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NAME OF COLLECTION:

Thayer Family, Papers, 1735-1836

LOCATION:

Misc. mss. boxes "T"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

1 folder (41 items)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For biographical information, see Bezaleel Thayer, *Thayer Memorial* (Oswego, N.Y.: R. J. Oliphant, 1874), p. 310. See also, Israel Wilkinson, *Memoirs of the Wilkinson Family* (Jacksonville, Ill.: Davis and Penniman, 1869), p. 144.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Transferred from the *Wilkinson Family, Papers, 1820-1898*, in 1977

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

William Thayer (1708-c. 1792), the son of Capt. Thomas (-1738) and Mary (-) Thayer, was a wheelwright in Mendon, Mass. He married, on 13 November 1729, Abigail Sumner (1711-) and they had ten children.

Their oldest daughter, Hephzibah (1731-1804), married Elisha Ballou (1726-1777) on 30 November 1748. They settled in Cumberland, R.I., and had nine children, including a daughter, Silence (1750-1805), who married, in 1772, Israel Wilkinson (1741-1818), of Cumberland, R.I.

William and Abigail's oldest son, William (1738-1806), married Alice Belew (-), of Smithfield, R.I. Their son, Alexander (1767-1848), became executor of his grandfather's estate.

This collection of papers, which span the years 1735 to 1836, includes copies of the wills of Thomas Thayer and William Thayer; land deeds of William Thayer, William Thayer, Jr., and Alexander Thayer; receipts (many for the settlement of debts against the estate of William Thayer); promissory notes; summonses; and a weaver's draft.

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Folder List

1. undated; receipt (partial), Amasa Thayer
2. undated; will extract, Thomas Thayer
3. 1735 January 29; deed, John Lyon, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
4. 1742 April 3; deed, Hezekiah Hayward, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
5. 1744/5 March 4; deed, Thomas Sanford, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
6. 1752 March 2; deed, Daniel Sumner of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
7. 1755 January 23; deed, Calvin Smith, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
8. 1757 May 13; deed, Uriah Thayer, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
9. 1761 November 28; deed Richard Adams & Rebekah Adams and Josiah Tasset & Hannah Tasset, of Pomfret, Ct., to William Thayer, Jr., of Mendon
10. 1770 April 9; deed, John Hayward, Jr. & Anna Hayward, of Mendon, to William Thayer, Jr., of Mendon
11. 1770 August 1; deed, John Rockwood & Elizabeth Rockwood, of Mendon, to William Thayer, Jr., of Mendon
12. 1771 November 5; deed, Stephen Thayer, of Warwick, to William Thayer, of Mendon
13. 1773 March 26; deed, David Daniels & Huldah Daniels, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
14. 1776 January 31; receipt, Amasa Thayer, of Mendon
15. 1781 February 6; deed, Edmond Merriam, of Mendon, to William Thayer, of Mendon
16. 1783 September 24; deed, Increase Thayer & Leah Thayer, of Mendon, to William Thayer, Jr., of Mendon
17. 1784 May 25; deed, William Thayer, of Mendon, to William Thayer, Jr., of Mendon
18. 1784 September 31; letter, from John Earl, of Providence, to William Thayer, Jr., of Mendon
19. 1786 February 23; receipt, Increase Thayer, of Mendon
20. 1786 November 25; promissory note, Alexander Thayer to William Thayer
21. 1788 February 6; summons
22. 1790 September 6; summons, William Thayer and William French, of Mendon
23. 1791 April 18; summons, William Thayer, Jr. and William French, of Mendon
24. 1792 December 29; will, William Thayer
25. 1793 December 23; receipt, Ebenezer Ammidon
26. 1793 December 23; receipt, Abner Ballou
27. 1793 December 30; receipt (partial), Amasa Thayer
28. 1793 December 31; receipt, Alexander Thayer
29. 1793 December 31; receipt, William Thayer
30. 1794 May 24; summons, George Aldrich
31. 1794 November 24; receipt, Hephzibah Ballou
32. 1795 June 2; receipt, Peter Penniman
33. 1795 July 2; promissory note, Increase Thayer
34. 1795 September 29; receipt, Hephzibah Ballou
35. 1796 April 4; deed, George Aldrich, of Mendon, to Alexander Thayer, of Mendon
36. 1796 April 18; receipt, Joseph Allen
37. 1797 April 19; deed, Joseph Allen, of Mendon, to Alexander Thayer, of Mendon
38. 1804 September 9; receipt, John E. Eaton, Jr.
39. 1807 April 18; receipt, William Love & Polly Love
40. 1810 September 16; weaver's draft
41. 1836 April 14; receipt, Alexander Thayer