

Jerijah Barber Papers

Windsor Historical Society
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Creators: Jerijah Barber, Sr. (1739-1792) and Jerijah Barber, Jr. (1766-1820)

Dates: 1718 -1860, bulk late 18th century

Extent: 1.25 linear feet

Accession #: 1993.12

Biographical Note

The Barbers were a multi-generational family of lifelong Windsor, CT residents, descending from Thomas Barber who arrived in Windsor in 1635.

A fourth generation descendant of Thomas Barber, Jerijah Barber, Sr. was born on January 26, 1738 or 1739 (modern sources say 1738, but Jerijah Barber, Jr.'s Genealogy says 1739). He married Loanna Filley on December 5, 1765, and the couple had six children. Jerijah Barber, Sr. operated a tannery at Mill Brook in Windsor, CT, until about 1788. Barber was the executor of his father John Barber's estate, as well as the estate of his wife's grandfather, the Deacon William Cook. Jerijah Barber, Sr. died on February 7, 1792.

Jerijah Barber, Jr. was born on August 24, 1766. He inherited his father's tannery and expanded the business. He entered into a business arrangement with the Connecticut Militia to make leather shoes in 1779. Although his involvement with the Connecticut Militia initially appeared to be a business arrangement, it eventually became a more personal commitment. In 1803, Jonathan Trumbull appointed Jerijah Jr. Captain of the 2nd Company of the 1st Regiment of the Connecticut Militia.

In addition to his business and military careers, Jerijah Barber, Jr. was very involved in Windsor affairs. He, along with Peter Brown, repeatedly petitioned the County Court in Hartford to approve a highway connecting the towns of Windsor and Suffield. The court tentatively approved the idea, suggesting that the road should take a different route to be more "commodious to the public and less injurious to individuals." The town records in the collection illustrate the reluctance on the part of the townspeople to accept a highway, and eventually they elected to alter the original plan for the highway, as the court had suggested.

Jerijah Barber, Jr. married twice: his first marriage to Deborah Dexter produced two children: Deborah and Fidelia. His second marriage to Anna Hayden, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Hayden, produced six children: Nathaniel Hayden, Rhoda Ann, Mary Jane, John Henry, Samuel Thomas, and Samuel Jerijah. Jerijah Barber, Jr. died March 21, 1820.

Like his father, Nathaniel Hayden Barber was involved in civic affairs and was elected to the Connecticut Senate in 1862 for District 3. Nathaniel Hayden Barber was the longest lived of Jerijah's children, dying at age 81 in 1888.

Scope and Contents

The collection primarily consists of a variety of business records and personal papers of Jerijah Barber, Sr. and Jerijah Barber, Jr., lifelong residents of Windsor, CT. These records include an account booklet, contracts for laborers, and agreements for apprentices for their tannery business. Deeds, land records, and a property survey are also included in the documents. The collection contains estate papers, many of which were executed by either the elder or younger Jerijah. Some of Jerijah Barber, Jr.'s military records are included, which are composed of enlistment lists and orders.

A few of Nathaniel Hayden Barber's papers are collected here, particularly deeds and the letter of his appointment to the position of senator in 1862. The collection also contains some of the papers of Jerijah Sr.'s father-in-law, Amos Filley. Additionally, the collection contains papers not directly belonging to the Barber family, in particular, Windsor town records, specifically minutes of town meetings, petitions, and documents relating to town business for the period between 1786 and 1790.

Arrangement

Series I. Jerijah Barber Sr. Papers, 1718-1798

- Subseries A. Business Records
- Subseries B. Estate Papers

Series II. Jerijah Barber Jr. Papers, 1744, 1777-1820

- Subseries A. Military Records
- Subseries B. Business Records
- Subseries C. Personal Papers
- Subseries D. Estate Papers

Series III. Additional Family Papers, 1810-1860

Series IV. Non-family papers, 1745-1821

- Subseries A. Deeds
- Subseries B. Windsor, CT Town Records
- Subseries C. Statement of Prices
- Subseries D. Miscellaneous Notations and Receipts

Box and Folder Lists

The numbering system below indicates box and folder numbers, e.g. 2.16 refers to the 16th folder in box 2.

Series I. Jerijah Barber Sr. Papers

- 1.1 Business Records – Account Booklet (1783-8) (For the tannery)
- 1.2 Business Records – Agreements for Apprentices Phineas Underwood and James Hungerford, Jr. (1777, 1788)
- 1.3 Business Records – Deeds (1768, 1772, 1780)
- 1.4 Business Records – Tax Receipt (1781)
- 1.5 Estate Papers – Jerijah Barber Sr. (1792-1798)
- 1.6 Estate Papers – John Barber, Jerijah Barber Sr., Executor (1721-1772)
- 1.7 Estate Papers – Deacon William Cook, Jerijah Barber Sr., Executor (1718-1782)

1.8 Estate Papers – Amos Filley, Deeds and Receipts (1745-1793)

Series II. Jerijah Barber Jr. Papers

- 2.1 Military Records – 2nd Company, 1st Regiment, Connecticut Militia (1779-1811)
- 2.2 Business Records – Agreements and Contracts (1796-1812)
- 2.3 Business Records – Assorted (Many relating to tannery) (1777-1811, 1744 Survey of Mill Brook property where tannery would eventually be located)
- 2.4 Business Records – Contracts and Agreements for Construction of Buildings (Barn) (1797, 1809)
- 2.5 Business Records – Contracts for Laborers (1791-1816)
- 2.6 Business Records – Deeds (1791-1816)
- 2.7 Personal Papers – Confession of Charles Hull to stealing from Jerijah Butler Jr.
- 2.8 Personal Papers – Letter from Theodore Ensign regarding property of Lucina Barber Ensign (1818)
- 2.9 Personal Papers – Notes and Receipts (1799-1817)
- 2.10 Personal Papers – Prescription from Dr. Hopkin (1791) (Acc.# 1996.56.2)
- 2.11 Personal Papers – Tax Lists (1797-1818) Tax Receipts (1790-1800)
- 2.12 Personal Papers – Apprenticeship agreement between Thomas Moore and Erastus William Bower, Jerijah Barber Jr. to hold for safekeeping (1800)
- 2.13 Personal Papers – Petition to join the church, undated, presumed Jerijah Barber, Jr.
- 2.14 Estate Papers – Loannah Barber, Jerijah Barber, Jr., Executor (1794)
- 2.15 Estate Papers – Jerijah Barber, Jr. (1820)

Series III. Additional Family Papers

- 2.16 Estate Papers – Nathaniel Hayden, (1810 copy)
- 2.17 Estate Papers – Anna Hayden Barber (1815, 1858)
- 2.18 Estate Papers – Rhoda Ann Barber (1828)
- 2.19 Estate Papers – Nathaniel Hayden Barber (1829-1874)
- 2.20 Estate Papers – Mary Jane Barber (1822, 1860)

Series IV. Non-family papers

- 3.1 Deeds, for property transfers in Windsor, Barkhamstead, Simsbury and Granby (1745-1821)
- 3.2 Records of Windsor Town Meetings, Petitions, and Town Business, (1789-1790, including copy of a 1639 document detailing land rights in Hartford, Windsor and Weathersfield [sic])
- 3.3 Statement of Prices of household commodities, food stuffs, and cost of labor. Prices between 1790-1800
- 3.4 Miscellaneous Notations, Tax Receipts, Receipts, Notes, List of names of children of Fidelia Barber, unidentified scraps of paper (1745-1806)

Related Materials at the Windsor Historical Society

Subject files:

Houses-Pleasant Street, 1 (Jerijah Barber House)

Family files:

Barber family

Barber, Jerijah

Filley/Philley Family Newsletter

Barber, Jerijah Jr. Jerijah Barber's Genealogy or an Account of the Family of Barbers... RB 929
Barber (1996.56.1)

Account Books:

Barber, Jerijah, Sr. (2000.36.1)
Barber, Jerijah, Sr. (2006.004.004 through 2006.004.007)
Barber, Jerijah, Jr. (1970.006.001 through 1970.006.009)
Barber, Jerijah, Sr. and Barber, Jerijah, Jr. (2006.004.008)
Barber, Nathaniel Hayden. (2006.004.010 through 2006.004.015)
The Estates of Barber, Jerijah Sr.; Barber, Loanna; Filley, Naomi and Filley, Amos.
(2006.004.009)

"Jerijah Barber, 1739-1792." *Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor Newsletter*.
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Old Document Project – various documents

Millstone from Barber Tannery (1968.18)

Subject Terms

Barber family
Cook family
Barber, Anna Hayden, 1779 -1858
Barber, Jerijah, Jr., 1766-1820
Barber, Jerijah, Sr., 1739-1792
Barber, John, 1694-1767
Barber, Loanna, 1744 -1793
Barber, Mary Jane, 1810-1821
Barber, Nathaniel Hayden, 1807-1888
Barber, Rhoda Ann, 1808-1826
Bower, Erastus William
Cook, William (Deacon), 1716-1780
Filley, Amos, 1713-1794
Hayden, Nathaniel, 1738-1795
Hungerford, James, Jr.
Moore, Thomas, 1764-1848
Underwood, Phineas
Public records-Connecticut-Windsor
Tanneries-Connecticut-Windsor
Windsor (Conn.)-History-Sources

Custodial and Administrative History

Materials for the Jerijah Barber Papers were first donated to the Windsor Historical Society in 1993. An inventory titled "Items in Barber Attic" was received with the collection, but has been difficult to correlate all the documents in the collection with the inventory. Volunteer Gary Wait partially processed the collection in the fall of 2003. Intern Rebecca Reel did further processing, arranged the materials, and prepared the finding aid in June 2009 under the supervision of librarian Barbara Goodwin.