

## Hale/Currier Family Papers, 1774, 1832, 1882-1969, 1981, 1985

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 53
<b>Creator:</b>	Hale and Currier family members
<b>Title:</b>	Hale/Currier Family Papers
<b>Dates:</b>	1774, 1832, 1882-1969, 1981, 1985
<b>Size:</b>	5 boxes (3.085 linear feet)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection documents the lives of Walter Scott Hale, son of Henry Hosford Hale of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and his family in papers and photographs.

### Biographical Sketches

**Henry "Harry" Hosford Hale** was born on 7 July 1847, in Haverhill, Massachusetts, to Ezekiel James Madison Hale (1813-1881) and Lucy Lapham Parker (1816-1856). He married Harriet "Hattie" Smith (1850-1909) and they had two children: Nataline Baynard (1870-1902); and Walter Scott (1875-1922). Harry died on May 7, 1894, in Bradford, Massachusetts, at the age of 46.

**Walter Scott Hale** was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on 21 January 1875, to Henry Hosford Hale (1847-1894) and Harriet Smith Hale (1850-1909). He attended military school from age 9 to age 16. He belonged to Company F, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Haverhill) for about 2 years. He went to sea on the bark *Evie J. Ray* and sailed around Cape Horn. He served in the US Navy on the *USS Baltimore* from 1892 to 1894. He was discharged by purchase at Nagasaki, Japan. He served 3 years in the US 21<sup>st</sup> Infantry in the Philippines as a private and was on special detail with native scouts. For the last 6 months of that post, he served as a clerk in the Chief Commissary Office in Manila. He also served as personal aid on the staff of Gov. Curtis Guild. He was Commander-in-Chief of the United Spanish War Veterans 1907 to 1908. He became a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from Rockport in 1920.

He married Jessie Adalaide Pinckney (born 1875) on February 10, 1897, in Pittsford, Vermont. They divorced in 1903. He then married Harriet Nataline Currier (1875-1965), a first cousin, on

28 April 1903, in San Francisco, California, and they had three children together: Walter Scott (1906-1964); Nataline (1908-1985); and Nathan (1909-1910). Walter died on 20 May 1922, in Rockport, Massachusetts, at the age of 47, and was buried there.

**David Currier** was born in 1755 in Leslie, Scotland, to David Currier and Jean Christie. He went to America in the ship *Minerva* at the age of 18, landed in Boston in 1774. He was a tailor by trade and worked for a short time in Boston, but soon went to Chester, New Hampshire. When the Revolutionary War broke out, he enlisted in Capt. Hezekiah Hutchen's company, of Col. James Reid's regiment in May 1775. This regiment participated in the Battle of Bunker Hill on 17 June 1775. He also served in Capt. Dearborn's company of Col. Stickney's regiment. They marched from Chester, New Hampshire, and joined the Northern Continental Army in July 1777. Currier enlisted again in 1778 to served three years in Capt. John Gray's company of the 5<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Volunteers. Currier was made a sergeant in July 1779 and served to July 1781. David Currier married Mary Dinsmore (1764-1846) and settled near the Blanchard saw mill at Auburn Village in about 1778. They had six children: James (born 1785); Elizabeth (1787-1868); John (died 1823); Mary; Margaret (died 1884); and David (1800-1875). Currier died 1 April 1840 at the age of 85 in Chester, New Hampshire.

**John Charles Currier** was born in Auburn, New Hampshire on 19 September 1844, to David Currier (1800-1875) and Lydia Richardson Melvin (1806-1886). He attended Pinkerton Academy to prepare for college. In April 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company J, 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment Infantry New Hampshire Volunteers. They joined the Army of the Potomac. In 1863, he went with his regiment to join Sherman at Vicksburg, having been promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant. In 1864, he was ordered back to the Army of the Potomac. On 6 May 1864, he was severely wounded in the face, recovered in the hospital, was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and Captain, and led his company until he was again wounded by a bullet in the jaw in Virginia, which disabled him for the rest of the war. After the war, he was given a commission as Lieutenant in the 21<sup>st</sup> US Infantry Regular Army.

In 1867, he married Nataline Baynard Smith (1850-1902) in Manchester, New Hampshire. His regiment was ordered to California and he received orders to proceed to San Francisco via train. In 1870, he decided to give up Army life and bought a cattle ranch with Col. Watson Webb in San Luis Obispo County. He and Nataline had two children: Charles Waterman (1870-1893) and Harriet Nataline (1875-1965). He became an active member of the Masons. In 1893, he was appointed as Inspector General of the National State Guard in California. Later he was elected to the board of the Veterans' Home at Yountville, California, where he remained as a director until his death. At the time of his death, he was visiting his daughter in Brookline, Massachusetts and died there 14 December 1923.

**Harriet Nataline Currier Hale** was born in 1875 in California (probably San Miguel) to John Charles Currier (1842-1923) and Natalie Baynard Smith (1850-1902). She died in 1965.

**Nataline Hale Smith Roche** was born on 14 February 1908, in Brookline, Massachusetts, to Walter Scott Hale (1875-1922) and Harriet Nataline Currier (1875-1965). In the late 1930s, she

was a milliner in Northampton, Massachusetts. In 1937, she married Lester Martin (1893-1971) in New York City and they moved to Stamford, Connecticut. They had one daughter, Deborah. By 1940, she was divorced. She married Richard Smith of Hamilton, Massachusetts, in the 1940s; he adopted Deborah and her name was changed to Smith. They divorced in about 1950. She was a watercolorist who painted under the name Nataline Hale Smith. She later married Arthur T. Roche (1913-2001). She died in 1985 in Rye, New Hampshire.

**Waterman Smith** was born on 16 July 1816, in Smithfield, Rhode Island, to Waterman Smith (1796-1852) and Sally W. Hazard (1790-1877), who were Quakers. He was brought up on his father's farm and was educated from the time he was seven until he was fourteen years old in Greenville Academy. Then he was sent to Bolton Seminary, a Quaker institution in Bolton, Massachusetts. He remained there for four years, returning to Smithfield to learn the machinist's trade in his father's shop. He spent five years learning manufacturing in his brother's cotton mill in Cumberland, Rhode Island, then went to Thompson, Connecticut, to superintend the Slater Mills. He worked in mills for his entire career. During the existence of the Merrimack River Bank, he was one of its directors and after 1860, its president. In 1840, Smith married Anna C. Randall (1818-1905) and they had nine children together. Their five daughters lived to adulthood: Sarah Waterman (1845-1924); Harriet Newell (1850-1909); Nataline Baynard (1850-1902); Isabella A. (born 1852); and Nellie Florine (1853-1877). Waterman died in Manchester, New Hampshire, on 3 August 1892 of apoplexy.

## Arrangement

Series 1. Hale Family Papers, 1882-1981, undated

Subseries 1.1. Walter Scott Hale and Harriet Currier Hale, 1882-1922, 1946-1969, undated

Subseries 1.2. Walter Scott Hale, Jr. and Nataline Hale Smith Roche, 1906-1981, undated

Series 2. Currier Family Papers, 1774, 1832, 1886-1927, 1960, 1985, undated

Subseries 2.1. David Currier, 1774, 1832, 1895, 1985, undated

Subseries 2.2. John Charles Currier, 1886-1927, 1960, undated

Series 3. Other, 1965, undated

## Scope and Content Note

This collection documents the lives of Walter Scott Hale of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and his family in papers and photographs. It is organized into three series. Series one contains the papers of two generations of the Hale family, Walter Scott Hale and his wife, Harriet Currier Hale and their children, Walter Scott Hale, Jr. and Nataline Hale Smith Roche. It includes photographs of their grandchildren as well. It also includes information about Waterman Smith, Walter and Harriet's mutual grandfather. Series two contains the papers of two generations of the Currier family, David Currier, and his son, John Charles Currier and his wife, Nataline B. Smith Currier. It includes information about a relative, John Currier, who was a Newburyport,

Massachusetts, shipbuilder. Series three contains two items: photographs of an unidentified house and a color drawing of an unidentified lady in profile.

## Administrative Information

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<b>Separated Material:</b>	None.
<b>Conservation Notes:</b>	Photographs were sleeved to protect them. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper. Paperclips and staples were removed.
<b>Subjects:</b>	Currier, David, 1756-1840 Currier, John Charles, 1842-1923 Currier, John, 1802-1887 Currier, Nataline B. Smith, 1850-1902 Hale, Ezekiel James Madison, 1813-1881 Hale, Harriet Nataline Currier, 1875-1965 Hale, Jessie Pinckney, 1875- Hale, Walter Scott, 1875-1922 Hale, Walter Scott, 1906-1964 Military history Photographs Roche, Nataline Hale Smith, 1908-1985 Smith, Deborah Smith, Waterman, 1816-1892 United Spanish War Veterans United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865 United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Hale Family Papers, 1882-1981, undated

This series contains the papers of two generations of the Hale family of Haverhill. It contains two series: 1.1 Walter Scott Hale and Harriet Currier Hale and 1.2 Walter Scott Hale, Jr. and Nataline Hale Smith Roche.

#### Subseries 1.1: Walter Scott Hale and Harriet Currier Hale, 1882-1922, 1946-1969, undated

This subseries contains papers and photographs of Walter Scott Hale and his wife, Harriet Nataline Currier Hale, including legal papers, a speech, souvenir postcards, and a booklet on Spanish missions. It also includes information about Waterman Smith, Walter and Harriet's mutual grandfather.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Ezekiel James Madison Hale, reprint of will, undated [original will February 3, 1880]	HPL Safe	Item 1
Walter Scott Hale, photographs, 1882-1919, undated	1	1
Walter Scott Hale, divorce agreement from Jessie P. Hale, 1903, 1905	1	2
Walter Scott Hale, wedding certificate to Harriet Natalie Currier, 1903	1	3
Walter Scott Hale, United Spanish War Veterans scrapbook, 1907-1908	3	Vol. 1
Walter Scott Hale, correspondence, 1908-1922, undated	1	4
Walter Scott Hale, Representative election scrapbook, 1919-1922	4 OS	Vol. 1
Walter Scott Hale, speech to Spanish War Veterans at convention in Haverhill [4 copies], undated	1	5
Harriet Currier Hale, D. A. R. papers, 1899, 1965	1	6
Harriet Currier Hale, correspondence, 1909, 1922, 1946-1969, undated	1	7
Harriet Currier Hale, photographs, [1875], 1888, 1899, 1903-1963, undated	1	8
Harriet Currier Hale, photograph album, 1904, undated	1	9
California souvenir postcards, undated, and <i>A Rosary of California's Early Spanish Mission for the Indians on El Camino Real</i> , undated [1939]	1	10
Waterman Smith, genealogy, biography, obituary, 1892, undated	1	11
Waterman Smith, photograph of home, undated	FFC 5	Dwr 2

**Subseries 1.2: Walter Scott Hale, Jr. and Nataline Hale Smith Roche, 1906-1981, undated**

This subseries contains photographs of Walter Scott Hale, Jr., his children, Nataline Hale Smith Roche, and Nataline's daughter, Deborah Smith.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Walter Scott Hale, Jr., photographs of him as a child and adult and his children, 1906-1981, undated	1	12
Photograph album of "Nat & Walt as kids," 1908-1911, undated	4 OS	Vol. 2
Nataline Hale Smith Roche, photographs, 1908-1916, 1930, 1946, undated	1	13
Deborah Smith, photographs, undated	1	14
Hale family photographs, negatives, and postcards, 1932, 1947, 1965, undated	1	15

**Series 2: Currier Family Papers, 1774, 1832, 1886-1927, 1960, 1985, undated**

This series consists of two subseries: 2.1, David Currier; and 2.2, John Charles Currier.

**Subseries 2.1: David Currier, 1774, 1832, 1895, 1985, undated**

This subseries contains David's dismissal from his church in Scotland dated 1774, biographical and military history information, and two photographs.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Church dismissal, 1774, Revolutionary War claim, 1832, statement of military history, 1895, transcription of church dismissal, 1985, biography, undated	2	1
Photograph of his house, circa 1870	4 OS	1
Photograph, undated [circa 1870]	2	2

**Subseries 2.2: John Charles Currier, 1886-1927, 1960, undated**

This subseries contains correspondence, speeches, photographs, an obituary, a prayer book, and a transcription of a diary.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Photographs, etching of family village in Scotland, 1886, 1911, 1922, undated	2	3
Military history, correspondence, 1892-1927, undated	2	4
"Recollections", paper read before the George H. Thomas Post G. A. R, 1902; two other speeches, undated	2	5
Christmas card, 1919	2	6
Obituary, 1923	2	7
Transcription of a diary of his 1869 trip to San Francisco [2 copies], undated	2	8
Essays about the siege of Vicksburg and siege of Knoxville and East Tennessee campaign, undated	2	9
Nataline B. Smith Currier, <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , 1872	2	10
Nataline B. Smith Currier, correspondence and photograph, undated [circa 1900]	2	11
John Currier, Jr., information about, undated	2	12
Currier family photographs, 1890-1904, 1960, undated	2	13
Currier family small framed photographs (including tintypes), pin, round box, undated	5	

**Series 3: Other, 1965, undated**

This series contains two photographs of an unidentified house and a color drawing of an unidentified lady in profile.

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Photographs of "early house," 1965	2	14
Portrait of an unidentified lady, undated	2	15