

**Dunham-Thompson
Collection, 1814-1843
MS 72**

Introduction

This collection contains historical sketches of Vermont towns written for inclusion in three different publications, a proposed Vermont gazetteer by Josiah Dunham (1769-1844), and two different publications by Zadock Thompson (1796-1856). It is housed in one archival document storage box and consumes .5 linear feet of shelf space.

Biographical Note

Josiah Dunham was born on April 7, 1769 in what is now Columbia, Connecticut, the son of Daniel and Anne (Moseley) Dunham. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1789 and married Sarah Hedge on February 25, 1796 in Windsor, Vermont. He served in the United States Army until 1808 and then returned to Windsor. From 1810 to 1814 he published a Federalist newspaper, *The Washingtonian*, and served as the Vermont Secretary of State from 1813 to 1815. He was principal of the Windsor Female Seminary from 1816 to 1821. Dunham then moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where he founded and ran another female seminary, later named the Lafayette Female Academy. He died on May 10, 1844 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Zadock Thompson was born in Bridgewater, Vermont on May 23, 1796, the son of Barnabas and Sarah (Fuller) Thompson. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1823. He then married Phebe Boyce on September 4, 1823 in Bridgewater, Vermont. He taught at UVM and other Burlington schools until 1833, when he moved to Canada. Thompson remained in Canada until 1837, teaching in Hatley and Sherbrooke, and then returned to Burlington. Ordained an Episcopal deacon in 1835, he performed occasional clerical duties in northern Vermont and Canada the rest of his life. Thompson served as Assistant State Geologist 1845-48, and as Vermont State Naturalist 1853-56. In addition, he taught chemistry and natural history at UVM again from 1851 to 1856, and served as Curator of the University's natural history and geology cabinet. Zadock Thompson died in Burlington, Vermont on January 19, 1856.

Scope and Content

The collection consists mainly of historical descriptions of towns in Vermont, though there are several articles concerning Vermont institutions, such as the Vermont Anti-Slavery Society and the Vermont Asylum for the Insane. Some of the articles were sent to Josiah Dunham around 1814 for inclusion in a Vermont gazetteer that was never published. Others were addressed to Zadock Thompson for inclusion in his Gazetteer of 1824, and for Part III of his History of 1842. Some of the items sent to Thompson were not included in his gazetteer, including a lengthy biographical sketch of Captain John Coffeen. Four maps, probably sent to Josiah Dunham, have been moved to the VHS map

collection. The historical descriptions of towns have been organized alphabetically, though many place names have been used.

The collection also includes a detailed listing of the material in this collection, produced by the Vermont Historical Records Survey in 1941 (Folder 1), and material relating to Vermont's population in 1790 through 1820. There is also a manuscript copy of Walton's Vermont Register, 1825 (Folder 9).

Inventory

| Title | Year | Location |
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| Vermont Anti-Slavery Society | 1842 | Folder 2 |
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| Champlain Arsenal | 1842 | Folder 2 |
| Church histories: Baptist Catholic Christian Congregational Free Will Baptist Methodist Presbyterian Unitarian Universalist | 1842 | Folder 2 |
| Coffeen, Capt. John | n.d. | Folder 2 |
| Castleton Medical School | 1842 | Folder 2 |
| Diseases of Vermont | n.d. | Folder 2 |
| Geology | 1824 | Folder 2 |
| Glass Manufacturing Middlebury Salisbury | 1814 | Folder 2 |
| Newspapers (also brief town histories) Duxbury Essex Moretown | 1824 | Folder 2 |
| Middlebury College | 1842 | Folder 2 |
| Minerals | 1824 | Folder 2 |
| Tyson Furnace | | Not found |
| University of Vermont (very brief) Also – the character of books | n.d. | Folder 2 |
| Wolverines | n.d. | Folder 2 |

| Town | Year | Location |
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| Addison | 1814 | Folder 3 |
| Albany lotting map | | Moved to Map B 912.7431 AL13L |

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| Alburg | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Athens | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Averill | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Bakersfield | 1814 | Folder 3 |
| Bakersfield | 1842 | Folder 3 |
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| Barnet | 1814 | Folder 3 |
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| Barnet | 1842 | Folder 3 |
| Barre | 1814 | Folder 3 |
| Barre | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Barre | 1841 | Folder 3 |
| Barton | 1814 | Folder 3 |
| Bellows Falls | 1842 | Folder 6 |
| Bennington | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Benson | 1814? | Folder 3 |
| Benson | 1841 | Folder 3 |
| Berkshire | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Berlin | 1814 | Folder 3 |
| Berlin | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Berlin | 1841 | Folder 3 |
| Bethel | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Bethel | 1840 | Folder 3 |
| Bradleyvale (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Braintree | 1814? | Folder 4 |
| Braintree | 1824? | Folder 4 |
| Brandon | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Brattleboro | 1814 | Folder 4 |
| Brattleboro | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Bridgewater | 1814 | Folder 4 |
| Bridport | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Bridport | 1841 | Folder 4 |
| Bridport | 1842 | Folder 4 |
| Brighton Village | 1824? | Folder 4 |
| Bristol | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Bristol | 1842 | Folder 4 |
| Brookfield | 1814 | Folder 4 |
| Brookfield | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Brookfield | 1842 | Folder 4 |
| Brownington | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Burke | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Burlington (Breakwater) | 1841 | Folder 4 |
| Calais | 1841 | Folder 4 |
| *Cambridge Port | 1842 | Not found |

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| Castleton | 1842 | Folder 4 |
| Cavendish | 1842? | Folder 4 |
| Charlotte | 1814 | Folder 4 |
| Charlotte | 1823 | Folder 4 |
| Charlotte | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Charlotte | 1840 | Folder 4 |
| Chelsea | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Chester | 1842 | Folder 4 |
| Chittenden (see Parkerstown) | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Colchester | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Corinth | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Corinth | 1842 | Folder 4 |
| Cornwall | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Coventry | 1823 | Folder 4 |
| Craftsbury | 1824 | Folder 4 |
| Duncansboro | | Moved to Map B 912.7431 N472 |
| Duxbury | 1824 | Folder 2 |
| East Haven (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Essex | 1824 | Folder 2 |
| *Essex County Court House | 1824 | Not found |
| Fair Haven | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Ferdinand | 1824 | Folders 3 & 5 |
| Goshen Gore | | Moved to Map |
| Goshen Gore (Near Wheelock) | 1806 | Moved to Small Map 912.7431 G692 |
| Guildhall | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Harris Gore (Really Goshen Gore, Plainfield) | 1824 | Moved to Small Map 912.7431 G692p |
| Highgate | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Irasburg (actually Albany) | | Moved to Map B AL13L |
| Jamaica | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Jay | 1824? | Folder 5 |
| Jericho | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Jericho | 1840 | Folder 5 |
| Johnson | 1814 | Folder 5 |
| Johnson | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Kellyvale | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| *Kingston | 1814? | Not found |
| Kirby | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Landgrove | 1814 | Folder 5 |
| Leicester | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Lewis (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Ludlow | 1824 | Folder 5 |

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| Ludlow | 1840 | Folder 5 |
| Lunenburg | 1840 | Folder 5 |
| Lyndon | 1814 | Folder 5 |
| Lyndon | 1823 | Folder 5 |
| Marlborough | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Moretown | 1824 | Folder 2 |
| Navy | 1814 | Folder 5 |
| Navy | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Newbury | | Folder 5 |
| Newbury | 1841 | Folder 5 |
| Northfield | 1840 | Folder 5 |
| North Hero | 1824 | Folders 3 & 5 |
| Norton | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Norwich | 1814 | Folder 5 |
| Orange | 1814 | Folder 5 |
| Orange | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Orwell | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Panton | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Parkerstown | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Pawlet | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Peacham | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Peru | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Pittsfield | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Pittsford | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Plainfield | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Plymouth | 1823 | Folder 6 |
| Plymouth | 1842 | Folder 6 |
| Pomfret | 1814? | Folder 6 |
| Pomfret | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Poultney | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Poultney | 1842 | Folder 6 |
| Pownal (see Shaftsbury) | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Putney | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Putney | 1840 | Folder 6 |
| Randolph | 1814 | Folder 6 |
| Randolph | 1815 | Folder 6 |
| Randolph | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Randolph | 1842 | Folder 6 |
| Random | 1824 | Folders 3 & 6 |
| Reading | 1814 | Folder 6 |
| Reading | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Richford | 1840 | Folder 6 |
| Richmond | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Ripton | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Ripton | 1843 | Folder 6 |

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| Rochester | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Rockingham | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Rockingham | 1842 | Folder 6 |
| Roxbury | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Roxbury | 1840 | Folder 6 |
| Rutland | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Rutland | 1841 | Folder 6 |
| Ryegate | 1823 | Folder 6 |
| Ryegate | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| St. Albans | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| St. Johnsbury | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| St. Johnsbury | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Salisbury | 1814 | Folder 7 |
| Salisbury | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Saxton River Village | 1824 | Folder 6 |
| Shaftsbury | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Shaftsbury | 1841 | Folder 7 |
| Shaftsbury | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Sharon | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Shelburne | 1840 | Folder 7 |
| Sheldon | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Sherburne | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Shoreham | 1814 | Folder 7 |
| Shoreham | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Shoreham | 1840 | Folder 7 |
| Shoreham | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Springfield | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Springfield | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Stamford | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Starksboro | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Stockbridge | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Stowe | 1824 | Folder 7 |
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| Sudbury | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Sunderland | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Sutton | 1814 | Folder 7 |
| Swanton | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Tinmouth | 1814 | Folder 7 |
| Tinmouth | 1824 | Folder 7 |
| Tinmouth | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Townshend | 1814 | Folder 7 |
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| Troy | 1842 | Folder 7 |
| Vergennes | 1814 | Folder 8 |
| Vergennes | 1824 | Folder 8 |

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| Vergennes | 1842 | Folder 8 |
| Vernon | 1814 | Folder 8 |
| Vernon | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Vershire | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Vershire | 1841 | Folder 8 |
| Victory (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Waitsfield | 1840 | Folder 8 |
| Walden | 1841 | Folder 8 |
| Wallingford | 1814 | Folder 8 |
| Wallingford | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Waltham | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Wardsborough | 1814 | Folder 8 |
| Wardsborough | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Warner's Gore (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Warren's Gore (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| Washington | 1842 | Folder 8 |
| Waterbury | 1840 | Folder 8 |
| Waterbury | 1841 | Folder 8 |
| Waterford | 1814 | Folder 8 |
| *Weathersfield (Map) | | Not found |
| Wells | 1814 | Folder 8 |
| Wells | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Wells River | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Wenlock (See Averill) | 1824 | Folder 3 |
| West Haven | 1824 | Folder 5 |
| Westminster | 1840 | Folder 8 |
| West Poultney Village | 1842 | Folder 6 |
| Weybridge (see Wilmington) | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Whiting | 1823 | Folder 8 |
| Whiting | 1824 | Folder 8 |
| Wilmington | 1824 | Folder 8 |