

Thomas H. Cave, Sr. (1838-1921)
Family Papers, 1821-1958
MSA 868

Introduction

This collection contains a small number of personal papers of Thomas Henry Cave, Sr., his descendants, and the Eastman family of Montpelier and Barre, Vermont. The collection was given to the Vermont Historical Society by Michael Davis along with Davis family papers in December 2018. The collection is housed in one archival flip-top box and consumes .25 linear feet of shelf space.

Biographical Notes

Thomas Henry Cave, son of James Cave and Hannah Heath, was born 28 May 1838 on the Isle of Wight, England, and died 2 February 1921 in Barre, Vt. He married Frances C. Dodge 7 Sept. 1850 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Dodge, in Berlin, Vt. Mr. Cave was a printer in Montpelier, Vt. In 1876 the family moved to Plymouth, Mass., returning in 1879 to Montpelier. He also was a job printer in Barre, Vt. Nine children were born to Thomas and Frances including Frank F., Thomas H, Jr., Bessie, and Lucy F. Cave Sowden.

Thomas H. Cave, Jr., born 16 July 1870 and died 20 October 1958, married Kate C. Humphrey Eastman on 18 December 1906 (she had previously been married to William H. Eastman who died in 1903). Kate was the mother of Corinne (born 19 December 1901) and Doris Eastman. Thomas Jr. attended Montpelier High School. He served as assistant to the state treasurer and for six years as Vermont deputy state treasurer. He then served as State Treasurer for twenty years, completing thirty years of service to the state of Vermont upon his retirement in July 1942. Mr. Cave was the Barre City representative to the state legislature where he served as chairman of the Banking Committee. He also served as vice-president of the Capital Savings Bank, Montpelier, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Barre Building, Savings and Loan Association and was a member of the Hedding Methodist Church and the Masonic Order.

The third generation is represented in this collection by Corinne Eastman, who married Deane C. Davis on 14 June 1924. Their three children were Deane C. Davis, Jr. (who died in 1929 at age four in a house fire), Marian Eastman Davis (married Frank Calcagni) and Thomas Cave Davis born 30 November 1931 (who married Delores "Dolly" Florence Pruneau 14 June 1952). Following the death in 1951 of Corinne Eastman Davis, Deane C. Davis married the widow Marjorie Phyllis Smith Conzelman of Barre, Vermont.

Scope and Content

This collection contains a small amount of personal information and history relating to Thomas H. Cave, Sr., his son, Thomas H. Cave, Jr., his wife Kate C. Humphrey Eastman, and their children. As well, there are some writings by Corinne Eastman Davis, first wife of Governor Deane C. Davis, including works submitted to a writing contest held by the Vermont Federation of Women's Clubs, and letters to and from her; cards to Doris Eastman, from sister

Corinne, and others; and deeds in Barre, Vermont, for the Cave and Eastman families. Of special interest are several pieces of writing relating to the death of Deane C. Davis, Jr., who died in a house fire in 1929, and the death of Corinne Eastman Davis in 1951.

Related Collections

The Vermont Historical Society library holds the papers of Deane C. Davis (BHC 343-346) and addendum (BHC 542-544), which includes materials about his first wife Corrine Eastman Davis, including two photo albums from her high school, college, and early parenthood years. The VHS also holds the papers of Deane and Corrine's son, Thomas Cave Davis (Doc 805).

Inventory

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