

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

**MS. 148
Boult Family Documents and Correspondence, 1763-1885**

Extent: Two boxes

Scope and Content Note: The collection consists of documents and correspondence dating from 1763 to 1885 related to the Boult family of Osterville. Of interest are a series of letters regarding the family's search to discover their connections to the Prince family of Great Britain and possibly receive an inheritance from that family.

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Related collections: Sturgis Library also owns the Boult/Bolt family Bible, also donated by Judith Staples, MS. 106.

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- Fldr 45 7.3.1851 From James Segee, Wareham to Mrs. William Ellis, North Falmouth. Detail of expense money received and disappointment on not being able to find information
- Fldr 46 7.5.1851 From James Segee to Charles Boult, Osterville. Explanation of Prince family connections.
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- Fldr 49 4.16.1852 From H. G. Somerly, London to James Segee, Wareham. Copy of letter prepared by Sarah Segee saying funds exhausted and no progress on Prince American connection.
- Fldr 50 7.4.1852 From James Segee, Woodstock, N.B. to Friends. Copied letter from Somerly
- Fldr 51 9.09.1852 and 11.29.1852 From James Segee, Woodstock, N.B., to Oliver Cotton, Osterville, expressing willingness to go to England to research info on John Prince's birth
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- Fldr 53 agreeing to divide any proceeds into 9 shares
- 1.6.1853 From H. G Somerly, London to James, Segee, Woodstock. Recap of Prince info found in Univ. records
 - 1.31.1853 From James Segee to Friends, Osterville. Reassurance about verity of Prince connection.
- Fldr 54 3.5.1853 From James Segee, Woodstock to Charles Boult. Need for funds for trip to England
- Fldr 55 4.1.1853 and 5.9.1853 From Charles Boult, Osterville to James Segee. Unable to send more money.
- Fldr 56 4.1.1853 From Charles Boult (?) of Osterville to James Segee of New Brunswick. Answer to J's letter – states reluctance of heirs to pursue search.
- Fldr 57 7.8.1853 From Martha Boult Coffin, Martinez, CA to Aunts, Osterville. Family news and husband's ferry business.
- Fldr 58 August 1853. Statement as to Prince claim – Segee married to an Ellis
- Fldr 59 8.22.1853. From E.N. Ellis, Pocasset to Cousin Betsey, Osterville (?) Expresses willingness to send expense \$ to purchase claim.
- Fldr 60 9.1.1853 From Betsy Lovell, Osterville to James Segee. Wondering how connection between Rev. John Prince and John Prince the Elder was determined.
- Fldr 61 10.19.1853 From E.N. Ellis, Pocasset to Aunt Betsey (Lovell). Suggests they ask that B. F. Hallett meet with Somerly to go over Prince claim
- Fldr 62 11.9.1853 Copies of correspondence – Segee and Henry Bliss, Esq. London
- Fldr 63 11.29.1853 From Oliver C. Coffin, Martinez, CA to Charles Boult and Charlotte, Osterville. Miscellaneous news including information on Simeon Leonard's vessel.
- Fldr 64 11.30.1853 From James Segee, Woodstock, N.B. to Charles Boult, Osterville. Wish to contact Mr. Somerly.

BOX 1	Fldr 65	12.12.1853 From Oliver Coffin, Martinez, CA to Charles Boult, Osterville. Commercial dealings – mentioned Simeon Leonard's vessel and the Prince affair
	Fldr 66	1.7.1853 From James Segee, Woodstock, NB to Charles Boult, Osterville. No info found by Somerly; trip to England needed
	Fldr 67	3.20.1854 From Charles Boult, Osterville to James Segee, New Bedford. Hopeful search
	Fldr 68	7.1.1854 From B. F. Hallett to Cousin Betsy. Confirming Somerly's findings of Prince connection in England.
BOX 2	Fldr 1	5.25.1856 Bill of sale of the Schooner Hannah Willets
	Fldr 2	7.5.1857 From James Segee, Wareham to Charles Boult, Osterville. Copy of letter to Wm. Munday, Esq. re Prince Line.
	Fldr 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.8.1857 From E. W. Humphreys, NY, to Capt. C. W. Boult, Boston. Request for Prince line info.• 8.8.1857 Copy from Wm. Munday to James Segee• 8.26.1857 From James Segee to Aunt
	Fldr 4	3.30.1858 From Charles Hinckley, Mariposa, CA to George Hinckley. Prayer meeting converts, thoughts on spiritualism.
	Fldr 5	1.17.1859 From Erastus Scudder to Charles Boult. 1/8 of Schooner Gazette
	Fldr 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5.27.1859 Receipt for medical attention – 5 visits to wife from Dr. Henry McCollum to Thomas Ames.• Undated – note re charges for clothing
	Fldr 7	8.16.1859 IOU from Robert Lovell to Cornelius Lovell
	Fldr 8	3.5.1860 Deed. Charles Boult buys his father's home

BOX 2	Fldr 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.15.1861 From S. L. Boult, Osterville to Fisher & Son, London. Request of search for Rev. John Prince.• 2.19.1861 From W. W. S. Ordeton to S. L. Boult. Instructions to obtain return on money
	Fldr 10	3.6.1861 From Fisher & Son, London to S. L. Boult, Osterville. Request for additional money
	Fldr 11	3.9.1861 Declaration of homestead by Charles Boult with photograph
	Fldr 12	6.5.1861 Deed – C. W. Boult from Lemuel Hamblin. Osterville 10 acres.
	Fldr 13	6.24.1861 From George Hinckley, Osterville to Capt. Boult, Boston. Request to receive and obtain goods.
	Fldr 14	3.13.1862 From John Emery & Co., Boston to Capt. Charles Boult, Schooner Gazette, Perryville, MD. Request for acknowledgement of charter party sent by mail.
	Fldr 15	8.23.1862 Bill of Sale Vessel Gazette. J. Joshua Baker to Charles W. Boult.
	Fldr 16	11.13.1863 List of items bought by C. W. Boult in Boston @ Massasoit Color Varnish Works
	Fldr 17	3.26.1864 From John Case, Camden, ME to George Hinckley, Osterville. Comments about visit to Camden, regards to acquaintances
	Fldr 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Portion on NY Herald 8.19.1863• 11.28.1873 Paid receipt S. L. Baker Jr. & Co. to G.H.H.• 1.13.1865 Handwritten note to George H. Hinckley• 4.20.1868 Request to G.H.H. to call school district meeting
	Fldr 19	10.25.1865 A. L. typed copy of letter from Sarah Hallett to Charlotte Boult.
	Fldr 20	10.25.1865 From Sarah Hallett, Shanghai to Charlotte Boult (her sister), Osterville. News of voyage, deaths, vessel, etc.

- BOX 2 Fldr 21 1.7.1867 Receipt for services from G.. G. Hinckley to C. W. Boult
- Fldr 22 3.13.1868 Receipt from Geo. Guy for 1/32 of Schooner Hannah Willets
- Fldr 23 11.5.1869 From Hezediah Coffin to Chas. Boult (?) Inquire about proposition to search for Prince family connection
- Fldr 24 11.29.1872 From Henry Young (?Younce) Kingston Jamaica, to Mr. Bolt (sic) Boston. Comments on Boston fire and return to his family
- Fldr 25 Cards, family correspondence of Charlotte Boult with one dated 1875
- Fldr 26 2.7.1875 From Juliet to Frank Boult. News of family and friends
- Fldr 27 9.1.1875 List of purchases from Nicholson, Frost & Company by C. W. Boult
- Fldr 28 2.18.1877 From Aunt Mary, Cambridge, to Dear Nephew Frank Boult, Osterville. Cautions him to continue school and not go to sea
- Fldr 29 6.3.1880 From Charles W. Boult, Boston.
- Fldr 30 10.10..1880 From C.W. Boult to Mr. Ellis. Request for copy of Prince pedigree done by J. S. Segee
- Fldr 31 10..22.1880 From Sara Barnes, Wareham to Charles Boult, Osterville. Note that her father is dead as is Stephen Burgess's wife
- Fldr 32 10.26.1880 From Nathan Ellis, New Bedford to Charles Boult, Osterville. Informs him that J. Segee's widow married Elmer Barnes and all Prince papers destroyed
- Fldr 33 10.25.1880 From Mary Jenney, New Bedford, to Charles Boult and Betsy Lovell. Copy of article requesting contact from heirs of the Prince family
- Fldr 34 2.14.1881 From Sarah Barnes (formerly Segee) to Charles Boult. Sending paper with additional information on Mercy Ellis line back to Elizabeth Prince

- BOX 2 Fldr 35 2.19.1881 From Mrs. Barnes formerly Segee. Thomas Prince info
- Fldr 36 2.23.1881 From Mrs. Howard Lovell. Copy of notes re unsuccessful efforts to communicate with Humphrey
- Fldr 37 5.2.1881 From Sara Barnes to Charles Boult. No word from Humphreys. Has letter written in 1764.
- Fldr 38 5.25.1883 From Edw. Humphreys to C.W. Boult. Expects to leave England for Holland and return home in July.
- Fldr 39 5.29.1883 to Charles W. Boult Trip to Holland to see Rev. Prince, 102, and last will and testament of James Prince
- Fldr 40 5.29.1883 From Edward Humphreys, London, to Capt. C.W. Boult, Osterville. Visit in Holland with Peter Prince, age 102.
- Fldr 41 6.18.1883 From Nathan Elis, New Bedford to S. L. Boult. Letter from Humphrey.
- Fldr 42 7.1.1883 From Jess Noble Wing to Charles Boult. Note stating their family's interest in the Prince property claim.
- Fldr 43 7.17.1883 From J.N. Wing to Capt. Charles Boult. Surprised that C.B. was not aware of their branch of the Prince family.
- Fldr 44 7.27.1883 From Elmer Barnes, Wareham to Charles Boult Osterville. Surprised that letter gave names of her sister's children as claimants as she does not feel they are nearest living relatives.
- Fldr 45 9.19.1883 From N. L. Ellis, New Bedford, to Capt. Boult. Reply to letter of the 16th. Suggested visit with Humphreys.
- Fldr 46 9.29.1883 From Sarah S. Barnes, Wareham, to Charles Boult, Osterville. As she is in poor health she would like a list of heirs to determine if meeting could be in Wareham.
- Fldr 47 10.2.1883 From N.L. Ellis to Capt. Charles Boult requesting details for proposed meeting of heirs at Mrs. Barnes' in Wareham with Humphreys.

- BOX 2 Fldr 48 10.2.1883 from F. H. Leonard of Brookline to Capt. C.W. Boult of Osterville. Willing to share in Humphrey's expenses. States his mother is sister to J. N. Wing.
- Fldr 49 10.21.1883 From Mrs. Tamaleir Leonard, Brookline, to Capt. Charles Boult, Osterville. Request for info to be sent to her and list of 4 heirs.
- Fldr 50 11.1883 From Edw. Humphreys to C. W. Boult. Suggested contract language for an agreement re Prince clan.
- Fldr 51 11.8.1883 From Charles Boult to John P. Lovell. Copy suggesting acceptance of Humphrey's terms and services.
- Fldr 52 11.9.1883 From Eames Humphreys, New York, to Chares W. Boult. Offer of services. Power of Attorney form.
- Fldr 53 11.10.1883 From Sarah S. Barnes to Charles Boult, asking for any new info.
- Fldr 54 From Mrs. J. N. Newell, Caribou, Boulder City, CO to Capt. Boult. Interest in pursuing search with Humphreys. James Segee was her Uncle. Mrs. Leonard is her sister.
- Fldr 55 11.16.1883 From Nathan Ellis, New Bedford to Capt. Boult. States lawyer he has spoken to says Humphreys is a fraud and they should disassociate themselves from him.
- Fldr 56 11.26.1883 From Mrs. Elmer Barnes, Wareham to Capt. Charles Boult. Unhappy with Humphrey.
- Fldr 57 12.31.1883 From E. B. Humphrey, New York, to Charles Boult. Rather defensive letter justifying his expenses.
- Fldr 58 1.7.1884 Letter and postcard From Mrs. J.N. Newell, Caribou, Boulder, CO to Capt. Charles Boult. Expecting letter from England, etc.
- Fldr 59 1.7.1884 From W.L. Ellis, S.L. Boult, and C.L. Boult to E.B. Humphreys, NY. Declination of services.
- Fldr 60 1.7.1884 From N.L. Ellis to Capt. Charles Boult. Expressing dissatisfaction with Mr. Humphreys.
- Fldr 61 2.2.1884 From Sarah Barnes to Charles Boult. Reiterates dissatisfaction with Humphreys.

Box 2	Fldr 62	11.15.1885 From Nathan Ellis to Capt. C.W. Boult. Meeting in New Bedford proposed. Reflections on Humphrey's visit.
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