

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Felton Family, Papers, 1750-1883

Location:

Octavo volumes "F"
Manuscript boxes "F"

Size of collection:

2 octavo volumes; 1 manuscript box

N.U.C.M.C. number:

RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

See William Reid Felton, *A Genealogical History of the Felton Family* (Rutland, Vt., 1935), p. 91, 122, 170, 224.

Source of collection:

Gift of C. S. Brigham, 1915

Collection description:

Jacob Felton (1712/13-1789), the son of Samuel and Sarah (Goodale) Felton, was born in Salem, Mass. He was a shoemaker who settled in Marlborough, Mass., about 1738. Jacob was active in town affairs, being one of six wardens in town and one of a committee of nine, for five years, to seat the meetinghouse (1761), constable and collector of taxes (1762), on a committee to provide a schoolmaster (1766), on a committee for the west part of Marlborough (1770), grand jurymen (1773), and selectman (1777). Jacob married, ca. 1740, Sarah Barrett (1715-1742); they had no children. He married, second, in 1749, Hasadiah Howe (1725-1819). They had six children, including Stephen.

Stephen Felton (1752-1827) was a Marlborough farmer who served in the Revolutionary War in a Beverly, Mass., company which marched to Lexington and Concord in April 1775. He was constable and collector of taxes in 1789. Stephen married, in 1775, Lovinia Stowe (1755-1842). They had eight children, including Silas and William.

Silas Felton (1776-1828) was a schoolteacher, store owner, and land surveyor, in Marlborough. In 1799, he was chosen assessor of the town and was re-elected to that position for the next twenty-six years. In 1801, he surveyed all the roads in Marlborough, and in 1808, he was elected the town moderator. In 1815, he was elected town clerk, a position he held for thirteen years, and was also elected selectman, a position he held for eleven years. From 1821 to 1824, he was a justice of the peace. He represented the town of Marlborough in the Massachusetts General Court for the years 1821, 1823, and 1824. In 1828, he

was appointed postmaster. Silas married, 17 January 1799, Lucretia Fay (1778-1862). They had three children.

William Felton (1781-1856) was a farmer and cooper in Marlborough. He was a self-educated performer on the violin. He was also a juryman and a highway surveyor, and served on the prudential school committee. William married, in February 1809, Lois Bartlett (1785-1857). They had seven children, including Cyrus.

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Collection description (continued):

Cyrus Felton (1815-1890) was Marlborough farmer and genealogist in Marlborough. His published works include: A Brief Account of Some of the Descendants of Nathaniel and Mary Felton of Salem, Mass. (Boston, 1877); A Genealogical History of the Felton Family ... (Marlborough, 1886); A Record of Upwards of Six Hundred Events ... in Marlborough and Neighboring Towns ... (Marlborough, 1880); and others. Cyrus married, in February 1858, Eliza R. Fay (1837-). They had one child.

This collection of papers, covering the period 1750 to 1883, includes one box and two octavo volumes. The octavo volumes contain genealogical information collected by Cyrus Felton on both the Felton family and the Bartlett family. Each volume contains an index and numbered pages.

The box contains: Cyrus Felton's notebook of genealogical information on the Felton family, written in a stationer's 1849 pass book; records of the Young Men's Lyceum of Marlborough from 1838 to 1841 of which Cyrus Felton was the recording secretary; Silas Felton's notebook, covering the period 1797 to 1812, and including copies of his correspondence and speeches; records of the Social Enquirer Club of Marlborough from 1802 to 1803, copied by Silas Felton from the secretary's book; a farm account book kept by Stephen Felton 1789 to 1810 with entries in chronological order and including wages for farm hands, and farm produce bought and sold; miscellaneous receipts, filed in chronological order, mostly of Stephen Felton and William Felton, with a few of Cyrus Felton, covering the period 1789 to 1861; documents and correspondence of the Felton family from 1750 to 1883, including many early land deeds of Jacob Felton, inventories of Jacob Felton's estate, warrants of Stephen Felton as tax collector, Cyrus Felton's will, and miscellaneous family correspondence.

See Contents List.

Silas Felton's manuscript autobiography is at the New York Public Library. It was published in the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, 69 (1959), pp. 119-154.

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Folder 2: Receipts and Documents, 1789-1861.

Folder 3: Stephen Felton's Farm Account Book, 1789-1810.

Folder 4: Silas Felton, Correspondence and Notes, 1797-1812.

Folder 5: Silas Felton, Social Enquirer Club Records, 1802-1803.

Folder 6: Cyrus Felton, Young Men's Lyceum Records, 1838-1841.

Folder 7: Cyrus Felton, "A Brief History of the Feltons".

Octavo Volumes

Volume 1: Cyrus Felton, Felton Genealogy.

Volume 2: Cyrus Felton, Bartlett Genealogy.