

## Sturgis Library Archives

### MS. 185 Captain Matthias (Mathias) Gorham Collection

**Extent:** 1 folder in multifold box

**Scope and Content Note:** The collection consists of original deeds and legal documents related to Capt. Matthias (Mathias) Gorham and family, as well as photocopied family history information.

**Biographical and historical information:** Capt. Matthias (Mathias) Gorham (1749-1820) was a descendant of Captain John Gorham, who was born in 1620/21 in England and after arrival in Plymouth, Massachusetts served in the King Philip's War. Captain John Gorham moved to Yarmouth & Barnstable later in life and served as a Selectman in 1674.

Capt. Matthias (Mathias) Gorham was Captain John's great-great grandson. He married Dorcas Crowell in 1777. They had 9 children. He moved, with his family, from Yarmouth, Massachusetts to Westminster, Vermont in 1798, and purchased a farm there, which remained in the Gorham family for a number of years.

*Please note that Matthias Gorham's name is spelled with two Ts on some documents and with one T in others. In the contents list below we will use the spelling on the document.*

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**Acquisition:** Donated by Robert Allard of Putney, Vermont, a descendant of the Gorham family.

**Processed by:** Lucy Loomis, October 2022.

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Folder A

- Deed of gift
- Biographical and genealogical information on the Gorham family
- Family Search printout on the Capt. Mathias Gorham family
- Article on the Cape Cod sea captains who emigrated to Westminster, Vermont

Folder B

1. Deed, January 1777. Daniel Crowell, administrator of the estate of Thomas Burgess, to Matthias Gorham, land & swelling house in Yarmouth. Also includes release of Dower rights by Martha Killey and David Killey
2. Deed, May 1777. Joseph Rogers to Matthias Gorham, for woodland in Yarmouth
3. Deed, February 1783. Isaac Crowell to Matthias Gorham, a piece of woodland in Yarmouth.
4. Deed. October 1783. William Taylor to Gorham Crowell, Jacob Parker, and Mathias Gorham, a parcel of upland in South Yarmouth.

5. March 1784. Will of John Gorham leaves 20 pounds to Anna (Gorham) Taylor, received from her brother Matthias Gorham.
6. May 1784. Letter of Daniel Davis appointing Mrs. Abner Taylor, Silas Baker, and Richard Baxter of Yarmouth to inventory the estate of Mathias Gorham.
7. February 1785. Will of Matthias Gorham leaving 6 shillings to daughter Mary (Gorham) Parker, which she received from [brothers] Matthias and John Gorham.
8. Undated 1790s. Description of land of Jon Gorham
9. February 1790. Deed, John Gallison to Matthias Gorham, a piece of fresh meadow in Yarmouth. Note that Sarah Gallison releases her dower rights to the property.
10. March 1797. Receipt for goods James Wall to Matthias Gorham.
11. March 1797. Deed. Gorham Crowell, Jacob Parker, and Mathias Gorham, tenants in common for land in Yarmouth.