

GUIDE TO THE CLAPP FAMILY PAPERS

Biographical sketches from George Sheldon's *History of Deerfield* and Ebenezer Clapp's *The Clapp Memorial, Record of the Clapp Family in America*. Superscript numbers refer to Sheldon's genealogical entries.

John Clapp¹, son of John and Eunice Parsons Clapp of Montague, MA, born March 3, 1738, died Aug. 4, 1826. He married Eunice Smead in 1760 and lived in the Pine Nook section of Deerfield on the Smead farm. They had 7 children, 4 of whom are mentioned below.

His papers consist of receipts, bills, notes, an order, and a deed.

Daniel Clapp, son of John and Eunice Parsons Clapp of Montague, born Aug. 7, 1743, died 1802. He married [?] Root; they had 12 children. He was the brother of John Clapp¹ and was a deputy sheriff in Hampshire County for years. See page 23 in *The Clapp Memorial*.

His papers consist of a writ with a promissory note, dated 1788.

John Clapp², son of John and Eunice Smead Clapp, born 1764, died 1834. Married Phebe Ross in 1785; had 14 children, 3 of whom are mentioned below. Phebe died in 1803; in the same year he married Polly Clary of Hadley, MA. They all resided at Pine Nook. In his documents, he is John, Jr. or John 2^d.

His papers consist of writs, writs with notes, account records, an order, a deed, and small account book.

Elisha Clapp³, son of John¹ and Eunice Smead Clapp, born 1767, died Feb. 4, 1835. He settled in the Pine Nook section of Deerfield (or Great River) and married Aseneth Taylor in 1792. They had 8 children; she died Aug. 27, 1827. In 1828, he then married Patty White Robbins; they had one child. Two children from his first wife are mentioned below.

His papers consist of a note, writ, lease, deed, receipt and guarantee for a mare.

Joseph Clapp⁴, son of John¹ and Eunice Smead Clapp, born 1770, died c. 1819. Married Anna Harvey in 1796; they had 8 children. He was a carpenter and mechanic in Montague, MA.

His papers consist of a partial promissory note.

Erastus Clapp⁵, son of John¹ and Eunice Smead Clapp, born 1771 and died Sept. 12, 1851.

He lived in the Pine Nook section of Deerfield and then in Mill River section of Deerfield. He married Kata Gerry Ross in 1794; they had 9 children, two of whom are mentioned below.

His papers consist of 4 folders of legal documents such as receipts, bills and promissory notes. Other papers include a letter, account books, deeds, a doctor's note to be excused from duty, and notice of a reward.

Sally Clapp, daughter of John² and Phebe Ross Clapp, born 1791. She married Loring Bates and lived in Buffalo, New York.

Her papers consist of an order for cloth dated 1827.

Zenas Clapp⁸, son of John² and Phebe Ross Clapp, born 1796. Attended Dartmouth College in 1821 and served as tutor, 1823-4. He studied for the ministry, but because of poor health became a teacher. He was principal of Deerfield Academy in 1826. He removed to Florida and died in 1837. He may have married Pamelia Clary or Clay in 1822; they had a daughter who died young.

His papers consist of a receipt, dated 1830.

Calvin Clapp⁹, son of John² and Phebe Ross Clapp, born 1797, died Nov. 15, 1871. He was a cooper in the Great River section of Deerfield. He married Tirza Smith in 1822; the couple had 5 children. She died May 8, 1835 and he married Philena Graves; they had 4 children.

His papers consist of a single deed, dated 1852.

Ralph¹⁰ **and Franklin**¹¹, both sons of Elisha³, were born 1802 and 1804. Ralph was a farmer in Pine Nook and a selectman. Married Minerva Smith in 1841; they had 4 children. He died on Oct. 13, 1857. Franklin also was a farmer in Pine Nook. He married Lona White of Colrain and they had 4 children. He died Aug. 3, 1883. (Sheldon's *History* erroneously states that he died in 1853).

Their papers consist of a single document, a joint deed dated 1855.

Cephas Clapp¹², son of Erastus⁵ and Kata Gerry Ross Clapp, born 1797. He was a farmer in the Mill River section of Deerfield and also a selectman and representative. Married Emily Boyden in 1828; they had 7 children. He died Mar. 7, 1875; she died Aug. 4, 1871.

His papers consist of a receipt and deeds.

Patty Clapp, daughter of Erastus⁵ and Kata Gerry Ross Clapp, born 1804. She married Henry Smith in 1828. They lived in South Deerfield and had 10 children. *The Clapp*

Memorial has her listed as Martha, but the *History of Deerfield* has her as Patty. Her papers consist of a double-sided document with her husband which resembles an inventory.

Cephas Clapp, son of Ebenezer and Catharine Catlin Clapp of Northampton, MA, born 1766. He married Anna Catlin of Deerfield; they had one child who died young. He next married Sophia Mann of Boston and they had 2 daughters.

His papers consist of a single receipt for clothing and sewing materials.

SEE ALSO - Caleb Clapp orderly books in Deerfield Town Papers, War Papers

Container List:

Box 1

Folder 1: John Clapp¹ , receipts, bills, deed, notes, order, 1774-1810- 16 items
Folder 2: Daniel Clapp, writ with note, 1788- 1 item

Folder 3: John Clapp² , writs, writs with notes, order, deed, account book, account records, 1782-1820- 16 items

Folder 4: Elisha Clapp³ , note, writ, lease, guarantee, deed, and receipt, 1784-1823- 6 items

Folder 5: Joseph Clapp⁴ , partial promissory note, 1812- 1 item

Folder 6: Erastus Clapp⁵ , letter, deeds, reward notice, and doctor's note, 1805-1830- 5 items

Folder 7: Erastus Clapp⁵ , account sheets, account books, and bills, 1798-1831- 24 items

Folder 8: Erastus Clapp⁵ , receipts, 1792-1832- 38 items

Folder 9: Erastus Clapp⁵ , promissory notes and small bills, 1793-1833- 24 items

Folder 10: Sally Clapp, order for cloth, 1827- 1 item

Folder 11: Zenas Clapp⁸ , receipt, 1830- 1 item

Folder 12: Calvin Clapp⁹ , deed, 1852- 1 item

Folder 13: Ralph¹⁰ and Franklin¹¹ Clapp, joint deed, 1855- 1 item

Folder 14: Cephas Clapp¹², receipt, deeds, 1822-1858- 4 items

Folder 14a: Sally Clapp, inventory, 1827/31- 1 item

Folder 15: Cephas Clapp, bill, 1793, 1 item

Folder 16: Unidentified Clapps, bill, doctor bill, student list, order, n.d., 1784-
1827- 4 items

Folder 17: Brighton Cattle bills, 1819-1830- 29 items (2 E. Clapp, 2 Ebenezer, 1 John)

Folder 18: Miscellaneous Clapp, letters, church items, poem, invitation, clipping,
announcement, medical recipe, and note, 1800-1993- 10 items

Folder 19: Genealogical correspondence and note, 1885-1986- 7 items