

Collection of Flagg Family Materials
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Collection of Flagg Family Materials, 1809 – 1982

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1809 – 1982

Extent

2.5 linear feet, 5 boxes

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Biographical Note

Solomon Flagg II was born on February 13, 1774 in Needham to parents Solomon and Lydia (Ware) Flagg. Flagg II was married Esther Flagg, (baptized August 28, 1774 – September 11, 1886), with whom he had one child, Solomon Flagg III. Over the course of his life Solomon Flagg II served in a number of public offices for the Town of Needham and operated a tavern located on the corner of Washington and Church Street in West Needham (now Wellesley). He died in Needham on February 14, 1837.

Solomon Flagg III was born on August 24, 1804 and died on May 20, 1892. He was married to Eliza H. Flagg, together they were the parents of three children, Charles H. Flagg, Charles G. Flagg, and William S. Flagg. Solomon Flagg III began serving as Needham town officer in 1828 and would continue in various public service rolls for the rest of his life. Notably he served as Wellesley Town Clerk from 1881 – 1888. Solomon Flagg III and family lived in the house that had served as his father's tavern on the corner of Washington and Church Street of West Needham (now Wellesley).

Other notable members of the Flagg family include: Isaac Flagg, March 20, 1806 – March 27, 1895 and Ebenezer (Eben) Flagg, May 19, 1808 – April 30, 1893, who was the father of Edward H. Flagg.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains materials documenting the life of the Flagg family in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Materials include correspondence, photographs, family bibles and autograph books.

Index Terms

Massachusetts — Wellesley
Wellesley (Mass.) — History
Wellesley (Mass.) — Social life and customs
Correspondence
Historic buildings
Wellesley (Mass.) — Family and personal papers
Flagg Family

System of Arrangement

This collection is organized into five series arranged by subject:

- I. Family History, 1978 – 1982, undated
- II. Family Documents, 1865 – 1899, undated
- III. Correspondence, 1727 [?] – 1956, undated
- IV. Photographs & Drawings, 1890 & undated
- V. Bound Items, 1809 – 1890, undated

Conditions Governing Access

The papers are open for research purposes by appointment only. Please contact the Wellesley Historical Society for more information.

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Some of the materials are fragile.

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Languages and Scripts of the Material

English

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Unknown

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F.4

1963.85

Accruals

The Historical Society may add materials to the Collection in the future; however, no further accruals are currently expected.

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Description

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Bibliography

Clarke, George Kuhn. *Epitaphs from Graveyards in Wellesley (Formally West Needham), North Natick, and Saint Mary's Churchyard in Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts with Genealogical and Biographical Notes*. Boston, MA: Privately Printed, 1900.

Fiske, Joseph E. *History of the Town of Wellesley Massachusetts*, Edited by Ellen Ware Fiske. Boston, MA: Pilgrim Press, 1917.

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Container List

***I.* Family History, 1978 – 1982, undated**

This series contains materials regarding the history of the Flagg family and its individual members.

Box 1

- Folder 1: Newspaper Clippings, 1884 – 1980, undated
- Folder 2: Notes about Flagg Family, 1798 – 1980, undated
- Folder 3: Published Information about Flagg Family, 1962 & 1982

***II.* Family Documents, 1856 – 1899, undated**

This series contains materials documenting activities of the Flagg family.

Box 1

- Folder 4: “The Admirable / American Perry”, 1888
- Folder 5: Advertisement for H.L. Flagg Company, undated
- Folder 6: Bills & Receipts; Eben & William Flagg, 1856 - 1862
- Folder 7: Coat of Arms, Flagg, undated
- Folder 8: Flagg, Edward H.; Sons of American Revolution Letter, Jan. 6, 1899
- Folder 9: “March from Norma”; Eben Flagg, undated
- Folder 10: Real Estate, Deeds; William Flagg, 1884

***III.* Correspondence, 1727 [?] – 1956, undated**

This series contains correspondence that was written to the Flagg family as well as correspondence written by the family.

Box 1

- Folder 11: Correspondence from Flaggs, 1814, 1927, 1956
- Folder 12: Correspondence to Flaggs, 1830 – 1833, 1976 – 1981, undated
- Folder 13: Flagg-Hill-Gay Correspondence, 1727 [?], 1743 [?], 1803 – 1842, undated

***IV.* Photographs & Drawings, 1890 & undated**

This series contains photographs and other images of members of the Flagg family and their acquaintances. Of note is a drawing of the “Old Flagg House”.

Box 2

- Folder 1: Cased Photographs
- Folder 2: Drawing, Pencil; “Old Flagg House”, 1890

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- Folder 3: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #1
- Folder 4: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #2
- Folder 5: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #3
- Folder 6: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #4

Box 3

- Folder 1: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #5
- Folder 2: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #6
- Folder 3: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #7
- Folder 4: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #8

Box 4

- Folder 1: Flagg Family Photograph Collection, #9
- Folder 2: Written Descriptions of Photographs

V. Bound Items

This series contains bound items belonging to members of the Flagg family. Includes bibles, autograph books, and dictionaries.

Box 4

- Folder 3: Autograph book; H. Lasselle Flagg, 1870 - 1890
- Folder 4: *The Holy Bible*, American Bible Society, 1861; Mrs. Walter Flagg

Box 5:

- Folder 1: *The Royal Standard English Dictionary*, by William Perry, 1809; Solomon Flagg, 1815
- Folder 2: *The Union Bible Dictionary*, Presented to Eben Flagg Feb. 2, 1865
- Folder 3: Untitled Notebook; Edward H. Flagg