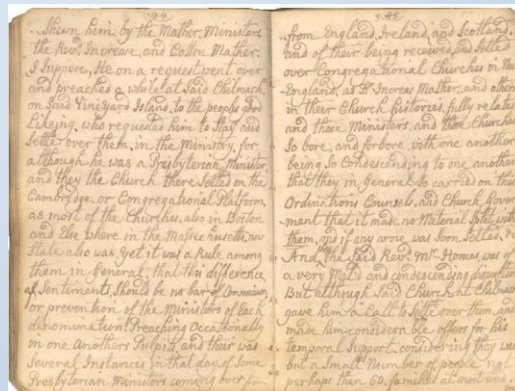


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HANDLEY CHIPMAN FONDS

Accessions 1900.048-CHI, 1931.005-CHI



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**Handley Chipman fonds. – [textual records]. – [17--], 1777-1799.
– 25 cm of textual records**

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File List

1931.005-CHI /1 [Will and Codicil](#). – [19--? ; photocopy]. – 12 leaves of textual records

Item is a photocopy of a transcription of the will of Handley Chipman, with codicil, and includes a note from the Registrar of Probate dated 6 May 1801. File also contains pages from an unidentified publication in which the will was transcribed.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Note: The original copy of the will is located in the Probate Office in Kentville, N.S.

1931.005-CHI/2 [Correspondence](#). – 30 June 1777. – 1 item of textual records

Item is a letter written by Handley Chipman from Cornwallis, Kings Co., N.S. to Rev'd. Messrs. Daniel Cock (1717-1805) and David Smith (1732-1795) of Truro and Londonderry, N.S. The letter is dated 30 June 1777 and describes problems the Cornwallis Church was having with Rev. Benijah Phelps, the divisions within the church, and the arrival of Henry Alline in Cornwallis, N.S.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Note: File includes a typescript transcription of the letter

Note: Item is in fragile condition and therefore has been scanned.

Researchers **must** use the scanned version or the transcription.

1931.005-CHI/3 *The Heads of the comments, taken out of [Mr. Henry's works](#)*. – [1789?]. – 1 item of textual records

Item is a book in which Chipman made notes about the following books of scripture: Job, Psalms, and Proverbs.

Note: Title transcribed from item

1931.005-CHI/4 **Memoirs**. – [ca. 1790s]. – 2 v. of textual records

Items are two diaries written by Handley Chipman.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1931.005-CHI/4/1 [Memoir](#). – [?]. – 1 v. of textual records

Volume contains genealogical information about the Chipman family.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of volume

Note: Item is in fragile condition and therefore has been scanned.

Researchers **must** use the scanned version

1931.005-CHI/4/2 [Memoir](#). – [1774-1776?]. – 1 v. of textual records

Volume is a memoir written by Handley Chipman.

Note: Cover states: "A part of the memoir of Handley Chipman Esqr. Cornwallis N.S. Written 5 and 6 years before his death in April 1799. Property of Zachariah Chipman, D[ied] 1854."

This inscription was obviously written by someone who had the book sometime after Chipman's death on 27 May 1799 and who was mistaken about Chipman's month of death. Zachariah Chipman was Handley Chipman's son.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of volume

Note: Item is in fragile condition and therefore has been scanned. Researchers **must** use the scanned version

Note: Spine of volume is taped

1931.005-CHI/5 *Content of the chapters of the Old Testament and short comment.* – 1797. – 2 v. of textual records

Items contain Chipman's commentary on the Old Testament.

Note: Title transcribed from item

Note: Items are in fragile condition

1900.048-CHI/1 *Ledger No. 3.* – 1771-1799. – 1 v. of textual records

Item contain 302 pages and an index.

Note: Title transcribed from item

Note: Item is in fragile condition

1900.048-CHI/2 *Transcription of Henry Alline's journal/diary.* – [17--]. – 1 v. of textual records

Item is a transcription of Henry Alline's journal/diary done by Chipman.

Note: Title based on contents of item

Note: Item is in fragile condition

Biographical Information

Handley Chipman was born August 31, 1717 in Sandwich, Massachusetts. His father, John Chipman, had nine children by a previous wife and subsequently had two children by Handley's mother, Elizabeth, who died in 1725. A cabinet maker by trade, Handley Chipman became a Justice of the Peace (1748) in Newport, Rhode Island. He was elected Magistrate in 1753 and Deputy to the Rhode Island General Assembly.

Chipman acquired land in Cornwallis, Kings Co., Nova Scotia and moved there on 7 May 1761. He was eventually elected Justice of the Peace, then Judge of Probate, a position which he maintained until his death.

Chipman was married twice, the first taking place on 24 April 1740 to Jean Allen (1722-1775), and the second on 14 December 1775 to Nancy Post (1755-1802). He had fifteen children in total: eleven by Jean Allen and four with Nancy Post. His eighth child was a son named Thomas Handley (1756-1830) who became one of the founders of the Baptist denomination in Nova Scotia. Handley Chipman died on 27 May 1799 in Cornwallis, Kings Co., N.S. and is buried in the Congregational Cemetery, Chipmans Corner, Kings Co., N.S. The inscription on his tombstone reads:

Here Lies the Body of Handley Chipman
Esq^r who Departed this life May the 27th,
1799 in the 82nd Year of his Age.

Custodial History

The commentary on parts of the Old Testament written in 1797 by Handley Chipman came to the Archives in 1931 via Rev. Dr. Owen Nott Chipman (1870-1941). It is uncertain by whom and when the rest of the accession was placed in the archives.

Scope and Content

The accession consists of seven items:

1. Will and codicil
2. Correspondence
3. *Heads of the comments taken out of Mr. Henry's works*
4. Memoirs
5. *Contents of the chapters of the Old Testament and short comment*
6. Ledger No. 3
7. Transcription of Henry Aline's journal/diary

Notes

Supplied title based on content of fonds

Some items are digitally available

Records subject to the *Copyright Act*

See also "Handley Chipman, King's County Planter, 1717-1799 : First of That Name at Chipman Corner, Cornwallis Township, Nova Scotia" by J.D. Davidson [SPACAD FC2349 .C67 Z492 1988]

See also "A Planter success story : Handley Chipman's role in Cornwallis Township, 1761-1799" by Peter Martin Walker [SPTHESE LE3 .A278 2004]

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