

## **Guide to the Chilion A. Trimble Correspondence, 1809-1861**

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### **Introduction**

Chilion Alexander Trimble was a descendant of one of the pioneer families of Crown Point. He was born September 13, 1798 at Crown Point, New York, died in March 1862, and is buried in the First Congregational ("Brick Church") Cemetery on the green in Crown Point village. He was the son of Alexander Trimble and Agnes Burwell and married Charlotte F. Stone on September 4, 1838. (Furness)

According to the 1850 census, his true occupation was that of a farmer (correspondence indicates that he had speculated in land). The same census showed that he had seven children between the ages of one and eleven. See also the Agricultural Section of the 1855 New York State Census (Furness).

Trimble served as Town Supervisor for Crown Point in 1831, 1833, 1834, and 1838, and was Essex County Sheriff between 1843 and 1846.

The collection is contained in one half-hollinger box. Most of the correspondence, especially in the later years, concerns land transactions, primarily with the law firm of Swetland and Beckwith (also Beckwith and Immin, and Beckwith and Johnson) of Plattsburgh, and Samuel Keese of Keeseville.

Of particular note are letters dealing with local and state politics from the mid-1830s to the mid-1860s. Included in this group is correspondence with Anson H. Allen, editor of the *Keeseville Herald*, and later the *Essex County Times* and the *Westport Herald*; and with Oliver Keese, a member of the prominent Keese family. These letters provide detailed accounts of contemporary Essex County politics.

This collection was donated to the Clinton County Historical Association by Mrs. Watson and Mrs. LaDue, and is on permanent loan to Special Collections.

### **Background Sources in Special Collections**

Smith, H. P. *History of Essex County, 1885*. Syracuse, N.Y.: D. Mason and Co., 1885.

“Sketch of the Life of Anson H. Allen.” *Plattsburgh Sentinel*, 1 Feb. 1891, 1.

Lonergan, Carrol Vincent. *Historic Crown Point*. Boston. Bruce Humphries, Inc., 1942. Special Collections Pamphlet 44/14.

Spaulding, Samuel. *History of Crown Point, N. Y. from 1800 to 1874*. Elizabethtown, N. Y.: Museum Resources and Educational Center. Special Collections Pamphlet 48/1.

### **Contents**

#### **Box 1: Correspondence**

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See also the **Trimble Family Papers Collection**, ca. 1795-1884 at the University of Michigan, William L. Clements Library, Manuscripts Division:  
<http://www.clements.umich.edu/Webguides/T/Trimble.html>