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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department
Creator: Oaks, Nathaniel, 1751-1840
Title: Nathaniel Oaks Papers
ID: SpC MS 0370
Date [inclusive]: 1791-1835
Date [bulk]: 1821-1831 (bulk)
Physical Description: 0.5 cubic feet (1 box)
Physical Location:
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: The collection contains correspondence, legal documents, and other personal papers of several individuals who lived in Exeter, Maine in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Preferred Citation

Nathaniel Oaks Papers, SpC MS 0370, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

This small collection contains papers of Nathaniel Oaks of Chelsea, Vermont, and Exeter, Maine. It also contains documents from other residents of Exeter.

The Oaks family, also spelled Oak or Oakes, originally settled in Massachusetts. Nathaniel Oak was born in 1751 in Westborough, Massachusetts and died in 1840 in Exeter, Maine. He seems to have moved to Chelsea, Vermont before settling in Exeter between 1805 and 1810. From documents in the collection he and his son Nathaniel Oak, Jr., appear to have owned a farm of 300 acres in Exeter. Nathaniel Oak, Jr. seems to have died in 1907 at which time his property passed to Chalma A. Cooley and Edward W. Ide of Exeter.
Also found in the collection are papers of Benjamin Evans, who was the first physician in Exeter, settling there in 1817.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, legal documents, and other personal papers of several individuals who lived in Exeter, Maine in the 19th and 20th centuries. Included are 19th century materials of Nathaniel Oaks, Matthew Hedges, Benjamin Evans, Benjamin Evans, Jr., and Samuel Cortland and 20th century papers of Chalma and Eva Cooley and Eva Martin. The relationship among these individuals is unclear.

The collection also contains various materials which cannot be linked to any particular individual; these include accounts of wages paid for farm work, advertisements, printed pamphlets and postcards.

Conservation Note

The collection has been re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes.

Administrative Information

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Restrictions on Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Farms -- Maine -- Exeter
- Exeter (Me.)
- Chelsea (Vt.)
- Notebooks
- Financial records
- Letters (Correspondence)
- Correspondence
- Deeds
- Legal documents
- Orders (military records)
- Picture postcards
- Oaks, Nathaniel, 1751-1840
- Evans, Benjamin
- Cooley, Eva A.
- Maine. Militia

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