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Summary Information

Repository:	Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator:	Hill family
Title:	Hill Family Papers
ID:	SpC MS 0245
Date [inclusive]:	1698-1842
Date [bulk]:	1720-1770 (bulk)
Physical Description:	0.5 cubic feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The collection contains personal papers and business records of members of the Hill family, early residents of Kittery and Berwick, Maine.

Preferred Citation

Hill Family Papers, SpC MS 0245, [Folder No.], Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections Department, University of Maine, Orono, Maine

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Biographical Note

John Hill, the son of Roger and Sarah Cross Hill, was born in Saco, Maine in 1666. Roger Hill had settled with his father, Peter Hill, in Biddeford near the mouth of the Saco River sometime before 1648. In 1686 John Hill entered into partnership with Francis Backhouse (modernized to Backus) to build a sawmill. He served in the military during King William's War, spending most of his time at a fort in Saco. While at Saco he also acted as an agent in building vessels for Col. William Pepperell of Kittery. He married Mary Frost in 1694. After resigning his military commission in 1699, he moved to Berwick and became a farmer and owner of sawmills, some of which he owned jointly with John Plaisted. He died in 1713.

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Biographical Note

John Hill's son John, whose papers make up the bulk of the collection, was born in 1703. Early in his life, he was appointed a justice of the peace, later becoming an associate justice and then chief justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He was a representative to the Massachusetts General Court and a member of the Massachusetts Governor's Council from 1755 to 1771. He entered the military as an ensign in 1727 and left as a major in 1754. He also continued in the lumber and sawmill business in Berwick. John Hill married Elizabeth Gerrish and they had several children. After her death in 1763, he married Sarah Frost Blunt. John Hill in died in 1772.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains personal papers and business records of members of the Hill family, early residents of Kittery and Berwick, Maine. The collection begins with a small group of papers belonging to John Hill (1666-1713). These include accounts, correspondence, land records and sawmill accounts. The papers date from 1700-1713. The bulk of the collection contains papers of John Hill's son, also John. They reflect his work as a justice of the peace and as the owner of a sawmill and lumber business. Included are accounts and receipts for personal items purchased by Hill, as well as notes and receipts of his financial transactions. Of particular interest are several sawmill and lumber account books, 1721-1771, which include tally sheets for boards purchased, produced and delivered, and records of work done and amounts paid, sometimes in commodities. His papers also include records from the large amount of business he did as a justice of the peace. A few papers from other members of the Hill family are found in the collection, including an account of the estate of Roger Hill, 1698, and documents from the estate of Joseph Hill, 1743-1757. Also included are warrants for town meetings in Kittery, 1723-1798, and miscellaneous town documents. A group of records from various individuals including William Pepperell are found at the end of the collection; their connection to the Hill family is unclear.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 2001 and earlier. Accession: 2001-0614j

Use Restrictions

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Controlled Access Headings

- Kittery (Me.)
- Saco (Me.)
- South Berwick (Me.)
- Farmers -- Maine -- Saco
- Sawmills -- Maine
- Financial records
- Judicial records
- Estate records
- Receipts (Financial records)
- Genealogies (Histories)
- Account books
- Hill, John, 1666-1713

- Hill, John, 1703-1772

Collection Inventory

General family records

Title/Description	Instances	
Hill family genealogical information	Box 1	Folder 1
Biographical and genealogical information about Hill family	Box 1	Folder 2

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Papers of John Hill, (1666-1713)

Title/Description	Instances	
Accounts, 1700, 1703-1713	Box 1	Folder 3
Correspondence, 1704-1710	Box 1	Folder 4
Land records, Hill and Plaisted, 1701, undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Sawmill accounts, 1701-1713	Box 1	Folder 6

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Papers of John Hill, (1703-1772)

Title/Description	Instances	
Accounts, 1733-1771	Box 1	Folder 7
Account book, 1766-1767	Box 1	Folder 8
Correspondence, 1767	Box 1	Folder 9
Notes, receipts, etc., 1730s-1770s	Box 1	Folder 10
Land description (to John and Elisha Hill), 1729	Box 1	Folder 11
Deed abstract, land of John Hill, 1810	Box 1	Folder 12
Estate settlement papers, 1767-1773	Box 1	Folder 13
Sawmill and lumber account books and records, 1721-1771, undated	Box 1	Folder 14-28
Lumber contract, 1730	Box 1	Folder 29
Court cost accounts, 1730-1770, undated	Box 1	Folder 30

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Court documents, 1731-1770, undated	Box 1	Folder 31
Judgments and promissory notes, 1730-1770	Box 1	Folder 32
Warrants, 1735-1752, 1770	Box 1	Folder 33

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Papers of other Hill family members

Title/Description	Instances	
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Promissory notes, Elisha Hill, 1729, 1736	Box 1	Folder 35
Account for Mrs. Mary Hill, 1731	Box 1	Folder 36
Documents re estate of Joseph Hill, 1743-1757	Box 1	Folder 37

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Kittery documents

Title/Description	Instances	
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Miscellaneous documents, 1731-1737	Box 1	Folder 39

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Miscellaneous documents

Title/Description	Instances	
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Gerrish family documents, 1785-1791, 1793, 1814	Box 1	Folder 41
Account book, shoemaker (?), 1715-1721	Box 1	Folder 42
Accounts, 1732-1736, 1759-1764	Box 1	Folder 43
Judgment, 1705	Box 1	Folder 44
Correspondence to Dea. William Leighton, Kittery, 1764	Box 1	Folder 45
Correspondence to Daniel Pierce from Nathaniel Pierce, 1817	Box 1	Folder 46
Land description, 1734	Box 1	Folder 47
Account statement, Portsmouth, Saco and Portland Railroad, 1841-1842	Box 1	Folder 48

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Will, George Rogers, Kittery, 1780	Box 1	Folder 49
Unidentified accounts, 1714-1797, 1825, 1836, 1837	Box 1	Folder 50
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