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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
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)
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.

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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.

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Conservation Note

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

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Administrative Information

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Gift of Eva Martin Whidden, Birch Harbor, Maine.

Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the Library.

Restrictions on Access

Kept at Fogler Library's offsite storage facility. One week's notice required for retrieval.

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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
- Evans, Benjamin
- Cooley, Eva A.
- Maine. Militia

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Letters to Nathaniel Oak, Exeter, Maine, 1824-1836 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 1
Nathaniel Oak: deeds in Chelsea, Vermont, 1791-1821 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 2
Oak legal documents, 1795-1832, 1832		

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<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 3
Nathaniel Oak: bill, 1820 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 4
Regimental orders to Nathaniel Oakes, Exeter, 1816, 1818 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 5
Letter to Matthew Hedges, Exeter, 1817 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 6
Benjamin Evans: correspondence, deeds, etc., 1830s-1850s <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 7
Benjamin Evans: essay and copybooks, 1809-1813 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 8
Benjamin Evans: Free Will Baptist documents, 1825-1861, undated <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 9
Benjamin Evans, Jr.: essays, etc. <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 10
Samuel Cortland - bankbooks and Dartmouth College document, 1816-1848 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 11
Chalma and Eva Cooley: correspondence, legal documents, etc., 1908-1935 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 12
Eva Martin material, 1920s, 1932 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 13
Accounts of wages paid, etc., 1807-1808, 1827 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 14
Advertisements <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 15
Highway surveyor's book of J.P. Higgins, Exeter, 1876 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 16
Legal documents, Exeter, 1832, 1834 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 17
Blank legal forms <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 18
Miscellaneous printed materials, 1813, 1821-1828, undated	Box 1	Folder 19

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Language of the Material: English.

Miscellaneous postcards, booklets, etc.

Box 1

Folder 20

Language of the Material: English.