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William Sutton Deed Collection, 1832-1880

Collection Summary

Reference Code: MPeaI

Repository: Local History Resource Center, Peabody Institute Library, Peabody Massachusetts.

Call Number: MS6

Collector: Peabody Institute Library

Title: William Sutton Deed Collection, 1832-1880

Dates: 1832-1880

Size: 0.2083 Linear Feet

Language(s): Collection materials are in English.

Abstract: William Sutton (1800-1882) was a businessman, state representative, state senator and philanthropist. He also purchased properties and land throughout the North Shore of Massachusetts. The deeds and property information highlights the uses and Williams interest in land.

Biographical History

William Sutton was born on the July 26, 1800 in South Danvers, now Peabody. His father was William (1773-1832) and his mother was Elizabeth Treadwell (1775-1848). William was christened in Ipswich on November 29, 1801.

He Married Nancy Osborne (1797-1875) on October 2, 1821. Nancy would give birth to eight children: Elizabeth Treadwell Sutton (1822-1892); Anna Osborne Sutton (1825-1917); Helen L. Sutton (1826-1896); Caroline O. Sutton (1827-1896); William J. Osborne (1829-1883); Brig. Gen. Eben Sutton (1831-1895); John Sutton (1833-1904). Nancy died on May 18, 1875. William Sutton would marry again four years later to Susan M. Stevens (1830-), who was a resident of Salem, on July 17, 1879. She would have three sons and three daughters.

According to the *Suttons of Ipswich* William did go to grammar school and would later be take interest in the wool business at the age of 17. By the time he turned 21 he was running his father's business. During his life time he was active in the community and North Shore of Massachusetts. He was President of the Essex County Agricultural Society; North Andover Woolen Mills; Salem Charitable Association; and of the Commercial (First National) Bank of Salem. In addition, he was a member of the Governor's Council; served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives (1833-1837) and Senate (1856-1960), and was a Trustee of the Peabody Institute Library in Peabody among many other organizations and institutions.

Over a number of years "he acquired about four hundred acres of land in Peabody and Salem, also had had a farm in Ipswich of three hundred acres, and inherited 1,000 acres in Middleton, Boxford, and Andover."

William Sutton died on April 18, 1882 in Peabody. He is buried at Harmony Grove Cemetery in Salem, MA. His will that went through probate in July of 1882 outlines several properties outlined in this collection that were to be given to various family members and individuals.

Sources:

Montes-Bradley, Saul M., *Sutton of Ipswich: A Genealogy of the Descendants of Richard Sutton and Elizabeth Foster of Ipswich, Massachusetts to Present Day*. Hallandale: Privately Printed, 2004.

Massachusetts Probate Court (Essex County), *Essex County, Massachusetts, Probate Records and Indexes 1638-1936*. Probate Place: Essex. (420-425).

Arrangement

- Series 1. William Sutton Deeds, 1832-1880
 - Subseries 1.1: South Danvers / Peabody, 1866-1880
 - Subseries 1.2: Salem, 1832-1869
 - Subseries 1.3: Ipswich, 1855-1875
 - Subseries 1.4: Danvers, 1873
- Series 2. Ebenezer Sutton Deed, 1858
- Series 3. Additional Deeds, 1840

Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of primarily of deeds that William Sutton owned. The collection is broken into three series. Series one contains deeds of prosperities that William Sutton purchased in South Danvers/Peabody, Salem, Ipswich, and Danvers. Much of the land was marsh land, pasture land, water rights Smith Hill in Ipswich, a piece of land at Mannings Neck and Bakers Island in Ipswich. Series two contains a deed that Eben Sutton purchased land from Elijah Upton of Brattleboro, Vermont near the heirs of Sarah Osborn, which include water rights pasture. Series three contains deeds that were not part of the original collection of deeds of William Sutton. The deed was for rights in the Osborn Pasture and also the Sheep Pasture in Salem MA.

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation: [identify the item], [folder number], William Sutton Deed Collection, Local History Resource Center, Peabody Institute Library.

Provenance: Thirty of the deeds were purchased from a seller in California. The Rufus Wyman to William Sutton deed was purchased from a seller on eBay in January of 2018.

Acquisition Information: The bulk of the collection was purchased from a seller in Sacramento, California in January of 2018 while one deed was purchased from a seller on eBay, who is from Florida in January of 2018.

Processing Information: Erik R. Bauer, Archivist 2018.

Access Rights: Collection is open for research.

Physical Access Restrictions: None

Tech. Access Restrictions: None.

Special Formats: None.

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Conservation Notes: Small tears were mended with mending tape.

Related Collections: None

Separated Material: None.

Subjects:

Sutton, William (1800-1882).

Sutton, Ebenezer (Eben) (1803-1864).

Collection Inventory

Series 1: William Sutton Deeds, 1832-1880

This series contains deeds of prosperities that William Sutton purchased in South Danvers/Peabody, Salem, Ipswich, and Danvers. Much of the land was marsh land or pasture land.

Subseries 1.1: South Danvers / Peabody, 1866-1880

This subseries covers properties that are located in South Danvers, now Peabody.

Box Number/Folder Title	Folder
Box 1	
Edward W. Jacobs to WS, 1866	1
George Peabody Russell to WS, 1866	2
Edward W. Jacobs to WS, 1880	3

Subseries 1.2: Salem, 1832-1869

This subseries covers properties that are located in Salem, Massachusetts.

Box Number/Folder Title	Folder
Box 1	
John Troffater to WS, 1830	4
Samuel Wyman to WS, 1832, February 21	5
Robert S. Daniels to WS, 1832, March 27	6
Samuel Noah to WS, 1832, September 12	7
Sally Osborn to WS, 1833	8
Joshua H. Ward to WS, 1839, April 15	9
Joseph Frothingham to WS, 1839, September 20	10
William W. Little to WS, 1840, April 14	11
Ebenezer King to WS, 1840, April 27	12
Eben Upton to WS, 1840, May 14	13
Ebenezer Shillaber to WS, 1842, August 27	14
Abraham Clark Osborn to WS, 1842, October 29	15
Jonathan F. Carlton to WS, 1854	16
Property Map – Carlton Land, 1854	17
Samuel Ham to WS, 1857	18
Timothy Walton to WS, 1859	19
Esther A. Kelly to Jeremiah McCarthy (Bounded by WS), 1869	20

Subseries 1.3: Ipswich,

This subseries covers properties that are located in Ipswich.

Box Number/Folder Title	Folder
Box 1	
George Hodgson to WS, 1855	21
Theodore Andrews to WS, 1871, November 1	22
Aaron P. Ross to WS, 1871, November 10	23
Asa Burnham to WS, 1872, June 14	24
George W. Caldwell to WS, 1872, July 1	25
Aaron Cogswell to WS, 1872, October 23	26
Oliver Underhill to WS, 1872, November 27	27
Aaron Cogswell to WS, 1873, April 15	28
John K. Chapman to WS, 1873, July 15	29
Daniel L. Hodgkins to WS, 1874	30
Alice L. Baker to WS, 1875 (Woodland called Bakers Island)	31

Subseries 1.4, Danvers, 1873

This subseries covers properties that are located in Danvers.

Box Number/Folder Title	Folder
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Box 1

William F. Gardner to WS, 1873	32
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Series 2: Ebenezer Sutton Deed, 1858

Eben Sutton purchased land from Elijah Upton of Brattleboro, Vermont near the heirs of Sarah Osborn, which include water rights pasture.

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Box 1

Elijah Upton to ES, 1856	33
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Series 3: Additional Deeds, 1840

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Box 1

Rufus Wyman to WS, 1840	34
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