 Gookin, Samuel
 Gordon, George W.
 Gordon, H. W.
Gordon, William, 1763-1802
 Gow, Joseph
Graham, George, 1772-1830
Granger, Gideon, 1767-1822
 Graves, William
 Gray, F. C.
 Gray, Henry
Greeley, Horace, 1811-1872
 Gren, D.
 Guilford, Nathan
 Hackett, William
Hagner, Peter, 1772-1850
 Haines, S.
Hale, John Parker, 1806-1873
Hale, Salma, 1787-1866
Hall, Obed, 1757-1828
 Hamilton, John
 Harris, John
 Harris, Simon

Harrison, William Henry, 1773-1841

Harvey, Jonathan, 1780-1859

Harvey, Matthew, 1781-1866

Hathorne, John

Haven, A. M.

Haven, Franklin

Haven, N. A.

Hayes, F. B.

Hayward, George

Healy, Joseph, 1776-1861

Henshaw, David, 1791-1852

Hibbard, Harry, 1816-1872

Hicks, Elias, 1748-1830

Hildreth, H.

Hildreth, Martha

Hill, B. P.

Hill, Isaac, 1789-1851

Hoit, Moses

Holt, Peter (Rev.)

Houston, John

Howes, Frederick

Hubbard, Oliver P.

Humphreys, Daniel, 1740-1827

Hutchinson, Aaron

Jackson, Hall, 1739-1797

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Jenness, John S.

Johnson, George W.

Johnson, J. T.

Jones, Edward

Jones, G.

Jones, W.

Jones, Zebulon (Rev.)

Kelley, John

Kelly, Abner

Kelly, Susan

Kenrick, William

Kent, Asa

Kent, Charlotte Augusta

Kent, Moody, 1779-1866

Kent, William A.

King, Cyrus

Kirkland, John T., 1770-1840

Kittredge, George W., 1805-1881

Ladd, Alexander

Ladd, Charles H.

Langdon, John, 1741-1819

Langdon, Woodbury, 1739-1805

Lawrence, Amos

Lawton, P.

Lawyer, T. E.

Leavitt, Thomas

Little, William

Livermore, Arthur, 1766-1853

Livermore, Edward St. Loe, 1762-1832

Livingston, Edward, 1764-1836

Lockwood, Benjamin

Longfellow, H. W.

Lothrop, S. K.

Low, Joseph

Lowell, I.

Lowell, John

Luck, Amos

Lyon, G. Parker

MacCarty, Nath.

MacDonough, Thomas, 1783-1825

MacFarland, Asa

Madison, James, 1751-1836

Manning, Robert

March, Charles

March, Ezra

Mahurin, Ephraim L.

Mason, I.

Mason, Jeremiah, 1768-1848

Mason, John

McClary, Nathaniel

McClellan, John

McDurrell, Daniel

Mead, Joel K.

Mead, Martha

Melish, John

Merrill, Phineas

Milledge, John

Mitchell, Samuel L., 1764-1831

Monroe, James, 1758-1831

Moore, Jacob B.

Moriarty, J.

Morrill, David L., 1772-1849

Morse, Jedediah, 1761-1826

Myers, Jn.
Nash, I.
Neal, John
Neal, Jr., Robert
Nealley, Edward B.
Nelson, Jeremiah
Nesmith, George W.
Nichols, Phinehas
Niles, U.
Niles, William
Norris, Charles M.
Norris, George
Norton, Andrews

Nourse, Joseph, 1754-1841

Noyers, Jn.
Oliver, Nathaniel
Osgood, Hiram
Otis, Mary

Otis, Samuel, 1740-1814

Owen, John
Page, John M.
Parish, Elijah
Park, John
Parker, A. A.
Parker, Joel

Parker, Nahum, 1760-1839

Parrott, John F., 1767-1836

Peabody, A. P., 1811-1893

Peabody, Oliver W. B.
Peabody, S.
Pease, Seth

Peaslee, Charles H., 1804-1866

Penhallow, Benjamin

Penhallow, Hunking, 1766-1826

Perkins, Cyrus
Perkins, Joseph
Perkins, Mercy
Perry, William G.
Pickering, William
Pierce, Franklin
Pillsbury, David
Pilsbury, Samuel
Piper, Sarah
Pitkins, Timothy
Plumer, David

Plumer, Elizabeth O.
Plumer, George
Plumer, J. C.
Plumer, John Jay
Plumer, Margaret
Plumer, Mary
Plumer, Sally (nee Sarah Fowler)
Plumer, Samuel
Plumer, William, 1759-1850
Plumer, William, Jr., 1789-1854
Pollock, John B.
Potter, S. C.
Prentice, John
Prescott, William
Proctor, Amos

Quincy, Josiah, 1772-1864

Randolph, John, 1773-1833

Rannay, Stephen
Rathbone, Jonathan
Reverdell, Mehitabel
Rex, James M.

Rice, Luther
Rich, Charles

Richardson, William, 1774-1853

Riddle, Isaac

Ripley, E. W., 1782-1839

Robbins, Hannah
Robinson, Edward (Rev.)
Robinson, Ephraim
Rogers, Abigail
Rogers, J. M.
Rogers, J. W.
Rogers, William
Rundlet, James
Ruter, Martin
Salter, Caroline M.
Saltonstall, Leverett
Sands, W. Th.
Searle, T. C.
Sewall, I.
Seward, W. N.
Seymour (Postmaster)
Shaw, William S.

Sheafe, James, 1755-1829

Shepard, Benjamin F.
Shores, J. F.

Shrigley, J.
 Sibley, John Langdon
 Silsbee, Nath.
 Simpson, Andrew
 Smith, A.
 Smith, Elias
 Smith, J. C.
Smith, Jeremiah, 1759-1842
 Smith, William
Sparhawk, Samuel [dates n/a]
 Sprague, Charles
Sprague, Peleg, 1756-1800
 Stearns, Mary E.
 Stearns, William
 Steele, Jonathan
 Stevens, Alex N.
 Stevens, David
 Stevens, Josiah
 Stevens, S. death 1811
 Stevens, W. B.
 Stinson, Aram
Storer, Clement, 1760-1830
 Storer, John L.
Story, Joseph, 1779-1845
 Sullivan, John L.
 Sweat, Daniel
Taggart, Samuel, 1754-1825
 Talcott, George (Capt.)
 Tappan, Charles
 Taylor, John
 Thatcher, George
 Thomas, Moses G
 Thompson, T. W.
 Thompson, William C.
 Thurston, John
 Tibbitt, Augusta L.
 Treadwell, William
 Trigg, Abram
 Tucker, Henry

Tucker, Thomas, 1745-1828
 Tyler, John E.
Upham, George B., 1768-1848
Upham, Timothy, 1783-1855

 Van Rensselaer, Killian
 Varnum, Joseph
 Wait, Thomas B.
 Waldron, Richard R.
 Walker, C.
Walker, Joseph B., 1822-1912
 Walker, J. S.
 Waterhouse [dr.]
 Waters, John
 Watson, L. S.
 Way, Andrew
 Webb, Thomas H.
Webber, Samuel, 1759-1810
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852
 Webster, J.
 Weeks, William
 Wells, William
 Wendell, C. L.
 Wendell, M. Rindge
 Whipple, Charles
Whipple, Thomas, 1787-1835
 Whitman, Nath.
 Whittemore, Kate
Whittier, John G., 1807-1892
 Willard, Benjamin
 William, John P.
 Williams, Roger
 Willis, William
Wilson, James
 Windship, John
Wingate, Paine, 1739-1838
Woodbury, Levi, 1789-1851
 Woodside, T. F.
 Woodward, W. [judge]

Subjects

Adams, John
 Adams, John Quincy
 Agriculture
 Autographs

Bentham, Jeremy
 Biography
 Burr, Aaron
 Cilley, Benjamin

Citizen Genet affair	NH history
Clay, Henry	NH legislators
Clinton, DeWitt,	NH politics and government
Clough, Abner	Newspapers, NH
Congress	Phillips Exeter Academy
Courts	Plumer family
Currency (money)	Political parties (U.S.)
Dartmouth College	Politics - 19 th century
Debt, public	Portsmouth, N.H. - merchants
Elections - 19 th century	Portsmouth, N.H. - fire, 1802
Epping Lyceum	Portsmouth sea serpent, 1818
Epping, N.H.	Presidents (U.S.)
Federalist Party	Poetry - 19 th century
Foreign relations (U.S.)	Representatives, NH
Griswold-Lyons affair, 1798	Royal Society of Northern
Governors, N.H.	Antiquaries, Copenhagen
Harvard College	Sea serpent, Portsmouth Harbor,
Historians	1818
Impeachment	Secession
Jackson, Andrew	Senators, NH
Jay Treaty	Shakers, Canterbury, N.H.
Jefferson, Thomas	Slavery
Jeffersonian democracy	Statesmen
Leopard Chesapeake affair	Trade, international
Louisiana Purchase	United States history, 1783-1860
Mather, Cotton	U.S. Post Office
Medicine	Van Buren, Martin
Missouri Compromise	War of 1812
Napoleon Bonaparte	Webster, Daniel
NH Asylum for the Insane	Westward expansion
NH governors	Whig Party
NH Historical Society	XYZ affair, 1797-98

Administrative notes:

Portions of the Plumer papers had been processed previously, notably the calendar of the correspondence, prepared by Lynn W. Turner, probably in the 1960's or 1970's, and the 1982 guide to the microfilm edition of the William Plumer Papers, edited by Frank C. Mevers, Zephorene L. Stickney, and Ruth W. Wallace. Turner's calendar provides detail on each letter, including a brief annotation of the subject, as well as correspondees, date, and place. The guide to the microfilm edition provides background information on the Plumers and some of the key figures with whom they corresponded. The microfilm is not organized in the same order as the original manuscripts; this may possibly have been determined by how many frames can be contained on one microfilm reel. The order of the original manuscripts in this collection was largely retained, although the rationale for including numerous documents in one folder was not always evident. It was occasionally necessary to divide the contents of one folder into two, in order to keep documents from becoming damaged.

Identifying which documents were created by WP and which by WP Jr. was sometimes a challenge. There are several decades when it is feasible that either father or son could have written on the same subject, given their common interest in politics, the law, government, and history, and their similar involvement in public service. Distinguishing between the different handwriting of father and son is difficult and it is easy to fall into the trap of thinking that if the subject matter is associated with one William, then everything on that subject must be by the same William. This is not the case. For example, even though William Sr. worked extensively on preparation of biographies, there are several documents in the folder of biographical papers and notes signed by William Plumer, Jr. (One helpful, if not conclusive, difference in their writing is Sr.'s rounded capital A, in contrast to Jr.'s sharp and pointed capital A.)

On at least two occasions, there is a discrepancy as to the author of a document, whether William Sr. or Jr. One instance is the biographical sketches, which are noted in the NHSL author list as being the work of WP, Jr. These seem, from comparison of handwriting, to be the work of WP, Sr.

The second instance is the poem "Ruth", which has been attributed to both WP Sr. and Jr. (e.g. there is a DLC MARC record assigning authorship to WP Sr.). Given WP Jr.'s other published works of poetry and WP Sr.'s own remarks on his lack of poetical skill (Turner, p. 27), the poem was most likely written by WP Jr. Conflation of father and son also occurs in internet searches and in OCLC's MARC records and can be confusing (e.g. William Plumer's gubernatorial address of 1812 is attributed on at least 4 records to William Plumer 1789-1854 - Wm. Jr. was never governor of NH and would have been 23 years old in 1812).

The New Hampshire State Library also has numerous other works of WP and WP Jr. which have been cataloged separately from this collection. Most of these are also manuscripts but presumably were received at a different time or from a different source than the materials here cataloged. A complete list of the library's other Plumer holdings, both in print and manuscript form, is included in the Resources section at the end of this finding aid.

Arrangement and Description

This is a large and complex collection, containing works by both William Plumer (WP) and William Plumer, Jr. (WP, Jr.), and spanning several decades. The papers at the New Hampshire State Library had already been placed into folders and boxes, sorted, and labeled by category some time after they were received in the early 1900's. Papers of father and son are intermingled and, as indicated above, it is not always possible to determine the author. Apparently for this reason, materials were originally sorted by subject, rather than by author. However, several boxes contain the work of WP, Jr. only.

There are five series for this collection, arranged at either the item or the folder level, depending on type of content.

Container List

Series I: Correspondence of William Sr. and William Jr.: 1786-1854

NOTE: senders and receivers of the correspondence indicated below are identified in Turner's Calendar, along with brief content summaries of each letter - a copy is included in this collection (Box 1) and individual sheets from the Calendar accompany each folder. Turner's own index sheets are also included.

Box 1, Folder	1:	1786-1789 (7 pieces)
	2:	1790-1793 (12 pieces)
	3:	1794-1795 (15 pieces)
	4:	1796, January-April (14 pieces)
	5:	1796, May-December, (9 pieces)
	6:	1797, January-February (10 pieces)
	7:	1797, April-December (12 pieces)
	8:	1798-February, 1799 (16 pieces)
	9:	1800 (5 pieces)
	10:	1801 (4 pieces)
	11:	1802 (18 pieces)
	12:	1803, January (9 pieces)
	13:	1803, February (13 pieces)
	14:	1803, March-November (10 pieces)
	15:	1803, December (9 pieces)
	16:	1804 (8 pieces)
	17:	1805 (3 pieces)
	18:	1805, November 20-March 1806 (3 pieces)
	19:	1807, February (12 pieces)
	20:	1807, March-April (14 pieces)
	21:	1807, May-October (16 pieces)
	22:	1807, November ((8 pieces)
	23:	1807, December (18 pieces)
Box 2, Folder	24:	1808, January-February (24 pieces)
	25:	1808, March-April (26 pieces)
	26:	1808, May-July (15 pieces)
	27:	1808, August-October (10 pieces)
	28:	1808, November-December (15 pieces)
	29:	1809, January-April (24 pieces)
	30:	1809, May-November (15 pieces)
	31:	1810 (16 pieces)
	32:	1811, January-May (14 pieces)
	33:	1811, June-January, 1812 (13 pieces)
	34:	1812, February-July 6 (20 pieces)
	35:	1812, July 15-March 22, 1813 (17 pieces)
	36:	1813, May-December, (14 pieces)
	37:	1814 (15 pieces)
	38:	1815 (10 pieces)

- 39: 1816, January-March (17 pieces)
- 40: 1816, April-June (19 pieces)
- 41: 1816, July-August (25 pieces)
- Box 3, Folder 42: 1816, September-October (15 pieces)
- 43: 1816, November (13 pieces)
- 44: 1816, December (19 pieces)
- 45: 1817, January-February (23 pieces)
- 46: 1817, March (15 pieces)
- 47: 1817, April (13 pieces)
- 48: 1817, May (14 pieces)
- 49: 1817, June-July (25 pieces)
- 50: 1817, August-September (18 pieces)
- 51: 1817, October (12 pieces)
- 52: 1817, November-December (14 pieces)
- 53: 1818, January-February (16 pieces)
- 54: 1818, March-April (18 pieces)
- 55: 1818, May-August (15 pieces)
- 56: 1818, August letter from Jeremy Bentham to WP (29 pages)
- 57: 1818, October-December (9 pieces)
- 58: 1819, January-February (14 pieces)
- 59: 1819, March-October (11 pieces)
- 60: 1819, November-December (17 pieces)
- Box 4, Folder 61: 1820, January (24 pieces)
- 62: 1820, February (20 pieces)
- 63: 1820, March (15 pieces)
- 64: 1820, April 2-14 (16 pieces)
- 65: 1820, April 16-30 (12 pieces)
- 66: 1820, May-July (17 pieces)
- 67: 1820, November 7-15 (10 pieces)
- 68: 1820, November 19-29 (12 pieces)
- 69: 1820, December (22 pieces)
- 70: 1821, January (22 pieces)
- 71: 1821, February (15 pieces)
- 72: 1821, November-December 11 (12 pieces)
- 73: 1821, December 12-30 (12 pieces)
- 74: 1822, January (14 pieces)
- 75: 1822, February (14 pieces)
- 76: 1822, March (14 pieces)
- 77: 1822, April) 13 pieces)
- 78: 1822, May-September (15 pieces)
- 79: 1822, October-November (9 pieces)
- 80: 1822, December (20 pieces)
- Box 5, Folder 81: 1823, January (20 pieces)

- 82: 1823, February (12 pieces)
- 83: 1823, March-November (16 pieces)
- 84: 1823, December (19 pieces)
- 85: 1824, January (18 pieces)
- 86: 1824, February 2-11 (12 pieces)
- 87: 1824, February 12-29 (19 pieces)
- 88: 1824, March (24 pieces)
- 89: 1824, April (21 pieces)
- 90: 1824, May (17 pieces)
- 91: 1824, June-November (7 pieces)
- 92: 1824, December (23 pieces)
- 93: 1825, January (22 pieces)
- 94: 1825, February (19 pieces)
- 95: 1825, March-July (12 pieces)
- 96: 1825, August-December (13 pieces)
- 97: 1826, January-March (16 pieces)
- 98: 1826, April-May (11 pieces)
- 99: 1826, July-December (14 pieces)

- Box 6, Folder 100: 1827, January-June (18 pieces)
- 101: 1827, July-December (17 pieces)
- 102: 1828, January-April (15 pieces)
- 103: 1828, May-September (14 pieces)
- 104: 1828, November-December (18 pieces)
- 105: 1829 (9 pieces)
- 106: 1830 (20 pieces)
- 107: 1831 (21 pieces)
- 108: 1832, January-May (10 pieces)
- 109: 1832, June-December (11 pieces)
- 110: 1833, January-May (14 pieces)
- 111: 1833, June-December (11 pieces)
- 112: 1833-1843, letter book "volume 13" (1 piece)
- 113: 1834 (17 pieces)
- 114: 1835, January-May (19 pieces)
- 115: 1835, June-September, (18 pieces)
- 116: 1835, October-December (10 pieces)
- 117: 1836, January-May (16 pieces)
- 118: 1836, June-August (16 pieces)
- 119: 1836, September-December (19 pieces)
- 120: 1837, January-April (19 pieces)
- 121: 1837, May-July (15 pieces)
- 122: 1837, August-December (22 pieces)

- Box 7, Folder 123: 1838 (53 pieces)
- 124: 1839 (57 pieces)
- 125: 1840 (9 pieces)

126: 1841 (17 pieces)
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 128: 1843 (11 pieces)
 129: 1844 (4 pieces)
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 131: 1846 (9 pieces)
 132: 1847 (8 pieces)
 133: 1848 (22 pieces)
 134: 1849 (29 pieces)
 135: 1850 (57 pieces)
 136: 1851 (56 pieces)
 137: 1852 (40 pieces)

Box 8, Folder 138: 1853 (38 pieces)
 139: 1854 (23 pieces)
 140: undated and Dec. 1, 1863 (16 pieces)

Series II. Combined Papers of WP and WP, Jr.

Subseries A: Biographical papers

Folder 141: "Index of the names of biography written by William Plumer";
 "Index to sheets of biography by years";
 "Biography unwritten";
 Biographical notes on Epping residents.
 (4 pieces)
 142: Index 7th references (1 piece)
 143: "Biography of governors" [alphabetical list];
 "Wm. Plumer's biographical articles not in William Allen's Biographical Dictionary, 2 edition, 1832";
 "Authorities compiled by William Plumer in his biographical work";
 "Index to W. Plumer's Biography of names of men he had seen, corresponded with or knew, and time of their death".
 (4 pieces)
 144: Manuscripts: Biographical references to my [illegible] (1 piece)
 145: Biographical notes, jottings, fragments (58 pieces)
 146: Notes for the life of John Adams, February 1, 1815 (1 piece)
 147: Ira Allen [brother of Ethan Allen] (2 pieces)
 148: John P. Boyd (1 piece)
 149: Ezekiel Brown (1 piece)
 150: Silas Deane (1 piece)
 151: Benjamin Franklin, and others (5 pieces)
 152: Chloe Eaton, Daniel Gookin, Edward St. Loe Livermore, others (1 piece)
 153: Elias Hicks (1 piece)
 154: Thomas Jefferson [incl. three signed letters from Jefferson to John Holmes (2) and Robert Garrett],

- (9 pieces)
- 155: Benjamin Lockwood, and others (1 piece)
- 156: [Jeremiah] Mason (1 piece)
- 157: "Notes for the life of Roger Williams", February 1, 1815 (1 piece)

Subseries B: Essays and speeches

- Box 9, Folder 158: WP, Gubernatorial speeches, June 6th, Nov. 18th, 1812 (2 pieces)
- 159: WP, Jr. "An oration on the different modes of eloquence which prevail in different stages of society: delivered at commencement on taking my second degree at Cambridge, August 1812" (1 piece)
- 160: WP, Jr. "Essay on the post office";
"For the New Hampshire Patriot" [letter regarding the actions of Josiah Sanborn];
"Is the doctrine of the trinity a scripture doctrine?";
"Bargain and corruption".
(4 pieces)
- 161: WP, Jr. "Canals" (1817);
"Hints for essays, September 12th, 1818";
"Address to the electors of New Hampshire (1829);
"Nebraska bill, March 6, 1854" [regarding slavery],
(4 pieces)
- 162: WP, Jr. "Hints for an address before the NH United Society for the more general diffusion of knowledge and for the promotion of good morals" (1820);
"Manufacturers. Against them" (August 1820);
Speech in the Senate of New Hampshire, July 7, 1827".
(3 pieces)
- 163: WP, Jr. Speeches, (incl. Epping Lyceum), 1833-36, 1840, n.d. (26 pieces)
Partial list of titles:
"Has the art of navigation been more beneficial to the world than the art of printing?"
"Slavery the root of evil in our country"
"Superstition"
[Beneficial uses of the steam engine]
"Is phrenology consistent with the formal rules of philosophy?"
"Are the intellectual faculties of the male superior to those of the female?"
[Lynch law]
"Is dueling in any case justifiable?"
"Is the hope of reward a greater incentive to action than the fear of punishment?"
"Was it right of our ancestors to dispossess the Indians of their possessions?"
"Is it justifiable to imprison for debt?"
"Is war in any case justifiable?"

"Whether the learned are more happy than the ignorant?"
"Are capital punishments ever necessary?"

Subseries C: Financial accounts

- Box 10, Folder 164: WP, "Blotter of merchant stock", 1815-1817 (1 piece)
- 165: WP, "Statement of William Plumer's property taxes, etc., 1788-1843;
Wm Plumer Junr account: education at Cambridge";
WP, Jr. "Account of notes belonging to William Plumer Jr.", 1812-1852;
List of notes, 1823-1828;
"Farm at Newmarket", 1829-1830;
"Farm at Newmarket, Asa [Reynolds], tenant", 1833-1835;
Stock certificate from Boston Silk Dying and Printing Co., 1836;
Nahant bank book.
(8 pieces)
- 166: Term bills from Harvard University, 1841-1845 (9 pieces)
- 167: WP Jr., Daybook no. 1, 1810-1817; Ledger no. 1, 1811-1814 (2 pieces)
- 168: WP Jr., Commissioner of Loans records, 1816-1818 (18 pieces)
- 169: WP Jr., "Letters written by William Plumer Jr. as Commissioner of
Loans and Pension Agent, from August 10th, 1816 to September 7th,
1818" (1 folio containing 134 letters)
- 170: WP Jr., Letters as Commissioner of Loans, Nov. 4, 1816-Mar. 12, 1817
(19 pieces)
- 171: WP Jr., Letters as Commissioner of Loans, April 13, 1817-Dec. 3,
1817 (39 pieces)
- 172: WP Jr., Letters as Commissioner of Loans, Dec. 5, 1817-June 11,
1818, and Aug. 27, 1833 (36 pieces)
- 173: [WP Jr.] Loan Office ledger, 1816-1817 (1 piece)
- 174: WP Jr., Commissioner of Loans records, 1818- (36 pieces)

Subseries D: Historical notes

- Box 11, Folder 175: "American Chronology" (February 19, 1830);
"Notes respecting the history of the United States" (April 13, 1830);
"Chronology: dates of the principal events related or referred to, in
the history of the United States during the late war with
Great Britain";
"Chronology: a chronological table of the events of the late war with
England";
"The Creek War";
"War on the ocean" (July, 1813);
"The Navy";
"Post Office" (November 1812);
Historical notes and drafts
(30 pieces)
- 176: "History of the war" [161 p. in folio];
"Documents relating to the Constitution" (November 13, 1807)
"Extracts from the journal of the Hartford Convention (1814-1815);

"Extracts etc. from Madison's papers"

"Ministers and other foreign agents to and from the United States";
Historical notes and drafts
(9 pieces)

- 177: Notes for the History of the late war with Great Britain" [signed by
Wm Plumer, Jr., March 6, 1815, 231 p. in folio];
"Table of contents to the History of the United States during the
War with Great Britain", and to the "History of the United
States, etc."
(2 pieces)

Subseries E: Legal papers

- Box 12, Folder 178: WP, Sept. term, 1794-March 5, 1810 (15 pieces)
179: WP, Commission to Seth Walker, Oct. 10, 1816 (1 piece)
180: WP, undated (9 pieces)
181: WP Jr., "Writ book" (12 pieces);
"Actions at the Court of Common Pleas" (5 pieces);
"Actions the Superior Court".
(18 pieces)
182: WP Jr., Forms of various legal documents, 1794, 1826, 1835, undated
(7 pieces)
183: WP Jr., 1813-1840 (24 pieces)

Subseries F: Miscellaneous

- Folder 184: "Forensic no. 2, 1807, Whether local extension be applicable to
spirits?";
"Forensic. Whether if two souls change bodies they would retain
their former knowledge?" (June 29, 1808);
"Table of weights, measures, coins, [areas], etc. (November 2, 1810);
"Miscellaneous translations" (1813-1814);
"Books not read" (March, 1814).
(4 pieces)
185: "Notes for essays on professional characters (January 31, 1815);
"Jeremy Bentham's proposal to furnish a complete body of laws for
the use of the state" [1817];
Comments on Bentham's proposal
Comments on Isaac Hill's complaints against Wm Jr. (1823);
"Select authors: books to be often read, on account of their matter,
sentiment, and style" (November 13, 1829);
"Books to be consulted under each year"
"Dates of William [Plumer's?] Gazette" (1777-1842);
"Discourse on peace, Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, 1844";
"Extracts from Goethe's 'Wilhelm Meister's apprenticeship and
travels', translated by Thomas Carlyle (n.d.);
"Proverbs" (n.d.).
(10 pieces)

- Box 12, Folder 186: "Population of the world, no. 1";
 "Population of the world, no. 2";
 "Population of the world, no. 3";
 "Index to the authors in the Fugitive";
 "Index";
 "Sects and sectarianists, their clergymen in the U.S" (1691-1831).
 (6 pieces)
- 187: "Extract from Lieut. W's journal" (1 piece)
- 188: WP Jr. autograph collection (19 groups and guide)
- 189: References (3 pieces)
- 190: Copy of Mary Plumer's will (February, 1830);
 "Lines written for the Abbot Jubilee, August 23d, 1838, by William Plumer, Jr. [typescript poem];
 "Extracts and minutes from the revised code of Massachusetts Nov. 4, 1835);
 "Extracts from 'Critical and Miscellaneous Essays' by Thomas Carlyle, Boston, 1839, 4 vols.". (4 pieces)
- 191: "Account of my weight at different periods. W Plumer Jr. January 1st, 1819";
 "Catalogue of my books, W Plumer Jr." (1820)
 "List of pamphlets in my collection of "morals and theology", August 1823";
 "List of pamphlets in my collection of "politics", August 1823;
 "Books disposed of by William Plumer from his library, from Jan'y 1, 1823";
 Letter from Geo. Sullivan, July 31, 1826 re a legal matter [no addressee],
 "Appointments, dues, etc." 1836-1838
 'Catalogue of books belonging to William Plumer Jr., April 20th, 1838" (8 pieces)
- 192: Notes, drafts, and fragments (25 pieces)
- 193: "Judges of Superior Court (1796-1808);
 "To the Hon'bl the Speaker of the House of Representatives" [letter];
 "Salisbury";
 "New Chester"
 "Medical"
 "Theme: What our contempts do often hurl from us, we wish it ours again"
 Fragments.
 (9 pieces)
- 194: Map of Plumer land holdings [n.d.];
 "Relative weight of New Hampshire under the census of 1820 ...";
 Population of New Hampshire towns, 1829, 1839, 1837;
 "District No. 1";

Printed certificate of Wm. Plumer Jr's membership in the Epping
Library Association (Feb. 8, 1833);
"Index to the catalogue of books in the library of the Hon. Jeremiah
Smith of Exeter, NH, formed after the manner of President
Jefferson";
Draft of letter dated June 15, 1816, to someone in France,
concerning the French Revolution and Napoleonic empire;
"Adam Clarke" [44 p.];
Letter from Asa Fowler;
Quotes concerning slavery;
"January 8th, 1812";
Notes and fragments.
(14 pieces)

Series III. Papers of William Plumer, Jr. (1789-1854)

Subseries A: Agricultural Writings of WP Jr.

- Box 13, Folder 195: Agricultural journal 1 (1822-1841), and 2 (1841-1853) (2 pieces)
196: "Fruit trees, 1823" (1 piece)
197: "Calendar, July 1827";
"Time of eating the first and the last of the different kinds of
fruit";
"The time of blossoming and ripening of different flowers and fruits,
and other agricultural occurrences, December 1829";
"The average time of flowering and ripening of different flowers and
fruits and other agricultural occurrences 1846";
Notes.
(5 pieces)
198: "Catalogue of fruit trees, shrubs, etc. about my buildings, November
15th, 1832;
"Catalogue of trees, shrubs, etc. on my lands, November 8th, 1837";
"Catalogue of fruit trees, shrubs, etc. on my lands at Epping, August
1, 1843";
"Catalogue of fruit trees on my lands in Epping, July 15, 1846"
(4 pieces)
199: "Agricultural memoranda", 1835 (1 piece) [see also subseries D]

Subseries B: Autobiographical journals and notes

- Box 14, Folder 200: "Memoranda no. 7, Journal no. 7, from April 1821 to December 1825"
[gaps in paging] (1piece)
201: "Journal no. 8", January 1826-February 1834 (258 p. in folio, 1 piece)
202: "Journal", 1854 (1 piece)
203: Notes (2 pieces)
204: Index to memoirs of William Plumer [appears to be WP's
handwriting] (1 piece)

Subseries C: WP Jr.'s Biographical notes on WP

- Box 15, Folder 205: Chapters 1-4 (5 pieces)
206: Chapters 5-9 (5 pieces)
207: Chapters 10-13 (6 pieces)
208: Notes and fragments (5 bundles)

Subseries D: Memoranda books

- Box 16, Folder 209: "No. 2, No. 15 History of U.S., no. 24, extracts, January 1803"
(1 piece)
210: "No. 8, Journal 3", 1810-1811 (1 piece)
211: "No. 16, The United States", 1819 (1 piece)
212: "No. 20, Extracts and remarks made in course of reading in history
and biography", 1818 (1 piece)
213: "No. 22, History of the foreign intercourse of the United States,
chapter II, Declaration of Independence" (1 piece)
214: "No. 15, No. 24 Notes and references for the history of the United
States, No. 1", 1810-1813 (1 piece)
215: "No. 28, Notices of decisions in the Superior Court of Judicature in
this state, 1813;
"Memorandum of Justice Courts" August 1812;
"Memorandum of actions at the Courts of Common Pleas in
Rockingham", August 1812;
"Actions at the Superior Court", September 1812;
"Memoranda no. 28, repository No. 1, Oct. 20, 1817
Notes.
(7 items)
216: "No. 31, Papers and letters relating to my history of the United
States and other literary designs", 1815-1818 (1 piece)
217: "No. 32, Documents and information [...] for the treaties and
diplomatic intercourse", [1808] (1 piece)
218: "No. 35, Letterbook No. 6", 1816-1830 (1 piece) [Contains copies and
drafts of letters sent by Wm. Jr. - does not contain replies.
"Index of names in other series, p. 30-31, for a list of
addressees.]
219: "No. 37, a catalogue of books approved or condemned", 1818;
"No. 37, Improvement of the laws", 1819.
(2 pieces)
220: "No. 44, New England", 1819
221: "No. 45, The middle states", 1819 (1 piece)
222: "No. 48, Agriculture", 1823 (1 piece)
223: "No. 49, Gardening", 1823 (1 piece)
224: "No. 50, Agriculture journal, vol. 1, Oct, 1822-Nov. 1835";
"No. 50, Agriculture journal, vol. 2", 1836-1851.
(2 pieces)
225: "No. 51, Medicine", 1825 (1 piece)

Subseries E: Poetry

- Box 17, Folder 226: "Youth";
"Notes".
(5 pieces)
- 227: "Manhood" (8 pieces)
- 228: "Age";
"Retirement";
Miscellaneous poems and notes.
(11 pieces)
- 229: Poems and fragments (144 pieces)
- 230: Poems, fragments, and notes (177 pieces)
- 231: Notes (6 pieces)
- 232: "Poetical extracts";
"Notes for 'Specimens of American poetry', January 5, 1815";
Lists of recipients for the poems "Ruth", "Manhood", and "Youth";
"Estimate for printing"
Poems and notes.
(16 pieces)

Series IV: News clippings

- Box 18 Folder 233: Scrapbook, 1827-1829 (1 piece)
- 234: 1804-1852, n.d., incl. Governor Plumer's proclamations (20 pieces)
- 235: 1814-March 1844 (43 pieces)
- 236: July, 1844-1852, n.d. (43 pieces)
- 237: Duplicate clippings (15 pieces)

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- 239: Bentham, Jeremy (4 pieces)
- 240: Carrigain, Philip (3 pieces)
- 241: Clay, Henry (2 pieces)
- 242: Frost, George (1 piece)
- 243: Gilman, Nicholas (1 piece)
- 244: Greeley, Horace (1 piece)
- 245: Hale, John Parker (5 pieces)
- 246: Harrison, William Henry (1 piece)
- 247: Jefferson, Thomas (1 piece - 3 letters)
- 248: Madison, James (1 piece)
- 249: Monroe, James (1 piece)
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- 252: Webster, Daniel (2 pieces)
- 253: Whittier, John Greenleaf (1 piece)

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