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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator:	Perkins family
Title:	Perkins Family Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0401
Date [inclusive]:	1700-1945
Physical Description:	1 linear foot (1 box)
Physical Location:	
Language of the Material:	English
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Abstract:	The collection contains notes and information on the Perkins family gathered and compiled from around 1911 to 1913 by Enoch Perkins of Malden, Massachusetts. Also included are letters to various generations of the family written between 1772 and 1885 as well as legal documents, wills, deeds, receipts and other family papers dating from 1700 to 1901.

Preferred Citation

Perkins Family Papers, SpC MS 0401, [Box No.], [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Historical Note

Abraham Perkins, from whom the family members represented in this collection are descended, was born in England in 1613. He came to America sometime between 1630 and 1637 and was one of the founders of Hampton, New Hampshire. His descendants settled in Beverly and Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Enoch Perkins, born in 1754, lived in Bridgewater until 1800 when he moved to Minot, Maine where he established a sawmill and worked as a blacksmith. His son Thomas was born in Auburn, Maine in 1810 and died in 1881. He succeeded his father in the mill business and also worked as a farmer, civil engineer

and surveyor. Thomas's children, Enoch, born in 1845, Newell Marden, born in 1849, and Sarah, born in 1854, also have papers in this collection. Enoch, who appears to have compiled most of the family history found in the collection, was a soldier in the Maine 29th Infantry Regiment, Company B from 1865 to 1866. He was in the cigar business in Auburn and Lewiston until 1887, when he established a cigar manufacturing factory in Boston

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Scope and Content Note

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Controlled Access Headings

- Auburn (Me.) -- History
- Minot (Me.) -- History
- Minot (Me.) -- Genealogy
- New Sharon (Me.) -- History
- Letters (Correspondence)
- Poems
- Wills
- Deeds
- Accounts
- Inventories
- Receipts (Financial records)
- Almanacs
- Family histories
- Perkins, Enoch, 1845-
- Perkins, Thomas, 1810-1881
- Bean, Byron
- Bean, Nelson
- Perkins family

Other Finding Aids

Finding aid available in Special Collections Dept. and on the Web.

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Collection Inventory

Contents of Box

Title/Description	Instances
Genealogy of Perkins family compiled by Enoch Perkins, 1911-1913	Box 1 Folder 1
Letters to Enoch Perkins re genealogy, 1911-1913	Box 1 Folder 2
Letters to Perkins family members, 1772-1885	Box 1 Folder 3
Legal and financial papers, 1700-1901	Box 1 Folder 4-7
Poems	Box 1 Folder 8
Miscellaneous documents	Box 1 Folder 9
Newspaper clippings re family, 1861-1945	Box 1 Folder 10
Plan of burial grounds near the Nathan Briggs farm on the left of road from Auburn city to east Auburn, undated	Box 1 Folder 11
Almanacs	Box 1 Folder 12
Nathaniel Ames. An astronomical diary or an almanack for ... Boston: printed by J. Draper, 1754	
Robert M. Thomas. The farmer's almanack ... for the year of our lord 1838. Boston: published and sold by Charles J. Hendee, 1837	
Confederate money	Box 1 Folder 13
Miscellaneous artifacts: money changer's scales, gavel, spectacles	Box 1 Folder 14-15
Bean family letters, 1846-1888	Box 1 Folder 16

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