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Collection Information

Abstract : Deeds and other documents relating to property acquired by the Nelson family in the 18th and early 19th century, with financial records relating to Joseph Nelson's occupation as a housewright.

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Broad­sides. aat
Deeds -- Massachusetts-- Lincoln.
Real property -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Mortgage deeds -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Warranty of title -- Massachusetts -- Lincoln.
Nelson, Josiah, 1726-1810.
Nelson, John, 1789-1855.
Nelson family.

Historical/Biographical Notes

The Nelson family was one of the early families to settle in New England. Thomas Nelson came from Rowley, England, in 1636 and settled in Rowley, Massachusetts. His great-grandson, Thomas Nelson, born in 1688, located in Lexington about 1720. Part of his farm was on land now in Lincoln.

Thomas's son Josiah Nelson, 1726-1810, lived in Lincoln and was active in the events of April 19, 1775. Josiah Nelson was father of John Nelson, 1789-1859, a noted Lincoln carpenter and housewright, who built or worked on many of the early 19th century homes in Lincoln.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises deeds, plans of land, and other documents relating to property acquisition in Lincoln by Nelson family members in the 18th and 19th century, particularly Josiah Nelson and his son John Nelson. Nelson property was primarily in the northern part of Lincoln with some parcels lying in Lexington. In addition one deed granted to Josiah Nelson a "Negro servant boy", dated ca. 1760. Also included are tax bills and receipts issued to Josiah and Joseph Nelson, accounts and one ledger relating to John Nelson's occupation as a housewright, and miscellaneous items.

The collection is arranged topically.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Deeds, Legal Documents, etc. Includes deeds, plans of land, and miscellaneous documents. (63 items)

Series 2: Financial Records. Account book, bills and receipts. (8 items)

Series 3: Miscellaneous. Includes broadsides, town finances, etc. (3 items)

Nelson Family Papers
2002.006
Series 1, Deeds, Legal Documents, etc.

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2002.006.1.1	Warranty Deed for "Negro servant boy named Peter about one year and seven months old", grantor John Brooks, Lincoln, grantee Josiah Nelson, Lincoln, January 29, 1765, sum of four pounds. (encapsulated)
1	1	2002.006.1.2	Warranty Deed for 24 acres of land in Concord and Lexington, grantor Ephraim Flint, Concord, grantee Josiah Nelson, Lexington, May 12, 1748, sum of 265 pounds in bills of old tenor. (encapsulated)
1	1	2002.006.1.3	Deed cover, or fragment of deed document for Flint to Nelson deed. (encapsulated)
1	1	2002.006.1.4	Warranty Deed for 20 acres of land in Concord, grantor Nathaniel Whittemore, grantee Josiah Nelson, March 2, 1750, sum of 40 pounds. (encapsulated)
1	1	2002.006.1.5	Warranty Deed for 13 acres of land in Lincoln, grantor Nathaniel Whittemore, grantee Josiah Nelson, February 9, 1765, sum of 16 pounds, 13 shillings, four pence. (encapsulated)
1	2	2002.006.1.6	Warranty Deed for 2 acres 53 poles of land in Lexington, grantor Jasher Richardson, grantee Josiah Nelson, March 2, 1752, sum of 3 pounds, 14 shillings, eight pence. (encapsulated)
1	2	2002.006.1.7	Quitclaim Deed for 21 acres of land in Lincoln, grantor Thomas Nelson, Jr., grantee Josiah Nelson, January 28, 1755, sum of 20 pounds. (encapsulated)

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1	2	2002.006.1.8	Warranty Deed for one acre three quarters and twenty rods of land in Lincoln, grantor Jacob Whittemore, grantee Josiah Nelson, June 12, 1755, sum of seven pounds ten shillings. (encapsulated)
1	2	2002.006.1.9	Warranty Deed for 2 acres of land in Lincoln, grantor Jacob Whittemore, grantee Josiah Nelson, February 9, 1765, sum of three pounds six shillings eight pence. (encapsulated)
1	2	2002.006.1.10	Quitclaim Deed to any right of heirship for land in Lincoln, grantors Thomas Nelson and Tabitha Nelson (brother and sister), grantee Josiah Nelson (brother to Thomas and Tabitha), November 10, 1767, no financial consideration. (encapsulated)
1	3	2002.006.1.11	Warranty Deed for one-half acre of orchard land in Lincoln, grantor Thomas Nelson, grantee Josiah Nelson, November 10, 1767, sum of three pounds four shillings. (encapsulated)
1	3	2002.006.1.12	Warranty Deed for several parcels of land in Lincoln (about 40 acres total), grantor Thomas Nelson, grantee Josiah Nelson, November 10, 1767, sum of 103 pounds 17 shillings four pence. (encapsulated)
1	3	2002.006.1.13	Warranty Deed for 4 acres 146 rods of orchard and upland in Lincoln, grantor Daniel Brown, grantee Josiah Nelson, April 18, 1770, sum of 18 pounds 6 shillings ninepence. (encapsulated)
1	3	2002.006.1.14	Warranty Deed for 9 acres of land in Lincoln, grantor Nathaniel Whittemore, grantee Josiah Nelson, May 3, 1768, sum of 8 pounds. (encapsulated)

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1	3	2002.006.1.15	Bond for 225 dollars, John Nelson, Lincoln, housewright, to John K. Coolidge, Watertown, housewright, March 19, 1811. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.16	Appointment of John Nelson, Lincoln, as agent for John K. Coolidge, Watertown, April 1, 1811. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.17	Quitclaim Deed for, two pieces of land, one in Lincoln of 17 acres and one in Lexington of 5 acres for 800 dollars, granted by Josiah Nelson, Anna Nelson, Joshua Nelson and John Nelson to Elizabeth Nelson and Sarah Nelson. March 28, 1818. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.18	Plan of land of Daniel Brown in Lincoln surveyed in April 17, 1770 by Stephen Davis. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.19	Plan of land of Jacob Whittemore in Lincoln surveyed in May 28, 1755 by Stephen Davis. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.20	Receipt; Lydia Nelson from Amos Marrett a 40 shilling note, notarized by Eleazer Brooks, Justice of the Peace. (Sewn together with 2002.006.1.21). (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.21	Forty shilling currency note issued by the Colony of New Hampshire November 3, 1775. (Sewn together with 2002.006.1.20). (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.22	Fifty cent currency note issued by the State of North Carolina, January 1, 1863. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.23	One dollar currency note issued by the State of North Carolina, October 20, 1861. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.24	One dollar currency note issued by the State of North Carolina, October 17, 1861. (encapsulated)

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1	4	2002.006.1.25	Fifty cent fractional currency note issued by the United States, series of 1875. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.26	Tax bill, Town of Lexington to John Nelson, town and county highway taxes June 1, 1828. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.27	Tax bill, Town of Lincoln to John Nelson, state, county and town tax and minister's tax July 14, 1828. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.28	Tax bill, Town of Lincoln to John Nelson, state, county and town tax and Minister's tax June 19, 1827. (encapsulated)
1	4	2002.006.1.29	Quitclaim Deed, granted by Mary Nelson, spinster of Lincoln to Joshua Nelson and John Nelson all her rights to the estate of her father Josiah Nelson for the sum of 450 dollars, December 2, 1815. (encapsulated)
1	5	2002.006.1.30	Quitclaim Deed, granted by Josiah Nelson with Anna his wife, John Nelson with Lucy his wife, and Joshua Nelson, all of Lincoln, to Sarah Nelson, single woman, of Lincoln, two parcels of land in Lincoln and Lexington, for the sum of thirty dollars, August 2, 1832. (encapsulated)
1	5	2002.006.1.31	Quitclaim Deed, granted by Josiah Nelson with Anna his wife, Joshua Nelson, Elizabeth Nelson, and Sarah Nelson, all of Lincoln, to John Nelson, Lincoln, two parcels of land in Lincoln, for the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars, March 26, 1848. (encapsulated)
1	5	2002.006.1.32	Warranty Deed, granted by Benjamin Muzzey of Lexington to John Nelson of Lincoln, 35 acres of land in Lincoln, for the sum of Five hundred and twenty-five dollars, January 6, 1837. (encapsulated)

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| 1 | 5 | 2002.006.1.33 | Warranty Deed, granted by Sarah Nelson and John Nelson of Lincoln to George Nelson of Lincoln, two parcels of land in Lexington and Lincoln, for the sum of One hundred fifty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, December 19, 1844. (Annotation in pencil deletes the first parcel, in Lexington, and notes that it was sold to David Miller.) (encapsulated) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.006.1.34 | Quitclaim Deed, granted by Sarah Nelson and Isaac Milliken and Mary his wife to John Nelson of Lincoln, 5 acres of land in Lincoln, for the sum of Forty-two dollars and four cents, December 19, 1844. (encapsulated) |
| 1 | 5 | 2002.006.1.35 | Quitclaim Deed, granted by Samuel A. Houghton of Lexington and Joseph D. Brown of Concord, to John Nelson of Lincoln, 20 acres in Lincoln, for the sum of Four hundred dollars, December 30, 1845. (encapsulated) |
| 1 | 6 | 2002.006.1.36 | Quitclaim Deed, granted by Avery W. Nelson, and Anna Nelson, Widow, both of Stow, to George Nelson of Lincoln, 3 acres of land in Lincoln, for the sum of One hundred twenty-five dollars, June 5, 1846. (encapsulated) |
| 1 | 6 | 2002.006.1.37 | Quitclaim Deed, granted by Samuel A. Houghton of Lexington and Joseph D. Brown of Concord, to John Nelson of Lincoln, 22 acres of land in Lincoln, for the sum of 450 dollars, November 22, 1849. (encapsulated) |
| 1 | 6 | 2002.006.1.38 | Warranty Deed, granted by George Hartwell and Samuel Hartwell of Lincoln, to George Nelson of Lincoln, eight acres of land in Lincoln, for the sum of 300 dollars, May 19, 1855. On reverse, Quitclaim Deed granted by Polly Hartwell of Lincoln, to George Nelson of Lincoln, same as above, for the sum of forty dollars, May 19, 1855. (encapsulated) |

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1	6	2002.006.1.39	Warranty Deed, granted by John K. Coolidge and Rebecca S. Coolidge, to John Nelson of Lincoln, one acre of land in Lexington, for the sum of fifty dollars, July 27, 1815. (encapsulated)
1	6	2002.006.1.40	Plan of land in Lincoln containing 14 acres 133 rods sold by Nathaniel Whittemore to Josiah Nelson, surveyed February 8, 1765 by Stephen Davis. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.41	Plan of land in Lincoln containing 7 acres 78 rods, owned by John Nelson, surveyed March 31, 1837 by Cyrus Hubbard. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.42	Plan of Flint Meadow, so-called, belonging to the Nelson Farm, containing 6 acres 105 rods, surveyed October 30, 1844 by Cyrus Hubbard. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.43	Plan of a woodlot in Lincoln containing 11 acres 108 rods, belonging to Cap'n. Mulliken, surveyed March 30, 1827 by Cyrus Hubbard. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.44	Plan of land in Lincoln containing 5 acres 128 rods, belonging to Nelson Farm, surveyed October 30, 1844 by Cyrus Hubbard. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.45	Sketch map of Concord-Lexington Road in Lincoln and Lexington, showing Nelson property and other points of reference / George A. Nelson, 1902. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.46	Plan of land in Lincoln owned by John Nelson containing 7 acres 26 rods, surveyed march 30, 1827 by Cyrus Hubbard. (encapsulated)
1	7	2002.006.1.47	Receipt for tuition to John Nelson, by Julia Muzzey, Lexington, May 1834. (encapsulated)

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1	8	2002.006.1.48	Quitclaim Deed, granted by Thomas Nelson of Lincoln, to Josiah Nelson of Lincoln, 8 acres of land and half a barn in Lincoln and Lexington, for no financial consideration, February 3, 1779. (encapsulated)
1	8	2002.006.1.49-.50	Obituary, for Josiah Nelson who died February 26 [1810] in the 84th year of his age. (Attributed to Rev. Avery Williams of Lexington.) (2 copies manuscript, with variations) (encapsulated)
1	8	2002.006.1.51	Notice of militia duty to John Nelson, dated April 16, 1812. (encapsulated)
1	8	2002.006.1.52	Certification of Discharge from U. S. military service, issued to Joshua Nelson October 7, 1814, for reasons of his bringing in a substitute to serve in his place. (encapsulated)
2	OVS	2002.006.1.53	Administrator's Deed, granted by Joseph N. Hoar, Guardian, to George Nelson, Lincoln, three acres of land with buildings in Lincoln, for One hundred twenty-five dollars, September 28, 1846. (encapsulated)
2	OVS	2002.006.1.54	Administrator's Deed, granted by Stephen Patch, Guardian, to John Nelson, Lincoln, seven acres of mowing land in Lincoln, for Two hundred twenty-six dollars and 25 cents, March 31, 1827. (encapsulated)
2	OVS	2002.006.1.55	Mortgage Deed, granted by Simon Francis, Boston, to E. W. Capen, Milton, 18 acres of land in Lincoln, for two hundred dollars, October 30, 1828. On reverse, five cent Internal Revenue Certificate stamp, Scott # R-24. (encapsulated)

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| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.56 | Administrator's Deed, granted by William Chandler, Administrator, to John Nelson, Lincoln, two acres of land in Lexington, for Fifteen dollars and fifty cents, April 20, 1849. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.57 | Administrator's Deed, granted by Sarah Francis of Boston, Administrator, to Henry Fisk, Lincoln, two parcels of land in Lincoln, for 569 dollars and thirty-five cents, February 7, 1853. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.58 | Quitclaim Deed, granted by Isaac Milliken [et al.] to John Nelson, eleven acres of land in Lincoln, for two hundred dollars, June 27, 1855. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.59 | Plan of house lot in Lincoln owned by George Nelson, G. A. Nelson, surveyor, January 30, 1878. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.60 | Plan of wood lot in Lincoln owned by George Nelson, G. A. Nelson, surveyor, January 4, 1878. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.61 | Plan of Center Lot belonging to Hastings Farm, Lincoln, October 17, 1836. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.62 | Warranty Deed, granted by Henry Milliken [et al.], to George Nelson, Lincoln, 11 acres of land in Lincoln, for one hundred seventy dollars, December 27, 1860. (encapsulated) |
| 2 | OVS | 2002.006.1.63 | Warranty Deed, granted by Henry Fiske of Lincoln, to George Nelson, Lincoln, 19 acres of land in Lincoln, for Three hundred eighty-two dollars, March 19, 1866. On reverse, two Internal Revenue Certificate stamps, twenty-five cents each, Scott #R-44. (encapsulated) |

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Series 2, Financial Records

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1	9	2002.006.2.1	Certification of duty paid for a one-horse chaise by Josiah Nelson, Lincoln, October 23, 1801. (encapsulated)
1	9	2002.006.2.2	Certification of duty paid for a one-horse chaise by Josiah Nelson, Lincoln, October 24, 1801. (encapsulated)
1	9	2002.006.2.3	Accounts of Josiah Nelson for labor relating to stone and chimney work, March 23, 1808. (encapsulated)
1	9	2002.006.2.4	Accounts, December 1829 to November 1830. (encapsulated)
1	9	2002.006.2.5	Receipt for two dollars from John Nelson, for exemption from military duty, Thomas Wheeler, Town Treasurer, April 28, 1825. (encapsulated)
1	9	2002.006.2.6	Demand for taxes due, issued to John Nelson by F. H. Hayden, Collector, August 23, 1832. (encapsulated)
1	9	2002.006.2.7	Tax bill to Josiah Nelson for 1846, July 17, 1846. (encapsulated)
1	10	2002.006.2.8	Account book, John Nelson, Housewright, 1811-1848. 1 v., unnumbered.

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Series 3, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Identification #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	OVS	2002.006.3.1	Report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Lincoln, March 1 1850 to March 1 1851 : broadside, 10 x 15 in. / J. Hastings, Printer, Waltham. (encapsulated)
1	11	2002.006.3.2	Report of the receipts and expenditures of the Town of Lincoln, March 1 1869 to March 1 1870 : pamphlet, 8 p. / Tolman & White, Boston, 1870.
2	OVS	2002.006.3.3	Statement and protest of George Francis Train : broadside, 11 x 25 in. / 1862.
1	12	2002.006.3.4	Nelson family information, collection notes.