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PRESSON FAMILY PAPERS

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Biographical Note

VARIANT SPELLINGS OF PRESSON

Presson versus Preston: Both names appear frequently in the correspondence, bills and other documents that comprise the Presson Papers. A detailed review of all the documents in the collection however evidences to the processor that the original spelling of the name was "Presson". The name Preston seems to be primarily related to a son, William Presson, during the period that he served in the maritime industry. Correspondence, bills of lading, receipts,

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etc. Are usually addressed to “Captain William Preston”. It is clear that he was named William Presson at the time of his birth. A person tracing the family genealogy probably best explained the spelling of the name as follows: “Generally the more elderly people write it Presson, while the younger branches of families write it Preston.”

PERTINENT PART OF GENEALOGY

William Presson (1775-1830) married Sarah E. Parran October 22, 1803.
Children by this marriage were:

- William – born April 13, 1805; died at Monrovia, West Coast of Africa, May 14, 1842, unmarried
- Alfred – born February 10, 1807, died October 17, 1873, married Mary A. Moore November 19, 1837
- Charles Parran – born January 26, 1809, died November 6, 1868, unmarried
- Leonard Jarvis – born October 25, 1812, died January 5, 1864, married Caroline M. Winchester, November 25, 1833
- Sarah – born November 3, 1815, died September 18, 1857, unmarried

Series Description

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| | G. Agreement with Alexander T. Davis 1842 (3 copies) |

- H. Account of Sarah E. Presson 1/11/1838-9/16/1839 [April 2006 Addendum]
- I. Bill to estate, 1860 [Sept. 2008 Addendum]

Series II William Presson

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- F. Probate Documents, Capt. Wm. Preston 1842 – 1843
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- M. Cape Ann Savings Bank Deposit Book, Alfred Presson Jr. son of Alfred Presson 8/14/1847-6/28/1895 (stamped 1913-1949) [April 2006 Addendum]
- N. Western Union Telegram to Albert Presson Jr. from A. Presson (father) advising of death of his Uncle Charles 11/6/1868 [April 2006 Addendum]
- O. Receipt signed by heirs of the Estate of Charles P. Presson, Alfred Presson, Administrator 10/1869 [April 2006 Addendum]
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Folder 2A Alfred Presson Jr. [Sept. 2008 Addendum]

- A. Letters to 1855-1857 (7 items)
- B. Letters from 1855 (6 items)

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 - e. Court Records 1644 – 1793
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- B. Genealogy research – “Book D” 1805 – 1864
- C. Title search – “Book F” 1643 – 1745

Folder 2:

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- E. Register, Eveleth Family in New England 1860
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- G. Copies of letters 1820 – 1855
- H. Accounts with Timothy Davis, 1815-1816 [Sept. 2008 Addendum]
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- A. Deed, Kuetville to Honnours 1742
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- E. Scrap Book (small) and calling cards (3) 1832 – 1841
- F. Receipts, accounts and estate papers 1876 – 1877
- G. Affidavit, Andres Giddings, brig "Fair Play" 1779
- H. Letters, misc., includes civil war 1861 – 1862
- I. Rooms and apartments for rent in Boston 1864 – 1871
- J. Minutes of meetings, Glou 1719 and Glou. Ins. Co. 1841 – 1847
- K. Account book, refers to S. E. Presson 1834 – 1842
- L. Account book, John Tyler 1721 – 1757
- M. Newspaper, The Telegraph, Glou. Mass 9/25/1841
- N. Newspaper, Gloucester Telegraph 2/20/1864
- O. Newspaper, Gloucester Daily Times 8/13/1913
- P. Bankruptcy notice, John Tyler David, 9/12/1844 [April 2006 Addendum]
- Q. Newspaper, The Daily Bee, vol. 1 no. 3 4/27/1842 [April 2006 Addendum]
- R. Ruling Account of Timothy Beddington 8/20/1829-1/1/1830 [April 2006 Addendum]
- S. Book on Rules of Masonry, 1749 [April 2006 Addendum]
- T. Farmer's Almanack, 1866 [April 2006 Addendum]
- U. Prisoner of War Cert. John Moore, 1813 [Sept. 2008 Addendum]

Back Room Storage

R974.45 B11 History of the Town of Gloucester, John J. Babson, 1860 [April 2006 Addendum]

PRESSON ADDENDUM I

April 14, 2006

The following items have been added to PRESSON FAMILY LETTERS AND PAPERS, Archive Collection #38

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A. Charles

a. [Additional] Letters 1824 – 1863

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September 11, 2008

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I: Bill to estate of Sarah Presson, 1860

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Series III Folder 2A Alfred Presson Jr.

A - Letters to Alfred Presson Jr. from:

a. Alfred Presson Sr., June 16, 1855, re: local news, closing of Pavilion & Gloucester House,

Mr. Peabody, Liquor laws.

b. Alfred Presson Sr., July 2, 1855, re: local news

c. Edward C. Jones, New Bedford, March 2, 1856 re: wages

d. Chas. Brewer, Boston, July 9, 1857, re: site on the *Polynesia*.

e. Henry C. Brooks & Co., Boston, Nov. 29, 1857, re: site of the ship *Fleet*.

- f. Jacob Stanwood, Boston, Dec. 22, 1857, re: site on ship *Richard Busteed*.
 - g. Ship *Black Prince* (sp?), Boston, Dec 31, 1857, re: site on voyage to California.
- B. - Letters from Alfred Presson Jr. to:
- a. Father & Mother, Honolulu, Aug. 28, 1855
First trip (at age 17) on the *John Gilpin* (see Oct. 2 letter) Doesn't like it, talks of conditions
on board & Capt. Ring. Ship *Shooting Star* in port.
 - b. Father & Mother, Honolulu, Sept. 13, 1855
Prices of food, boys Adams, Charlie Davis, & Friend. Reminds him of Dogtown.
 - c. Father & Mother, Honolulu, Sept. 22, 1855
Some boys suffering from Boohoo fever (Dengue). Talks of conditions & medicines.
Adams' father George losing a ship (*Somerville*), murder at Squam. Talks of the natives.
Fred Low lives on Attawoi Island.
 - d. Uncle (in Boston), Honolulu, Sept. 22, 1855
Description of Honolulu & of docking the vessel in Honolulu harbor.
 - e. Father & Mother, Honolulu, Sept. 29, 1855
Has had Boohoo fever. Is to come home on the whaler *Gov. Troop*. Has a miniature of his
father (& mother?)
 - f. Father & Mother, Honolulu, Oct. 2, 1855
On board the *Gov. Troop*. Finances.

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- A - d: Letters to Charles P. Presson from:
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Abigail & Susan Eveleth, 1815

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