Inventory of the Dorothy Emery Christopher Collection  
(Collection #92)

The Brick Store Museum  
Kennebunk, Maine

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Physical Description:
This collection was donated by Dorothy Emery Christopher of Kennebunk and Andover, Massachusetts. It consists of a wealth of information, artifacts and documents pertaining to the Emery Family of Lower Village Kennebunk. The artifacts include a valuable and rare collection of Civil War items as Isaac Emery was the Band Leader of the 27th Maine volunteers. For these items see 2004.098.0001-0037.

The archival items in this collection include receipts and documents pertaining to the dry goods operation of the Emery family, ships documents, letters, family deeds, Civil War official documents, Civil War letters from Sarah Emery and family to her husband, Isaac Emery, with the 27th Maine, a Revolutionary War letter, a rare fold-out drawing of the same vintage and many handwritten pages of music. Some of the early deeds from the 1700s include names and signatures of some of the founding fathers of Kennebunk.

For a complete listing of this collection, see the registrar’s itemization for acquisition 2004.098.0001-0040. There are six regular boxes and two flat boxes.

Box and Folder Breakdown:

Box 1:

White envelope 1:  Damaged unidentified daguerreotype
White envelope 2:  Account of cloth 1872
White envelope 3:  Sale of cloth and account book 1870 – 1871
White envelope 4:  Account of cloth 1871 Isaac M. Emery written inside cover
White envelope 5: Morning reports 1873
White envelope 6: Historic Boston Kodachrome booklet c. 1960
White envelope 7: Sanborn and Carter Pass Book with birth dates of 115 local people given

Folder 1: Deed dated 1722. Grantor: John Cole. Grantee: John Murphy. Both of Arundel (Kennebunkport)
Folder 2: Deed dated 1754. Grantor: Rolinson Bond (chair maker) of Arundel. Grantee: Thomas Wiswall (trader) of Arundel (Kennebunkport)
Folder 3: Deed dated 1767. Grantor: Moses Foster of Arundel. Grantee Thomas Wiswall of Arundel (Kennebunkport)
Folder 4: Record of survey of lands of George Perkins and Nathaniel Kimball dated 1768 and signed by Timothy Frost
Folder 5: Deed dated 1799. Grantor: Aaron Hovey (sail maker). Grantee: Joseph Perkins (yeoman/farmer). Both of Arundel (Kennebunkport)
Folder 6: Assignment of administrator for the last will and testament of Thomas Wiswall dated 1801. Thatcher Goddard and Joseph Perkins to administer the estate to Wiswall’s daughter Sarah and husband John Patten. Signed by Patten, William Jelleson and Daniel Wells
Folder 7: Deed dated 1801. Grantor: John Patten of Arundel (Kennebunkport). Grantee: Thatcher Goddard and Joseph Perkins
Folder 9: Four documents pertaining to Lydia Deshon of Arundel (Kennebunkport). Three deeds from Deshon to Joseph Perkins and John Wildes. One document regarding the estate of Lydia Deshon’s husband Peter.
Folder 11: Quit Claim Deed dated 1806. Grantor: Seth Burnham to John Mitchell both of Kennebunkport. Signed by Seth Burnham and wife Lydia
Folder 12: Deed dated 1808. Grantor: John Perkins. Grantee: Joseph Lord (Mariner) and James Fairfield (Mariner). All of Arundel (Kennebunkport)
Folder 18: Deed dated 1820. Grantee: Daniel Lord
Folder 25: Undated accounting of purchases at or for Dartmoor prison in England
Folder 26: Sunday School Booklet dated 1861, published by Carlton and Porter
Folder 27: Book with hand-sewn cover. Lisette of Savoy. Signed in the inside cover by Silas Pinkham in 1809
Folder 28: Religious publication “A Narrative of the Voyage of Life” published 1859
Folder 29: Small handmade, hand-sewn booklet with favorite writings handwritten in it. Author and date unknown.
Folder 31: Sermon of 1815 printed in Kennebunk by James K. Remich
Folder 32: Undated newspaper, The Bunker Hill Centennial, with maps of the battle of Bunker Hill as well as one 1804 Boston Gazette
Folder 33: Three postcards of the Health Parade. Two on Park Street and one on Park Street “Parson Field”. Also one postcard of the Breakwater Court.
Folder 34: Handwritten genealogy notes on the Cobb family
Folder 35: Handwritten genealogy notes on the Pinkham family
Folder 36: Two pencil drawings. One of a young girl, the other of an unidentified road.
Folder 37: One Insurance Envelope from the Mutual Life Insurance Company

Box 2:
Folder 1: Documents relating to the bark America
Folder 2: Documents relating to the brig Bellona
Folder 3: Documents relating to the brig Columbia
Folder 4: Documents relating to the brig Gallens
Folder 5: Documents relating to the ship Olive Branch
Folder 6: Documents relating to the brig Benjamin Davis
Folder 7: Documents relating to the brig Jefferson
Folder 8: Documents relating to the “boat” Jane
Folder 9: Documents relating to the brig Milo
Folder 10: Documents relating to the brig Elibect (?)
Folder 11: Tax Receipts 1816, 1814, 1822
Folder 12: Documents relating to the schooner Beaver’s Cage
Folder 13: Documents relating to the bark America
Folder 14: Student Tuition receipts early 1800s
   One dated 1807 from Nathaniel Fletcher
   One dated 1808 from John Skeele Jr.
   One dated 1812 from Ebenezer Hathaway
   One dates 1817 from Asa Brown
Folder 15: Miscellaneous document fragments
Folder 16: Miscellaneous letters (4)
Folder 17: Various documents with historic signature significance:
   1. Edward Grant, 1795
   2. Henry Lewis, 1803
   3. Nathaniel Ellsworth, 1802
   4. Paul Hussey, 1822
   5. Ebenezer Wormword, no date
   6. William Ballard, 1802
   7. Gideon Snow, 1803
   8. Henry Clark, 1801
   9. William Jeffers, 1793
  10. Samuel Lord, 1801
  11. Tobias Lord, 1802
  12. Thomas Goodwin, 1809
  13. Ezekiel Wakefield, 1807
  14. Palmer Walker, 1820
  15. Joseph Fernald, 1801
  16. Elisha Jones, 1809
  17. David Ross, 1811
  18. Jotham Kimball, 1811
  19. John Grant, 1801
Folder 18: Documents relating to Adam and Hugh McCulloch, mainly receipts

Box 3:
Folder 1: Receipts dating from 1750 – 1799 for the dry goods business run by the Emery family
Folder 2: Receipts dating from 1800 – 1809 for the dry goods business run by the Emery family
Folder 3: Receipts dating from 1810 – 1814 for the dry goods business run by the Emery family (during the War of 1812 years)
Folder 4: Receipts dating from 1815 – 1819 for the dry goods business run by the Emery family

Folder 5: Receipts dating from 1820 – 1830 for the dry goods business run by the Emery family

Folder 6: Undated receipts for the dry goods business run by the Emery family

Folder 7: Receipts dating from 1868 – 1879 for the dry goods business run by the Emery family

Folder 8: Billheads from the 1870s

Folder 10: Miscellaneous papers
2. Yellow envelope with the name A. M. Plaisted
3. Printed speech of the Honorable Jacob M. Thornburgh: Report from the Committee on Naval Affairs. Date sometime after 1875.
4. Broadside measuring 5 x 9 inches advertising a play called “Nevada” to be performed at the Temple Hall of Kennebunkport in May 1886 by the K. L. & D. Society. No indication of what K. L. D. stood for.

Folder 11: Interesting page measuring 8.5 x 11.5 inches which lists the vessels built in Kennebunk for the year 1878 with their tonnage, masters and builders.
1. Schooner Contest
2. Schooner Alabama
3. Schooner Active
4. Schooner Telephone
5. Schooner Florida
6. Schooner Ripple
7. Ship Wachusett
8. Unnamed ship
9. Bark Furnas Abbey
10. Schooner Schoolboy

Folder 12: Notification of Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Border City Mills, Fall River (MA), April 30, 1873

Box 4:

Folder 1: Letter dated April 30, 1863. Written by Isaac M. Emery from Chantilly to his brother William in Kennebunk.


Folder 3: Thirty-four letters and envelopes written to Isaac Emery from family and friends while he was “Leader of the Band” for the 27th Maine Volunteers.

Folder 4: Nineteen letters and envelopes written to Isaac Emery from family, friends and business associates while he was “Leader of the Band” for the 27th Maine Volunteers.

Folder 5: Five archival sleeves containing Official Civil War Enrollment documents from the State of Maine.
Folder 6: Seven small Guard passes issued to Isaac Emery. Six signed by Colonel Rufus P. Tapley and one signed by Colonel Mark F. Wentworth. Each measures 2.75 x 3.5 inches.

Folder 7:
2. A Company Order to members of Company B to meet at the house on the hill on July 15, 1862. Signed by Seth Bryant.
4. Warrant from the State of Maine: dated June 1, 1862, concerning the enrollment of John W. Adams, James C. Bryant, Henry D. Chase, Arthur Dole and William H. Evans which appears to excuse them from serving in the army.
5. Eleven documents, mainly General Orders from the Adjutant General.
6. Blank enrollment documents
7. Warrant to attend a meeting in Kennebunk Village for the purpose of electing officers for 27th Maine. Dated July 15, 1862.

Folder 8: Nineteen documents relating to Guard duty and passes for the 27th Maine.

Folder 9: Document written September 9, 1862, advising Isaac Emery, Orderly Sergeant that the number of men required for service from Kennebunk equals 23. Signed by Edward Bourne, Seth Bryant and Joseph A. Haley.

Folder 10:
1. Extremely important original documents pertaining to the enrollment of men for the Civil War Maine. Handwritten Enrollment Documents which gave Names and Occupations of those eligible to serve.
2. Original handwritten roster of those who enlisted in the 27th Maine under general order #32, dated August 25, 1862.
3. Handwritten list of names and occupations of these who were members of the Band of the 27th Maine.

Folder 11: Handwritten letter from Isaac M. Emery to his brother from Camp Seward November 9, 1862.

Box 5:
Folder 1: Handwritten correspondence written by various Emery family members, some business associates. All, either prior to or following the Civil War.

Folder 2: Two letters written to Mrs. Emery. One regarding genealogical information on the Pinkham family. The second written by a Mrs. E. C. Russell. One poem or essay on Ministering Spirits addressed to someone named Hannah.

Folder 3: One Ticket Stub for the Steamer Plymouth Rock
One calling card for a music retailer in NY
One small card with a poem inscribed on it.
Folder 4: Early, yet undated, math lesson book. All handwritten, hand-sewn binding. Owned by one E. P. Emery with drawings and doodles of horses, ships and skeletons.

Box 6:

Folder 1: Seventy plus sheets of handwritten music
Folder 2: Military band music
Folder 3: Three books of handwritten music belonging to Isaac Emery
Folder 4: Several large pages of handwritten music
Folder 5: Several small sheets of preprinted music
Folder 6: Several packets of preprinted music from the “Brass Band” Music Company
Folder 7: Nine Student Music Books for Isaac Emery’s music students
Folder 8: One roster of 18 music students
One billhead: Fall River Coal Company
One small broadside advertising a Choral Union Concert in 1873
One handwritten article, undated signed by J. E. Butler. Appears to have been intended for a news article. It mentions E. P. Emery.
Two song lyric pages: “Massa’s in de Cold Ground” and “The Girl I Left Behind”
Several pages of poetry

Loose in the front of this box are:
Four rolls of handwritten music
One autograph book
One music book with initials E. B. T. and C. T. M. on the covers
One handmade poetry scrapbook
One hand-sewn collection of stories

Flat Box 1:

Seven hand-sewn ledgers which date from 1795 – 1810. Six of these ledgers measure 12 x 8 inches approximately. One measures 6 x 7.5 inches. Each is a record of business transacted from Isaac Emery’s dry goods business. Include are lists of everyday goods and expenses such as molasses, rum, corn, meals and vittles, pork, cheese, bread, labor charges, salt hay, etc. There are several additional loose pages in this box. Many ships are mentioned in this ledger including the following:

Schooner Betsy  
Schooner Sally, sometimes spelled Salley  
Schooner Friendship  
Schooner Hannah  
Schooner Mercury  
Schooner Eagle  
Brig William  
Brig Gallen, sometimes spelled Galen  
Brig Dolphin  

Brig Paragon  
Brig Bellona  
Brig Neptune  
Brig Rainbow  
Brig Straton or Traton  
Brig Columbia  
Sloop George  
Sloop Polly  
Ship Pilgrim
Names of individuals (that could be read) who transacted business with Isaac Emery in the years 1795 to 1810:

Avery, Samuel
Blunt, James
Boing, Captain John
Boothby, Richard
Brock, Nathaniel
Brock, Samuel
Brown, John
Brown, Samuel
Buckland, John
Burbank, Joshua
Burnham, Captain Seth
Butland, John
Clark, Jonas
Cleaves, Captain Robert
Cleaves, Eatont
Cleaves, Joshua
Conant, Nathaniel
Crawford, Lewis
Day, Benjamin
Drown, Moses
Drown, Samuel
Drown, Stephen
Durrell, Thomas
Ellsworth, Nathaniel
Emery, Isaac
Emery, Jabez
Emery, John
Engles, Edward
English, David
Ephram, Captain
Fidler, John
Frost, Nathaniel
Furbush, John,
Furbush, Nathaniel
Gilpatrick, Dimon
Gilpatrick, Richard
Goddard, Thatcher
Gooch, Jediah
Gooch, Joseph
Gooding, Edmund
Grant, Daniel
Grant, Edward
Grant, Captain John
Harding, George
Harding, Jonathan
Holmes, Daniel
Hovey, Amos
Hovey, Captain John
Hovey, Captain Samuel
Hutchins, Joseph
Jeffers, Major William
Jellison William
Larrabee, Joel
Leighton, William
Libby, Jonathan
Little, Benjamin
Little, David
Littlefield, Benjamin
Littlefield, Joseph
Littlefield, Jotham
Littlefield, Moses
Littlefield, Reuben
Lord, John
Lord, Tobias
Lowe, Captain John
McCulloch, Adam
McCulloch, Hugh
Mitchell, Jothan
Moody, Joseph
Murphy, James
Parson, Jenny
Patten, Captain Robert
Patten, Johnson
Paul, Captain Jeremiah
Peabody, James
Perkins, Eliphalet
Perkins, Captain Ephram
Perkins, Captain George
Perkins, Captain Joseph
Simpson, John
Smith, Joseph
Smith, Robert
Snow, James
Stagpole, Aaron
Stone, John Captain
Storer, John
Storer, Joseph
Taylor, William
Towne, Jacob
Townes, Captain Robert
Townes, Samuel
Varney, Frances
Varney, William
Walker, John
Wallis, David
Webber, George
Wells, Edward
Williams, Charles
Wise, Daniel
Wise, Michael
Wiswel, Thomas
Wormwood, Eben
Wormwood, John
Wormwood, Phillip
Flat Box 2:


2. Leather bound, hand-sewn small book: *A System of Exercise and Instruction of Field Artillery Including Maneuvers for Light or Horse-Artillery*. Published by Hilliard, Gray, Little and Wilkins in 1829. #2004.098.0026


4. Book: *Greenleaf Primary of Arithmetic*. Published in 1845 by Robert S. Davis and Company. #2004.098.027


6. Book: *First Lesson in Language* by Daniel Tower, A. M. Published by Crosby and Ainsworth in 1865. Cover is off but in the same box. #2004.098.0029


9. Six music lesson books. All with black covers. All handwritten music. Some of the students’ names are inscribed on the inside covers. #2004.098.0032

10. Small leather bound diary kept by Isaac M. Emery ca. 1857 #2004.098.0018.1

11. Small leather bound diary kept by Isaac Emery ca. 1862 #2004.098.0018.2


13. Book: *Camp and March the Construction of Field Works and Military Bridges* by Henry D. Craflen. Published by Fetridge & Company, Boston, MA, 1854 #2004.098.0024


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