
Josiah Batchelder Papers, 1769-1811

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Abstract:

Papers of Josiah Batchelder, justice of the peace, member of provincial congress, surveyor and inspector for Beverly and Salem, and business man; includes bills and receipts, including those paid by his son Caleb Batchelder; paper work from his time as a Justice of the Peace, as well as his estate documents and correspondence concerning his business interests.

Provenance:

The collection of correspondence and the ledgers were purchased by the Beverly Historical Society on April 14, 1909 from the Misses Tracy, descendants of Josiah Batchelder.

Conservation:

Material removed from bound volumes and put into acid free folders, as well as encapsulation of some damaged items.

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Biographical Sketch

Josiah Batchelder was born in on October 2 1737 in Beverly Massachusetts. He worked on ships from a young age and went on to command vessels. He was elected 6 times to the general court as a representative of Beverly; he was also elected to the provincial congress in 1775 until 1779 except for 1778. He was on the committee of correspondence and safety in Beverly from 1773 till the end of the Revolutionary war. He was also a Justice of the Peace for Beverly and when Beverly and Salem became one district he was elected the surveyor and inspector. He was also a business man and owned several privateers. He married his wife Hannah Dodge in 1760 and they had four children Caleb Dodge, Josiah, Joanna (Prince), and Hannah (Lovett). His son Caleb was active in his father's business ventures until his death in 1800. Josiah died December 10th, 1809 at the age of 73.

Scope and Content Note

The Josiah Batchelder papers consist of bills and recites paid by and to Josiah Batchelder including bills paid by his son Caleb Batchelder on behalf of his father. There are also a number of bills just concerning Caleb these are all contained in series 1. Series 2 contains a collection of paper concerning Josiah's time as a justice of the peace, including writs for arrest and his judgments. This collection contains the last will and testament of Josiah Batchelder as well as papers concerning the division of his estate after his death. Series 3 is a collection of correspondence concerning Josiah's business interests. Some of the letters mention the ships and Captains working for Josiah and the prizes they captured. These letters include accounts of the sales of the goods that are captured. This series also contains a number of letters and bills written in French which could not be translated at this point. There was one letter that was accompanied by an English translation and was filed with the English letters. Series 4 consists of a ledger book concerning Josiah's business interests from 1787-1790.

Series List

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B.) Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1785 March-June

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- F.) Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1787-1807
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About 129 items

- 24 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder 1873-1874 – 6 items
- 25 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder 1785 March-June – 13 items
- 26 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder 1785 July-December – 12 items
- 27 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder 1786 January-May – 23 items
- 28 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder 1786 July-December – 13 items
- 29 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder 1787-1807 – 13 items
- 30 Bills paid to Josiah Batchelder 1783-1793 – 18 items
- 31 Bills paid by Caleb Batchelder 1785-1796 – 14 items

- 32 Bills not directly related to Josiah Batchelder 1785, 1784? – 4 items
- 33 Memos of sundries bought at Boston 1785-1786 – 13 items

Wills, writs, accounts, executions, rent, estate documents 1784-1811

About 10 items

- 34 Wills, writs, accounts, executions, rent, estate documents 1784-1811,
Unknown – 10 items

Correspondence 1769-1792

About 40 items

- 35 Correspondence in English 1769-1782 – 10 items (originally in Batchelder letters 1769-1792 book 42, 21)
 - 36 Correspondence and bills in French 1769-1776 – 17 items (originally in Batchelder letters 1769-1792 book 42, 21)
 - 37 Correspondence and bills in French 1777-1792, unknown – 13 items (originally in Batchelder letters 1769-1792 book 42, 21)
 - 38 Ledger 1787-1790
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Series I: Bills, 1773-1807

About 129 items

Arranged by bills paid by and bills paid to, chronologically

24 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1773-1874 – 6 items

Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder to John Greenleaf for iron work

Benjamin Webb for rum and other

Israel Eaton for large skillet, pots and other

Nathanial Leech for chocolate, cod fish and sundries

Recite for exchange of goods for Capt Bragdon, and one which is illegible.

25 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1785 March-June – 13 items

Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder to Retire Trask For cord wood, wood to cap, and other

Vans and sons for playing cards, mustard, writing paper, and other; Benjamin Gorham for cool line? and other

Mr. Becker for cod lines

Theophilus Hull For four gallon caggs, pals, and other

Francis Grey for kettles, pots, cart boxes, and other

Benjamin Hammatt for redwood

Mary Rand (for deceased husband Barth Rand) for gall rum

Josiah Eliot for knives, and forks

Amara Davis For cask of nails

Leo Jarvis for groa hook? And other

Joseph Lee for weeks dockage brigg and salts, and other

Enoch Brown for hemp hose and other.

26 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1785 July-December – 12 items

Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder to Gideon Foster

Vans and sons

Richard Manines

Josiah Eliot for sewing twine, mix pins, power flasks, and others

Salsbury for cask of nails, paper, and other

William Frost for large boys shoes, men's shoes, women's shoes, and other

William Burke for green tea to sell

Joseph Prince for bonds sale

Samuel Endicott for sugar

Isaac White.

27 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1786 January-May – 23 items

Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder to Elisha Ballard

Nathan Leech for 1/8 percent and the cargo of the brig

Mary Batemen for a barrel of sugar

Bazin and Loignan

Isaac Whitejim for cand box, and others

Samuel Grey for flower, and other

Israel Dodge for rum

Francis Cabot junior for ravens duck, red colcher barie, green drap, penknives, razors, and other

Ellis Mansfield for bread and other

Waffe Rand for hard bread

Captain David Britton

Benjamin Gray for run

Captain Samuel Ingersoll for rum

Francis Cabot for ravens duck, razors and other

Peal for cask of gun powder

Mr. Wild

Hugh Hill for cod fish, sugar, jama fish and other

Nathan Leech for sugar and other

Waffe Rand

Robert Haskall for clean boards and other

Waffe Rand Bread and other

Abigail Brown for cask of nails, sewing twine, and other

William Vans for nails.

28 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1786 July-December – 13 items

Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder to Benjamin Ives for rum and cotton

Salsbury

Isaac Whitejim for soap and other

Geo Deblois for cod lines and other

George Williams for a cask of brimstone

Williams for cod lines, shoes and other

Nathaniel Gilbert for buckets, nest boxes, and other

Joshua Pierce for foot boat

William Wyatt

John Hawks for flour

John Hawks

John Appleton for scarlet bape Cover lid

Adams co.

29 Bills paid by Josiah Batchelder, 1787-1807 – 13 items

Amos Windship

John Burke for soap, sugar, and flour

James Tisdale

Francis Lamson

Isaac Chapman for mending

Brown and Thorndike for nails

Caleb Batchelder

Josiah Batchelder Senior

Caleb Batchelder

Andrew Elloit for his father

Richard Manning

Moses Adams

Anthony Luque for molasses, soap, rum and other

John B Prince.

30 Bills paid to Josiah Batchelder, 1783-1793 – 18 items

Bills paid to Josiah from Ralph Cross For cash advance, buy boards, coffee and other

Daniel Adams for advanced wages

Captian Leech for 1/16th part of the brig Hephzibah

Captain John Hamilton for one half of the brig Hephzibah

Henny Coggins for cod lines, nails, coffee and other

James Ober for salt and other

Captain James Ober for sugar, tea, nails, and other

Benjamin Summer for bohea tea, rum, coffee, and other

Thomas Cole for nails, bohea tea, tobacco and other

Captain Eleazer Giles For gall rum, candles, neat leather shoes, and other

Thomas Cole for molasses, gall NE rum, and other

Swan 2 days passage

Retire Trask for gall cagg

Tenor Whitting for taxes

Josiah Adams for flannel, buttons, thread, handkerchief, and other

Thorndike for bricks, cleaning out sloop and other

Thomas Bridges For cleaning sloop, and other

31 Bills paid by Caleb Batchelder, 1785-1796 – 14 items

Bills paid by Caleb to John Joys for peppermint and other

Isaac Whitejim for soap

Clifford Byrns

Joseph Baker for butter

John Saunders for thread cod lines

William Frost for men's neat leather shoes, tea, and other

Benjamin Hill

Able Lawrence for gall rum

William Clark Junior for peppermint and other

John Balch for men's N. leather shoes, tobacco, and other

William Marston for nails, seader, bucket, cork springs

Gideon Foster

Cleveland Saunders for coffee.

32 Bills not directly related to Josiah Batchelder, 1785, 1794? – 4 items

William Plinbly, Thomas Bennet, Petter Bennet

Memo boards received of Smith, Hillman, and Avery sold

Nathaniel Batchelder bought of Richard manning

Captian Whittridge to deliver goods for Berry Hall

33 Memos of sundries bought at Boston, 1785-1786 – 13 items

Iron work bot of Francis Grey

Enoch Browns

Martin Brickers

Doctor Joy

Jarvis

Davis

Tourands

Garnes

Joseph May

Benjamin Gray

Josiah Elliot

David West

And Others

Series II: Wills, writs, accounts, executions, rent, estate documents, 1784-1811, unknown

Arranged chronologically

34 Wills, writs, accounts, executions, rent, estate documents, 1784-1811, unknown – 10 items

Bill of faith in the action Patch versus Hiller

Sarah Bragg against Martin Doile

Thomas versus Janah, Burke against Nathan Dial

William Holt to answer to Caleb Abbot for debts

James Richardson to answer to Jonathan Smith

Rent note for Willian Sears

Last will and testament of Josiah Batchelder

Copy of the last will and testament of Josiah Batchelder

Division of the estate of Josiah Batchelder signed Josiah Batchelder, Joanna Prince, Rob Rantoul, Hannah Lovett

Outline of the division of the estate signed Prince and J Batchelder

Isaac Mead to answer to Charles Hall

Series III: Correspondence, 1769-1792

Arranged by language and chronologically

35 Correspondence, 1769-1782 – 10 items

To Josiah Batchelder from J. Parsons

To James Batchelder from Allard Belin at the request of John Harrangh

To Josiah Batchelder from Lausersey

To Josiah Batchelder from Mouneneau in French

Translation of letter from Mounebeau

To Josiah Batchelder from Elias Smith

To Josiah Batchelder and William Barttelt from Silas Brenton

To Josiah Batchelder and William Barttelt duplicate of March 3rd

To Josiah Batchelder and William Barttelt from Silas Brenton

36 Correspondence and bills in French, 1769-1776 – 17 items

To Josiah Batchelder from Duruq de Bellefond

Illegible

Dubuq be Bellfond

Illegible

Harrangh

Harrangh

Daneslsin

Toinsu

Lamoisanjin

Daneslsin

Illegible

Harrangh

37 Correspondence and bills in French, 1777-1792, Unknown – 13 items

To Josiah Batchelder from Harrangh

Mare

Illegible

Harrangh

Lamidargeus

Nillounereau

Mounenaeu

Illegible

Lagrace

Series IV: Ledger, 1787-1790

Bound volume

Ledger, 1787-1790 – Batchelder Papers Books 45, 19

Imposts, Excise, Carraiges, Deliveries on writs, Conlingencies, Cash, Commonwealth, Harris Richard, Common to C Batchelder

