Chester H. Ramsdell Family Collection

Collection Summary

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Approximately middle 1800s to middle 1990s

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Biographical History
Chester Howard Ramsdell was born in Wareham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts on October 29, 1883 and died in New Hampshire in November 1965. According to marriage record, his parents were William C. Ramsdell and Abbie M. Gregory. Ramsdell married Katie Perry Besse on June 12, 1907 in East Wareham, Massachusetts.

Scope and Content
This collection contains materials from middle 1800s to middle 1960s regarding the family lines of Chester Howard Ramsdell, considered by the donor as the family historian. Also in this collection is additional material supplied by Joanne Eakin, a genealogist, as some items are dated after C.H. Ramsdell’s death. Other family names include Allen, Beets, Calhoun, Eaton, Edwards, Gerhardt, Hall, Hardin, Heibel, Hentges, Jarrett, Kickbusch, Kizer, Lynch, McDaniel, Merrill, Pierce, Pollock, Schmidt, Shelby, Sommerhauser, Steiner Gerhard, Trimble, and Walker.
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