

GIFFIN FAMILY GENEALOGICAL COLLECTION (1774-1992)
COLLECTION #78
4.5 FT.

Biographical

Simon Giffin was born in Ireland around 1711 and emigrated to the U.S. around 1738, marrying Jennet Lechman in the Boston area in 1739. He later lived in Halifax, Nova Scotia. This first generation Giffin had four children. In the 1880s, Dan Spafford Giffin of Heuvelton, NY, a direct descendent of Simon Giffin, began a quest to write a family genealogy. Through extensive travel and research in New England and Nova Scotia, Dan Giffin had compiled much information. A later generation of Giffin, Florence Giffin Martin, would continue her earlier relative's work and would publish *Simon Giffin and His Descendents* in 1971.

Scope and Content

The materials in the collection contain genealogical information on the Giffin family consisting of photos, diaries, correspondence, clippings, and publications (paper and microfilm) assembled by Florence Giffin Martin Johnson and Mary Giffin Strange. Includes material on Preston King, Doane family and Pemberton Johnson

Provenance

This collection was donated to St. Lawrence University by Florence "Billie" Giffin Martin Johnson.

Additional resource: *Simon Giffin and His Descendents* CS71.G85

<u>Box/Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>
1 1	General Family Sheets
2	Misc. Materials (Correspondence, photo, Newspaper clippings)
3	Misc. Materials (<i>Forum</i> magazine; Adirondack Council Special Report; <i>Nexus</i> magazine)
unfoldered	American Genealogist, Oct. 1964 Index to <i>Hough's History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties</i> <i>New England Historical and Genealogical Register</i> April, May, July 1991; April 1992 <i>The Connecticut Nutmegger</i> , March 1989; Dec. 1989; June 1990; Sept. 1990; June 1991; Sept. 1991; Dec. 1991; March 1992 <i>Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives</i> , 1964
2 4	Letters and newspaper articles containing vital statistics
5	Letters containing vital statistics
6	Marriage certificate, letter, statistics
7	Newspaper articles
8	Genealogy
9	Pencil sketch of Mrs. N.F. Giffin w/ note by Florence Giffin Martin
10	Record book with family information (belonging to Dan Giffin?)
11	Dan Giffin scroll of genealogical information w/ note by F.G.M.
12	Halifax diary of Dan S. Giffin
unfoldered	An address book Herman Giffin Diaries, 1876, 1887 <i>The Truth About Pilgrims</i> , Francis R. Stoddard <i>The Giffin Family Pioneers in America Prior to 1742</i> , Rev. Isaac Boyce <i>Giffin Genealogic Family History</i> , Rev. J.W. Giffin Microfilm rolls in acid-free box

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3	13	Genealogy, Current—David Lang – Heaton Thurlow
	14	Misc. correspondence and other papers
	15 & 16	Several Documents about early Giffins
	17	Case School—counseling and student evaluations (folder actually contains more correspondence to/from Florence Giffin Martin)
	18	Portfolio of Florence Martin (information on Johns-Manville corp and her specific work history)
	19	Early Nova Scotia data
	20	Mrs. John Giffin Strange
	21	Strange (family and general correspondence)
	22	Mrs. John G. Strange (more correspondence)
	23	List of Persons with Book
	24	Genealogy—other families news clippings and correspondence
	25	Stinehour Press (book publisher)
	26	Ken Giffin (correspondence)
	27	Replies from Genealogical letter (contains transcriptions of many civil war letters)
	28	Mrs. John Boyesen letters (Persis Boyesen)
	29	Mrs. Anne Borden Harding (correspondence)
	30	Correspondence—Re: Drafts from Nova Scotia
	31	Unidentified Giffins in Canada
	32	Nova Scotia references, etc. (includes Photocopy of Simon Giffin's Last Will and Testament)
	33	MLR Registration (appears to contain copies of Simon Giffin's (II) Revolutionary War records)
	34	Family tree forms
	35	Nova Scotia—Books out
	36	Worksheets—Nova Scotia
	37	Nova Scotia—Drafts in process
	38	Letters pertaining to Halifax trip, documents (Dan S. Giffin, 1881)
	39	Nova Scotia—water plans (correspondence)
4	40	Adirondack Life Magazine (Aug. 1991; Oct. 1991; Feb. 1992)
	41	Letters, photos
	42	Nova Scotia
	43	photos
	44	photos
	unfolded	67 photos in small envelopes—most are identified
	unfolded	9 photos in larger envelopes—all identified
		box of misc. items
		Large envelope labeled Judith H. Giffin
		large envelope—NS Gen Corresp., data, etc.—Current
		Nova Scotia The Old Summer newspaper
		The Supervisor Story, St. Lawrence County 1802-1973
		The Samuel Laughlin Family
		Pioneers and Descendents of Eastern Nova Scotia
		New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Oct. 1984
		Nexus newsletters, Feb. 1985; Oct-Nov. Dec. 1990
		Forum winter 1990
		Scottish Heritage, USA Newsletter, Dec. 1989
		Heritage Members News, Spring 1991
		20 issues of The Highlander magazine of Scottish Heritage 1988-1992
5	45 & 46	Giffin Family
	47	Mayflower & DAR data
	48	Early records, etc.
	49	Revisions (for Simon Giffin and his Descendents)
	50	Letters
	51	Records & Letters, etc.

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	Receipts
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	Letters, etc.
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	Book reviews, Comments
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	photos
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	various general items (pictures, letters, etc.)
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	[unlabeled] correspondence & info
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	Letter by Dan. S. Giffin concerning settlement of Preston King Estate
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	Burgess Jamieson correspondence
	60
	Diary and Letters (transcriptions of Halifax Diary entries of Dan Giffin)
	61-65
	Miscellaneous materials