

Clara Mossman Hill and Elsie M. Hill Collection

COLLECTION, MS B84

DATE

1812 – 1968

CONTRIBUTOR

Fairfield Museum

ADMINISTRATIVE/BIOGRAPHICAL HISTORY ELEMENT

Ebenezer J. Hill, Congressman from Norwalk, Connecticut, for 22 years, married Mary Ellen Mossman, daughter of Abner Goodale Mossman and Emily Rice. Mary Ellen Mossman Hill was an organizing regent of the Norwalk chapter of the DAR. Ebenezer and Mary's children were Frederick Asbury Hill, who served in Puerto Rico; Clara Mossman Hill, genealogist and educator; Helena Charlotte Hill Weed; and Elsie Mossman Hill, suffragist, politician, wife of activist Albert Levitt and mother of the donor, Leslie Hill Levitt Latham. For more information on the family, see the copy of the DAR Ancestral Chart in the collection folder.

SCOPE & CONTENT

The collection primarily consists of genealogical research notes and charts compiled by Clara Mossman Hill, aunt of the donor, and by Elsie M. Hill, the donor's mother, between 1900 and 1967. The genealogical materials include correspondence, extracts and transcripts of records, articles, pamphlets, and family charts. Clara kept the bulk of these records in notebooks and manila envelopes, organized by family name or type of record, and these were kept intact when the collection was transferred to acid-free folders. The titles Clara gave to the binders and envelopes were copied onto the new folders, which were then arranged in alphabetical order. Newspaper clippings were copied onto acid-free paper and the originals discarded.

Clara and Elsie's collections of local history and genealogy books contain numerous annotations and corrections and the bulk were therefore kept as part of the collection. Both women also applied for membership in several heritage societies, or helped others apply, and records of those applications are also included. To supplement her genealogical research, Clara gathered family manuscripts such as sermons, correspondence, wills, speeches, and photographs, which became part of her collection. Of particular note are manuscript sermons prepared by Moses Hill in 1839-1840 and a deposition he made in 1882 about his family history in reference to the French Spoliation Claims; the published memoirs of Lucy Goodale Thurston, one of the first missionaries to Hawaii; a copy of the speech delivered in Congress by Ebenezer J. Hill in support of women's suffrage; photographs and a Life magazine story about Elsie M. Hill aboard the first commercial airline flight to Moscow in 1968 and a scrapbook about the suffrage movement in Connecticut kept by Elsie, 1912. Family materials are organized in alphabetical order.

The contents of box 12 are items added to the collection after the original organization and could not be interfiled. These include additional Hill-Barlow genealogical materials, Platt family charts, correspondence to Clara from a relative named Hal, and a hand drawn genealogical chart of the Goodale family.

A secondary collection consists of correspondence, printed material, photographs, and student gifts related to Clara's work as a teacher at the Colegio Ludlow (Colegio Hijos de Allende), a boarding and day school for girls in Pachuca, Mexico, dating from 1927-1934, 1955.

Items which were received with the collection but cataloged individually are enumerated in the separation list appended to this finding aid. Note that portions of the records from this family have been donated to Vassar College, Harvard University, and the Maine Historical Society, and family textiles have been added to the collections of the Wilton Historical Society, Wilton, CT.

ARRANGEMENT

Note: Archival item re: Greens Farms Church, 1832, transferred to Ms B33 Box 20 (Greens Farms School Society, 1805) CT Gen. Assembly transferred to Ms 14 Box 1, A:M. Copy of bill re: Connecticut Turnpike, 1806, transferred to Ms B14.

Collection Contents

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Series H: Notebooks, charts, etc.

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Folder 1: Clara M. Hill genealogical notebook, Hill-Barlow

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Folder 2: Clara M. Hill genealogical notes in folder, Hill/Weed/Barlow/Albin

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Folder 3: Clara M. Hill genealogical notes, Platt family

Clara M. Hill genealogical notes, Platt family

Folder 4: Letters to Clara Hill from "Hal," ca. 1945

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Folder 5: hand drawn family chart, Goodale family

hand drawn family chart, Goodale family

OS Box A: Bible, Photo Albums

Bible of Jane Barlow, 1793

Photo Album - family photos

Photo Album - Clara Hill trip to California, Alaska, & Banff, 1899

OS Box B: Suffrage Scrapbook of Elsie Hill

Series A: Genealogy notebooks

Genealogy notebooks

Folder 17: Unlabeled

Unlabeled

Folder 16: Temple, Wilder, Merchant, Call

Temple, Wilder, Merchant, Call

Folder 15: Revolutionary records

Revolutionary records

Folder 14: Mossman--James of Edinburgh and New England--George (3)--includes Uncle Emory's diary

Mossman--James of Edinburgh and New England--George (3)--includes Uncle Emory's diary

Folder 13: Mossman--James of Edinburgh and New England--Timothy (3) and James (3)

Mossman--James of Edinburgh and New England--Timothy (3) and James (3)

Folder 12: Miscellaneous family

Miscellaneous family

Folder 11: McLellan, Ilsley, allied families (2)

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Folder 10: Hill collateral

Hill collateral

Folder 9: Hill and Barlow

Hill and Barlow

Folder 8: Hill

Hill

Folder 7: Goodale, Howe and allied families

Goodale, Howe and allied families

Folder 6: English ancestral data

English ancestral data



Folder 4-5: Charts, ancestral

Charts, ancestral

Folder 3: Barlow-Hill lines

Barlow-Hill lines

Folder 2: Barlow--John of Fairfield, Collateral and unplaced

Barlow--John of Fairfield, Collateral and unplaced

Folder 1: Barlow-John of Fairfield, Line of Samuel (4)

Barlow-John of Fairfield, Line of Samuel (4)

Series G: Personal Papers, 1899-1939

Personal Papers, 1899-1939

Folder 15-20: Negatives and prints, ca. 1925-1930

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Folder 14: Negatives and printed materials, ca. 1925-1930

Negatives and printed materials, ca. 1925-1930

Folder 13: Negatives and prints, ca. 1925-1930

Negatives and prints, ca. 1925-1930

Folder 10-12: Photographs (no identification), ca. 1925-1930

Photographs (no identification), ca. 1925-1930

Folder 8-9: Photographs (dated), 1925-1937

Photographs (dated), 1925-1937

Folder 6-7: Photographs (numbered and identified), 1928-1931

Photographs (numbered and identified), 1928-1931

Folder 5: General missionary material, 1925-1930

General missionary material, 1925-1930

Folder 4: Gifts from Mexican students, n.d.

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Folder 3: Printed material from Mexico, 1923-1939

Printed material from Mexico, 1923-1939

Folder 2: Correspondence with missionaries and students in Mexico, 1924-

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Folder 1: Membership certificates, 1904-1905

Membership certificates, 1904-1905

Folder 21: Album of photographs of Clara's trip to California, Alaska and Banff, 1899

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Series F: Family Papers, 1812-1968

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Folder 23: Thurston, Lucy Goodale

Article about Hawaiian missions, 1873

Folder 22: Mossman Emory

Letters from commanding officers to family, 1863, 1882

Folder 21: Mossman, Emory

Transcripts of letters, 1862-1863

Folder 20: Mossman, Betsey and Mary

Correspondence, 1847; acrostic

Folder 19: Mossman, Abner G.

Deeds, 1856

Folder 18: Hill, Moses A.

Military appointment, 1866; US Consitution

Folder 12-17: Hill, Moses

Sermons, temperance addresses and meditations, ca. 1839-1843; family Bible; deposition, 1882

Folder 11: McLellan, Mary Ann

The Seasons and Letters on the improvement of the mind (books)

Folder 9-10: Hill, Mary Ellen Mossman

"chap book" with poems and meditations, 1862-1867; will, 1892 (typescript); appointments as Commissioner, 1911, 1917; letter, 1918; estate papers, 1919; The Complaint (book)

Folder 8: Hill, Frederick A.

Diploma, 1888

Folder 7: Hill, Elsie

Membership certificates, 1909, 1934; correspondence, 1961, 1965; postcard, 1966; article by Albert Levitt, 1953; record of Albert Levitt's military service, 1921

Folder 2-6: Hill, Ebenezer J.

Special passports, 1897, 1901; article, 1902; memorial address, 1917; speeches (2 vol., bound), 1894-1918; estate records, n.d.; 1873 edition of New York Times; notes, n.d.

Folder 1: Hill, Charlotte Ilsley, insurance certificate, 1839

Hill, Charlotte Ilsley, insurance certificate, 1839

Folder 24: Ebenezer J. Hill

Newspaper notices, ca. 1915

Series E: Family photographs, 1841-1968

Family photographs, 1841-1968

Folder 7: Family homesteads in Maine and Massachusetts, ca. 1845, 1885

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Folder 6: Mossman, Silas, 1841, 1846

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Folder 5: Mossman, Abner Goodale and Emily Rice, 1833, 1885

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Folder 4: Hill, Mossman, Rice family members, 1855, 1898-1968

Hill, Mossman, Rice family members, 1855, 1898-1968

Folder 3: Hill, Moses Asbury, ca. 1865

Hill, Moses Asbury, ca. 1865

Folder 2: Hill, Mary Ellen Mossman, ca. 1860

Hill, Mary Ellen Mossman, ca. 1860

Folder 1: Hill, Frederick A., ca. 1865

Hill, Frederick A., ca. 1865

Box 5: Moses A. Hill album, inscribed "Wesleyan University, Class of 1864"

Moses A. Hill album, inscribed "Wesleyan University, Class of 1864", includes photographs of Native Americans

Box 3B: Mossman, ambrotype

Mossman, ambrotype

Box 3A: Family Photographs, Folders 1-30

Family Photographs, Folders 1-30

Folder 8: Cartes de visite identified as "from album," ca. 1870

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Series D: History and Genealogy books

History and Genealogy books

Series C: File Cards

File Cards

Series B: Genealogy envelopes

Genealogy envelopes

Folder 39: Family charts, rolled--Barlow, Hill, McLellan, Mossman, Rice

Family charts, rolled--Barlow, Hill, McLellan, Mossman, Rice

Folder 38: Weed genealogy; notes on royal ancestry

Weed genealogy; notes on royal ancestry

Folder 37: Turney and Sanford

Turney and Sanford

Folder 40: Magna Carta (copies)

Magna Carta (copies)

Folder 36: Thomas and allied families--Norwalk chapter DAR books

Thomas and allied families--Norwalk chapter DAR books

Folder 34-35: Thomas and allied families

Thomas and allied families



Folder 33: Royalty
Royalty

Folder 32: Rice-Mossman genealogy
Rice-Mossman genealogy

Folder 31: Rice, Call, et al.
Rice, Call, et al.

Folder 30: Requests for information, 1880-1938
Requests for information, 1880-1938

Folder 29: Redding DAR lines
Redding DAR lines

Folder 28: Pamphlets, historical
Pamphlets, historical

Folder 27: Notes on Maine, and on the Barlow celebration
Notes on Maine, and on the Barlow celebration

Folder 26: Norwalk town proceedings
Norwalk town proceedings

Folder 25: National Society of Colonial Dames
National Society of Colonial Dames

Folder 24: Mossman charts (bound)
Mossman charts (bound)

Folder 22-23: Mossman
Mossman

Folder 21: Miscellaneous Fairfield County
Miscellaneous Fairfield County

Folder 20: McLellan, Ilsley and allied families
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Folder 19: McLellan and allied families
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Folder 18: McLellan
McLellan

Folder 17: "Marguerite"--DAR application
"Marguerite"--DAR application

Folder 16: Howe, Whitney, White, Hosmer
Howe, Whitney, White, Hosmer

Folder 15: Hill genealogy (bound)
Hill genealogy (bound)

Folder 14: Hill records--typed, manuscript chart

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Folder 12-13: Hill--letters to and from Grace A. Hill, 1892-1942

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Folder 10-11: Heritage Societies

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Folder 9: Goodale-Rice

Goodale-Rice

Folder 8: Founding of Norwalk

Founding of Norwalk

Folder 7: Dutch and Gilbert

Dutch and Gilbert

Folder 6: Clark Bible records

Clark Bible records

Folder 4-5: Barlow letters and papers

Barlow letters and papers

Folder 3: Barlow, Joel and Ruth--copies of wills, etc.

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Folder 2: Barlow, Joel

Barlow, Joel

Folder 1: Abbott, Parker, Green, Coffin

Abbott, Parker, Green, Coffin