

George L. Findlen collection on John Baker, 1787-2001

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Finding Aid

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Title: George L. Findlen collection on John Baker

Creator/Collector: Findlen, George L.

Collection number: MCC-00335

Shelf list number: UM-335

Dates: 1787-2001

Extent: 2 boxes (1.00 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from George L. Findlen, 2001.

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Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Not applicable.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

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Biographical information:

George L. Findlen III is the son of George Findlen Jr. and Irma Martin of Fort Fairfield and Van Buren, Maine. Mr. Findlen "is a retired academic administrator who has served as a faculty member or administrator at nine colleges and universities in seven states over thirty years. In retirement, he has re-invented himself as a genealogist, becoming certified in 2005. In addition to

researching his family and those of clients, he writes articles for publication and gives talks to genealogy groups. On Tuesdays, he tries to stay out of trouble by volunteering at the Wisconsin Historical Society Library, where he is part of the "Tuesdays with Lori" trio of volunteers in the Microforms Room. His genealogical research area focuses on the blended Acadian and French-Canadian families of Eastern Canada and New England, and he has published several articles involving them."¹

Scope and content:

This collection consists of materials used by George L. Findlen in his researching John Baker of the Saint John Valley, Maine. It includes a copy of his article, "Under His Own Flag: John Baker's Gravestone Memorial in Retrospect," research materials (including public documents), correspondence, and images. Subjects covered by the research materials include Adaline Slocomb Baker's petition and resolve; articles on John Baker and the Baker family land; the Barrell and Daveis reports; census information; materials on the first and second trials in 1828 and 1831 respectively; genealogies; legislation; and materials on the Northeast Boundary. Also contained in the collection is a copy of Roger Grindle's "William Dickey: The Duke of Fort Kent, Maine." from *Milestones from the Saint John Valley (The Turn of the Century)*. The images in the collection depict the Baker memorial in Riverside Cemetery, Fort Fairfield, Maine, as well as the Baptist church in St. Francis, Maine. Also included is an interpretation of the Baker flag, designed by Findlen and Christine Egnaczak.

Inventory:

Box 1:

- Folder 1: "Under His Own Flag: John Baker's Gravestone Memorial in Retrospect." Typescript with appendices. Dec. 2001 copy.
- Folder 2: Correspondence, 2000-2001.
- Folder 3: Research materials: Baker, Adaline Slocomb's petition and resolve, 1895.
- Folder 4: Research materials: Baker, John articles, 1911-2001.
- Folder 5: Research materials: Baker land, 1787-2001.
- Folder 6: Research materials: Barrell Report, 1828.
- Folder 7: Research materials: Books, 2000-2001.
- Folder 8: Research materials: Census information, 1830-1880.

¹Notes taken from the web: [New England Regional Genealogical Conference Exploring New Paths to Your Roots 6-10 April 2011 Springfield, Massachusetts](#)

Folder 9: Research materials: Correspondence relating to John Baker. Contemporary, photocopies of originals, 1827-1828.

Folder 10: Research materials: Daveis Report, 1828.

Folder 11: Research materials: Definitions, 2000.

Folder 12: Research materials: First trial, 1828.

Folder 13: Research materials: Flags, 2001.

Folder 14: Research materials: Genealogies, 1991-2001.

Folder 15: Research materials: Legislation, 1893-2001.

Folder 16: Research materials: Memorials, 1888-2001.

Folder 17: Research materials: Northeast Boundary, chapters and articles, 1901-2001.

Box 2:

Folder 18: Research materials: Notes, 2001.

Folder 19: Research materials: Second trial, 1831.

Folder 20: Research materials: *Star Herald, Northern Leader* articles regarding the 1895 memorial in Riverside Cemetery, 1895.

Folder 21: Research materials: Timelines and chronologies, 2001.

Folder 22: Research materials: Treaty items, 1842-2001.

Folder 23: Research materials: Various articles, 1827-2001.

Folder 24: Research materials: "William Dickey: The Duke of Fort Kent, Maine." from *Milestones from the Saint John Valley (The Turn of the Century)*, by Roger Grindle, 1977.

Folder 25: Images: Baker Memorial and Baptist church in St. Francis, Maine, 2000-2001.

Folder 26: Images: Baker flag, 1827. Interpretation by George Findlen and Christine Egnaczak, 2001.

Folder 27: Images: Baker Memorial, Riverside Cemetery, Fort Fairfield, Maine, 2001.