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Summary Information

Repository: Raymond H. Fogler Library Special Collections
Creator: Chamberlain family
Title: Chamberlain Family Papers
ID: SpC MS 0093
Date [inclusive]: 1821-1958
Physical Description: 1 linear foot (1 box)
Physical Description: 1 folio folders
Language of the Material: English
Abstract: Contains papers of various members of the Chamberlain family of Brewer, Maine, including those of Joshua Chamberlain, Jr., his wife Sarah Brastow Chamberlain, and their children Joshua L., Horace B., Sarah B., John Calhoun, and Thomas Davee Chamberlain. Papers of members of the Farrington family are also included.

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Biographical Note

Joshua Chamberlain, Jr., son of Joshua and Ann Gould Chamberlain, was born in Orrington, Maine, in 1800. He married Sarah Brastow of Holden in 1827, and they had five children: Joshua Lawrence, Horace B., Sarah B., John Calhoun, and Thomas Davee Chamberlain. A resident of Brewer, Maine, Chamberlain was a county commissioner and a lieutenant colonel in the militia as well as holding other offices. He died in 1880.

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, born in 1828, graduated from Bowdoin College in 1852, studied at the Bangor Theological Seminary for three years, and then returned to Bowdoin as a professor. Chamberlain joined the 20th Maine Regiment in 1862, achieved fame at the Battle of Gettysburg, and was wounded at Petersburg. During his military career he served in 20 battles and many skirmishes. After returning
from the war, he was elected governor of Maine, 1866-1869, and served as president of Bowdoin from 1871-1883. Chamberlain died in 1914.

Horace B. Chamberlain was born in 1834 and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1857. He practiced law in Bangor and died in 1861.

Sarah B. Chamberlain was born in 1836. In 1867 she married Charles O. Farrington, a merchant in Brewer.

John Calhoun Chamberlain was born in 1838, graduated from Bowdoin in 1859 and from the Bangor Theological Seminary in 1864. He saw service in the U.S. Christian Commission and was chaplain of the Eleventh Volunteers in the Civil War. He died in Castine in 1867.

Thomas Davee Chamberlain, born in 1841, was also a soldier in the Civil War. Enlisting as a private in the 20th Maine Volunteers he rose through the ranks to lieutenant colonel, serving at the front in 25 battles and skirmishes. He died in 1896.
The papers of Joshua L. Chamberlain contain his diplomas from Bowdoin College; six letters written by him between 1868 and 1914; and author's proofs of his book, The Passing of the Armies, as well as copies of some of his published works. The papers also include newspaper and magazine articles about Chamberlain and illustrations of him taken from various sources.

The papers of Horace B. Chamberlain and John Calhoun Chamberlain each contain a small amount of material reflecting their studies at Bowdoin and at the Bangor Theological Seminary as well as copies of John Chamberlain's essays, poems, etc.

Thomas Chamberlain's papers include materials on his enlistment and service in the 20th Maine Regiment Company G as well as a letter, 1863, written to one of his brothers, and his photograph and signature card.

The miscellaneous Chamberlain family papers contain genealogical information about the Chamberlain and Farrington families.

The Farrington family papers include letters to Sarah Chamberlain Farrington from Joshua L. Chamberlain, as well as various legal and business papers of the family, 1816-1955, and papers relating to Mill Dam School and School District No. 2 in Brewer, Maine.

The collection ends with a group of miscellaneous documents that cannot be attributed to any particular person represented in the collection.

Administrative Information

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Use Restrictions

Information on literary rights available in the repository.

Controlled Access Headings

- Brewer (Me.) -- History
- Chamberlain, Joshua
- Chamberlain, Sarah Brastow
- Chamberlain, Joshua Lawrence, 1828-1914
- Chamberlain, Horace B., 1834-1861
- Chamberlain, John Calhoun, 1838-1867
- Chamberlain, Thomas Davee, 1841-1896
- Farrington, Charles O.
- Farrington, Sarah Chamberlain, 1836-1921
- United States. Army. Maine Infantry Regiment, 20th (1862-1865)
- Farrington family

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In memoriam: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain. Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, Commandery of Maine, 1914  

Letter, to Mary Haskell, Brewer Public Library, from Willard M. Wallace, Wesleyan University, re Chamberlain, Mar. 28, 1958

Papers of Horace B. Chamberlain

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Bowdoin College documents, letters, deeds, etc., 1855, 1857 | box 1 folder 27
Letter from Joshua L. Chamberlain, April 30, 1858 | box 1 folder 28

Papers of John Calhoun Chamberlain

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Memorandum book of poems and quotations: Bowdoin College, Bangor Theo. Sem., Lowell, 1858, 1860, October 1860 | box 1 folder 29
Essays, poems, etc. (some photocopies), 1850s, 1860s | box 1 folder 30

Papers of Thomas Davee Chamberlain

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Letter, 1863; papers on enlistment and promotions, 1862-1865; photograph, signature, 1863, 1862-1865 | box 1 folder 31

Miscellaneous Chamberlain family papers

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Notes on Chamberlain and Farrington families, 1973 | box 1 folder 33
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