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Pollard *Genealogical Papers*,
compiled and edited by Maurice J. Pollard



Pollard Family Homestead, Haverhill, Mass.

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Finding Aid

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Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of documents pertaining primarily to the research conducted by Maurice J. Pollard into some extramarital affairs in his genealogy, namely his New Hampshire ancestors in the Moses and Emery families in the 18th and 19th centuries. The collection contains his typed "deposition" in which he describes his research and provides evidence for the ancestral irregularities. He also provides genealogical tables with the names of his notorious ancestors written in red. Four addenda provide biographical details.

Photographs of several family members are provided, as well as pictures of the family's homestead in Haverhill, Massachusetts.

Biographical background: Maurice Pollard was a genealogist, born in Haverhill, Massachusetts at midnight, May 11, 1892 and educated at Phillips Exeter Academy. He settled in Dover, N.H. and married Beatrice Theresa Higgins of Co. Sligo, Ireland, producing 6 children, five surviving. In 1961 he published volume I of "The History of the Pollard Family in America", followed by volume II in 1965. Pollard died in 1972.

Provenance: Sealed manuscripts donated by Maurice Pollard to the New Hampshire State Library on 02/17/1958, with the stipulation that the contents not be opened until his death. His heirs opened the documents in December of 1972.

Span Dates: 19th-20th centuries.

Collection Strengths: This is a small collection, of interest to members of the Pollard family in New Hampshire. It provides information not available in published Pollard genealogies.

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

Subjects and People:

Clay, David	New England - Genealogy
Emery, Noah	Pollard Family - New England
Haverhill, Massachusetts - Genealogy	Pollard, Maurice J.
Moses Family - New England	Sleeper, Hannah
Moses, John Folsom	Welch, Mary Jane

Arrangement and Description: The collection is arranged into four folders. Originally, the contents of folder 2 were housed between the cardboard covers of an empty typing paper tablet. The tablet covers were deaccessioned. The separation of the photographs into two groups was retained in original order.

Container List:

Folder 1: Notarized statement of accuracy, dated January 30, 1958.

Folder 2: Supplement to the sealed manuscript in the vault of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston Mass.: Deposition of Maurice J.

Pollard, son of Frank E. Pollard;
Addenda 1-4;
Notice of where to purchase Pollard's published genealogy of the Pollard family.

Folder 3: Photographs, with captions

Packet 1 (3 photographs):

- 1.1 Deacon John Folsom Moses (1792-1877);
- 1.2 Hannah (Sleeper) Clay, 1794-1872, of Kingston, N.H.;
- 1.3 Mary Jane (Welch) Pollard.

Packet 2 (11 photographs):

- 2.1 Lucy (Smith) Pollard;
- 2.2 Deacon Isaac Pollard (1758-1836) of Plaistow, N.H.;
- 2.3 Frank D. Pollard (1818-1882) of Plaistow, N.H. & Brentwood. N.H.;
- 2.4 Group photograph of Louisa M. (Pollard) Graves, Eugene E. Graves, Marjorie Pollard Graves, Mrs. Francis D. Pollard, Dr. John W. H. Pollard, and Everett J. Graves at Haverhill, MA, 1893;
- 2.5 Frank E. Pollard (1856-1939) of Haverhill, MA;
- 2.6 Pollard homestead interior with Miriam Webster Sleeper Rowe (1822-1906), Della R. Rowe, Raymond Pollard, and Maurice Pollard, 1892;
- 2.7 Family photo: Frank E. Pollard, Charlotte G. Pollard, Raymond R. Pollard, and Maurice J. Pollard in Haverhill, MA, 1892
- 2.8 Pollard homestead in Haverhill, MA
- 2.9 Raymond Pollard and Maurice Pollard, 1894;
- 2.10 Pollard home in Haverhill, MA about 1881;
- 2.11 Maurice Pollard.

Folder 4: Documents transferring ownership of the collection from Maurice J. Pollard to the New Hampshire State Library

Other Resources at NHSL:

Pollard, Maurice J. The history of the Pollard family in America. Dover, N.H.: published by Maurice J. Pollard. 1961, 1965. 2 volumes.
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Pollard, Stephen. Pollard genealogy: being a record of one line of the Pollard family descended from Thomas Pollard of Billerica, Mass. East Orange, N.J.: printed by F. L. Pollard, 1902.
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Resources Elsewhere:

New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts