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Stanley Smith Papers, 1781-1936
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Extent: 3 boxes

Biographical note: Stanley Smith was born in 1869 and died in 1941. He summered on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, alternately in Orleans and Chatham, and maintained his winter residence on State Street in Boston. He married Sally Foster around 1923. Smith collected documents about local families, businesses and land transactions. He was an expert on local genealogy and was frequently consulted.

Scope and Contents note: Collection consists of Smith's personal correspondence, 1918-1936, and about 100 deeds, letters, indentures and other documents dating between 1781 to the late 1900s that he collected. Most of the 18th century correspondence appears to be between William and Thomas Davis of Plymouth, MA and their business associates. Deeds and other documents are predominantly from the Cape Cod towns of Chatham, Eastham, Harwich and Orleans.

The collection is divided into four series: Series I is personal correspondence; series II is Smith's collection of 18th century correspondence; series III is a collection of legal documents and receipts; series IV is a collection of 18th century deeds and indentures; and series V is a collection of maps of Cape Cod, New England and North America. Series V also contains some miscellaneous deeds, legal, and other papers not originally cataloged with the rest of the collections.

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Box 1 Series I: Personal Correspondence, 1918-1936

- 1-1A Undated
- 1B 1918-1924
- 1C 1925-1927
- 1D 1928-1929
- 1E 1930-1936

Series II: Stanley Smith's collection of Correspondence, 1781-1804

- 1 - 1F Hemeon Smith (Eastham) to Mr. Davis (Plymouth) 12 May 1804
- 2 David Thatcher (Yarmouth) to Thomas Davis 12 October 1799
- 3 __ Baker (Dennis) to William Davis (Plymouth) 18 January 1799
- 4 __ Baker (Dennis) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 31 October 1798
- 5 Ignatius Loring (Falmouth) to William Davis (Plymouth) 4 August 1791

- 6 Ignatius Loring (Falmouth) to William Davis (Plymouth) 25 June 1798
- 7 Nathaniel Carver (Truro) to William Davis (Plymouth) 6 June 1798
- 8 Nathaniel Carver (Truro) to William Davis (Plymouth) 31 May 1798
- 9 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to William Davis (Plymouth) ? August 1796
- 10 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to William Davis (Plymouth) 26 May 1796
- 11 Lewis Hamlin (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 3 October 1792
- 12 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to William Davis (Plymouth) 3 January 1792
- 13 Richard Sears (Boston) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 24 March 1791
- 14 Lewis Hamlin (Wellfleet) to Thomas William Davis (Plymouth) 9 February 1789
- 15 Lewis Hamlin (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 8 June 1789
- 16 Ezekial Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Thomas William Davis (Plymouth)
29 September 1788
- 17 Ezekial Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 7 September 1788
- 18 Silas Newcomb (Provincetown) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 27 August 1788
- 19 Samuel Waterman (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 12 January 1788
- 20 Lewis Hamlin (Wellfleet) to Mr. Davis (Plymouth) 4 December 1787
- 21 Sam Hincley (Barnstable) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 12 October 1787
- 22 Sturgis Gorham (Barnstable) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 7 July 1787
- 23 Watermount Hamlin (Barnstable) to William and Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 21 May 1787
- 24 Lewis Hamlin (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 25 January 1787
- 25 Ezekial Holbrook to Thomas William Davis (Plymouth) 4 May 1786
- 26 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 28 February 1786
- 27 Ezekiel Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 14 January 1786
- 28 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 3 December 1785
- 29 Ezekiel Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 9 May 1785
- 30 Ezekiel Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 7 September 1784
- 31 Ezekiel Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Mr. Davis (Plymouth) 25 April 1784
- 32 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 10 April 1785
- 33 Seth Smith (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 10 November 1784
- 34 Nehemiah Smith (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 20 October 1784
- 35 Ezekiel Holbrook (Wellfleet) to William Davis (Plymouth) 7 April 1785
- 36 Ezekiel Holbrook (Wellfleet) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 15 March 1785
- 37 Thomas Twining (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 16 April 1782
- 38 Thomas Twining (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 19 August 1781
- 39 Thomas Twining (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 28 June 1781
- 40 Thomas Twining (Eastham) to Thomas Davis (Plymouth) 9 June 1781

Series III: various legal documents and receipts

- 41 Probate document: John Gould July 1816
- 42 Power of Attorney: Nathan Snow for Thomas Snow 1 August 1780
- 43 Declaration of faith: Nathaniel Gould 1750
- 44 Power of Attorney: Joseph Atkins for Gould Linnell 21 June 1798
- 45 Will: Jonathan Snow 20 February 1805
- 46 Will: Benjamin Small 1805, transcription of same
- 47 Partial will: Nehemiah Smith
- 48 Letters of Marque for brig Expedition, Master Ephraim Lombard, owners:

Isaac Smith, John Codman, Photostat copy

- 49 Receipt of estate payment, Jane Long; bill of sale, Gould Linnell to John Gould 3 November 1798
Summons to John Gould 10 March 1802 Probate document: Ebenezer Snow et al
- 50 Photos: A.O. Smith Sr. (father of Stanley Smith), 2 pictures of Elisha Cole's Windmill
- 51 Inspection bill January 1804; bill collection note 1660; certification for citizenship, Thomas Gould; collection notice for promissory note
- 52 Dated receipts 1731-1858 Reamer (?) Small and Thomas Robbins, Chapin and Eaton, Eldridge Small, Ezekiel Cahoon, Eli Small, John Gould, Sampson and Knowles, Isaac Crosby, Tom Robbins, Elhanah Nickerson
- 53 Eldridge Small receipts for goods and sus. One partial receipt is for a 5/8 share of a vessel (unnamed)
- 54 Partial receipts undated, named and unnamed
- 55 Receipts undated; Small, Mayo, Walker, Cahoon, Freeman
- 56 Balance sheet for schooner William Tell, Master John Gould, noted as a fish voyage
- 57 Certified Election Return Woburn MA 1811
- 58 The Barbarian of Slavery Speech given by Senator Charles Sumner in the U.S. Senate 4 June 1860

Box 2: Series IV: deeds and indentures, 1707-1816

Deeds from Native American to European Colonials are in this box along with other historic deeds.

Item content list for Box # 2 (Deeds and indentures)

- Nathan Snow and Prince Rogers Barnstable (Orleans) 26 January 1829
- Hiram Baker to John Gould Barnstable (Orleans) 28 December 1816
- David Crowell to James Crowell Barnstable (Chatham) 4 April 1814
- Phoebe Snow to Isaac Snow et al Barnstable 15 January 1812 -- Deed to support man at home in exchange for real estate
- Joseph Atkins to John Gould Barnstable (Brewster) 1 May 1807
- Edmund Doane to Elnathan Snow Nova Scotia (Orleans) 14 December 1802
- John Gould to Gould Linnell Barnstable (Orleans) 22 November 1798
- Timothy Doane to Gould Linnell Barn stable (Eastham) 25 October 1798
- John Knowles to Gould Linnell Barnstable (Orleans) 29 December 1795
- Henry Rogers to John Gould Barnstable (Eastham) 11 March 1793
- Anna Higgins to Ebenezer Harding et al Barnstable (Eastham) 7 April 1789
- Josiah Rogers, Thomas Avy(?), Marcy Cole, Joseph Linnell, John Yates to John Gould Barnstable (Chatham) 13 February 1793
- Reuben Rider to David Crowell Barnstable (Chatham) 16 January 1777
- Joshua Mayo to John Gould Barnstable (Harwich) 2 May 1770
- Nathaniel Gould to John Gould Barnstable (Harwich) 10 November 1769
- Amos Knowles to John Gould Barnstable (Harwich) 8 February 1769
- Nathaniel Snow to Thomas Snow Barnstable (Eastham and Harwich) 17 January 1765

- Martha Hamilton to Jonathan Linnell Barnstable (Eastham) 16 June 1763
- Elhanah Nickerson to Thomas Snow Liverpool, England 29 March 1762
- Ebenezar Broadbrooks to David Crowell Barnstable (Harwich) 25 November 1758
- Elhanah Nickerson to David Crowell Barnstable (Chatham) 2 December 1755
- Elhanah Nickerson to Paul Crowell (Indenture) Barnstable (?) 2 December 1755
- Nathaniel Gould to John Thomas Richard Barnstable (Harwich) 29 April 1755
- Nathaniel Gould, Jonathan Linnel, Nathaniel Mayoior, Division of Meadow in Eastham 16 April 1750
- Beriah Broadbrocks to Ebenezar Brodbrocks Barnstable (Harwich) 29 August 1749
- Solomon Kenwick to Paul Crowell Barnstable (Chatham) 24 February 1748
- Joseph Mayo to Nathaniel Brewer mortgage deed 10 acres in Roxbury 13 February 1745
- Jonathan Linel to Thomas Linel and Jonathan Linel Barnstable (Eastham and Harwich) 3 October 1737
- Jonathan Linnel and Thomas Linnel to Nathaniel Doane Barnstable (Harwich) 22 January 1734/5
- Bethiah Haus to Paul Crowell Barnstable (Chatham) 15 November 1733
- Elisha Hopkins to Nathaniel Gould Barnstable (Harwich) 8 January 1729
- **Deeds involving Native Americans and Colonials**
- Isaac Larrance to John Yates Barnstable (Harwich) 4 June 1717
- Thom Sipsun to John Hurd Barnstable (Harwich) 7 April 1707
- Wamsutta to William Bradford et al Plymouth (Acushna) 1652(?)
- Sachemus to Thomas Prence Plymouth (Stoneybrook) 3 December 1663
- Tom Sipsun and John Sipsun to Jonathan Linel Barnstable 25 November 1713
- Larrance Geffery to Amos Larrance and Isaac Larrance Barnstable (Harwich) 25 July 1717
- Elhanah Linnel et al Barnstable to (?) (Eastham?) 16 April 1774

Box 3 Series V: Maps of Cape Cod and New England and North America 1700's-1800's and miscellaneous appended documents (deed, legal papers, and miscellany)

MAPS

1. Boundary line on tide water between the towns of Mashpee and Barnstable, 1893.
2. General plan of Oyster Harbors, Osterville, MA, no date (circa 1930s?)
3. Bounds of the Province Lands, 1893.
4. Direction for sailing by Cape Cod Lighthouse and into Cape Harbor 1799 (photocopy)
5. Outlines of Quanset Pond. No Date. (Hand drawn).
6. Land near Pleasant Bay (Freeman, Mayo, etc.). 1729. (Hand drawn).
7. Land near Pleasant Bay, Orleans, Harwich. No date. (Hand drawn.)
8. A sketch map of a portion of Plymouth Colony to illustrate Church's Annals of (King) Philip's War. No date.
9. A map of the Province of Massachusetts Bay and Colony of Rhode Island with part of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Vermont. 1782.
10. Map of Massachusetts. 1838.
11. Map laid before the states general, August 1616, New England.

12. A new and accurate map of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, 1780.
13. New England or Eastern States. No date.
14. New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. No date. Circa 1600s-1700s.
15. New England. Engraved for Morse and Parish's History of New England, 1809.

DEEDS and LEGAL DOCUMENTS

These documents were appended the collection after it was initially cataloged.

1. Award of Arbitration. Timothy Percival and Joseph Laurence, both of Sandwich. Disputed line between woodlands. No date.
2. Settlement of Estate. William Newland, Sandwich. July 6, 1694.
3. Will of Mercy Laurence, Harwich. March 13, 1719.
4. Bill of Sale. Joshua Brown of Eastham. February 10, 1736.
5. Deed. Ariel D. Annable of Barnstable to Joseph Chipman of Barnstable, parcel of salt meadow in Barnstable at Sandy Neck. June 24, 1816.
6. Deed. Silvester Baker of Barnstable to Joseph Chipman of Barnstable. Woodland. January 23, 1823.
7. Deed for pew. North-West Congregational Parish & Society to Ephraim Percival of Sandwich. December 20, 1852.
8. Warranty Deed. Sylvanus B. Phinney of Barnstable and Joshua Nickerson of Chatham to Deborah L. Kittredge of Boston (wife of Edward L. Kittredge) for cleared land near Railroad Avenue of Barnstable. November 20, 1865.

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

1. Indian/Native American trade beads. Accompanied by a note that indicated that the beads were found in the effects of Capt. Elbridge Small of Orleans, and were originally owned by his great-great-grandfather Benjamin Small of Yarmouth and Harwich, circa 1726.
2. Family tree of John Cowell, "who came from England."
3. Sheet music. *Lawrence Quick Step*. Dedicated to S. Abbott Lawrence and the members of the New England Guards. Cover engraving depicts a military encampment at Barnstable, 1839. Ships are visible in the harbor beyond.
4. Clippings (4) in brown paper folder
 - a. 1851 from Gleason's Pictorial. Article and images of Camp Meeting at Eastham.
 - b. 1851 Article and images of Edward K. Curtis and presentation silver. Curtis, born in Truro, was the owner of a notable shipping company.
 - c. 1852 image of Celebration of the Cape Cod Association, Provincetown.
 - d. 1854 image and article on Edward K. Curtis of Truro.