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**McLellan family**

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**Ca. 1852-1903**

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**Size:** .5 linear ft.

**Scope and Content note:** Letter (from Theodore in the California gold fields to wife in Maine – photocopies of original and typescript copy), scrapbooks, and a printed booklet (“Brunswick: a Brief History of the Growth and Development of the Town,” 1903)

**Biographical note:** Lieut. Theodore Stone McLellan was the son of Joseph McLellan Jr. & Rebecca Stone. Theodore was born 12 Dec 1811 in Gray, Maine, and died 9 July 1905 in Brunswick, Maine. He was buried at the Pine Grove Cemetery on the Bath Road in Brunswick. On Dec 4 1842 Theodore Stone McLellan married Mary Jane Owen in Brunswick. She was born 13 April 1822 and died 14 Dec 1904 in Brunswick. She was the daughter of John Owen (1784-1879) & Hannah Robinson (1788-1879).

They had three children:

1. Charles Theodore McLellan (born 2 Aug 1846 and died 14 Sep 1937 in Topeka, Kansas)
2. Charlotte Elizabeth McLellan (born 26 Oct 1844 in Brunswick and died Aug 1845)
3. Mary Louise McLellan (born 1 Oct 1850)

At the time of his death at age 93, Theodore McLellan was the oldest printer in the state. Having once worked in California gold mines, McLellan returned to his home state, where he had befriended Nathaniel Hawthorne & Franklin Pierce, and was the first publisher of Longfellow’s “Outre Mer, or Tales of the Sea.”

**See also:** Newspapers 3-35: "Zion's Herald and Wesleyan Journal," Portland and Boston, May 26, 1841 (contains obituary for Hannah Owen, sister of Mary Jane Owen McLellan)

Newspapers 3-40: "Placer Times and Register," San Francisco, September 1, 1852 (collected by T. S. Owen while in California)

Newspapers 1-43: "Regulator," Brunswick, 1836 (eight issues, T. S. McLellan was the editor at one time)

**Provenance:** Gift of Margaret "Peg" and Herb Skelly

### **Inventory:**

#### **Box 1**

**Folder 1:** Copy and transcript of letter (a.l.s) from T.S. McLellan to Mary McLellan, ca. 1852. Also, a photocopy of an obituary about Hannah E. Owen, Mary McLellan's sister.

**Folder 2:** Booklet: Brunswick, A Brief History of the Growth & Development of the Town; by F. Halcyon Chase, 1903 (includes manuscript notation on p. 32) – MHS has 3 copies of this book at M B838.15

**Env. 1:** Scrapbook of newspaper articles from Brunswick, Maine, ca. 1889. Mostly poetry and stories, but does contain references to the McLellan, Stone and Owen Families; various articles by Theodore Stone McLellan

**Env. 2:** Scrapbook of newspaper articles, ca. 1860s-1900, pasted into a printed book – contains local stories, including some referring to McLellan, Stone and Owen families