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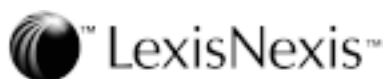
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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This edition has been selected from the holdings of the American Antiquarian Society by Dr. Ellen K. Rothman. The collections were selected for the light they shed on the lives and mentalities of New England women in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Because most women's lives then revolved around family responsibilities and relationships, the object has been to document women's lives in the context of their families. With one exception, collections that were selected include the prominent voices of women, ideally for several generations. The exception to this rule is the small James Ferdinand Fiske diary, which provides exceptional documentation on his courtship and social life with his fiancée. Family life is understandably a major and recurrent theme throughout all of the collections. Female voices are found in both letters and diaries on topics such as births, deaths, courtship, child rearing, marriage, social matters, and health conditions.

There are two collections that provide ample material on New England women in the late eighteenth century. These are the Bigelow Family Papers and the Shaw-Webb Family Papers. The Bigelow family collection richly documents the marital partnership of Abijah and Abigail (Gardner) Bigelow for two decades before and after 1800. Their correspondence covers child rearing, moral advice, and expressions of marital affection. Most of the letters were written while Abijah was serving his Leominster district either as a circuit riding justice of the peace or as a U.S. representative in Washington. The Shaw-Webb Family Papers contain correspondence to Anna Leonard Stetson Smith Shaw by her female cousins during the 1780s and 1790s.

Collections with several generations of female voices include the Bigelow Family Papers, the Anna Thaxter Quincy Cushing Diaries and Papers, the Draper-Rice Family Papers, and the Shaw-Webb Family Papers.

Several collections contain exceptional documentation on sibling relationships. The Chase Family Papers document close relationships between Lucy Chase and her sister, Sarah, as well as with her brother, Thomas. Lucy and Sarah Chase never married. They traveled together to the post-Civil War South as teachers of freedmen and freedwomen, and they traveled to Europe in the 1870s. A second collection that features sibling correspondence is the Gale Family Papers. This collection includes the correspondence of Frederick and Hannah Gale, who corresponded with each other throughout their lives. The early letters discuss school, family matters, and social life in Worcester, Massachusetts. Other letters discuss marriages, travel, and politics. The Shaw-Webb Family Papers contain a wealth of correspondence between five sisters.

Female education and intellectual development is also a significant theme in many of the collections. One of the best examples is the Chase Family Papers, where both diary entries and letters reveal the ambitious intellectual growth of Lucy Chase. The Gale Family Papers include correspondence about Hannah Gale's education at several schools, including her year studying with Margaret Fuller in Providence, Rhode Island, and her experience as a teacher. Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing's thirty-year diary

documents her literary interests throughout her lifetime and the education of her daughters. The diary of Evelyn Treat Hartford Webb, in the Shaw-Webb Family Papers, reflects on her education in the twentieth century.

Religion both inspired intellectual development and provided a context for social life for many of the women in the collections. Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing's diaries document the extent to which a local church could provide a focus for social life in the nineteenth century. This theme is also evident in the diaries of James Ferdinand Fiske, and Quaker religious sentiments can be found throughout the Chase Family Papers.

Female health and physical problems are documented in several collections, including the progress of morbid diseases, such as cancer and tuberculosis. Many of the collections also include information about medical care and treatment. Further, the Chase Family Papers contain correspondence discussing the physical and mental exhaustion of the Chase sisters after years of mission work in the South.

Careers both in the household and out of the household are also documented. For example, Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing's diary minutely details the domestic work of a nineteenth-century housewife. Outside the home, the career of Abigail Martin is documented in the Shaw-Webb Family Papers. The experiences of Nancy Colburn Hartford in a Colorado mining camp are also covered in the Shaw-Webb Family Papers. The careers of schoolteachers Hannah Gale and Lucy and Sarah Chase are discussed in the Gale Family Papers and the Chase Family Papers. The Bigelow Family Papers cover the fledgling career of Susan Green, an artist in Boston.

Many of the collections are valuable for the information they provide on the impact of national events on the lives of nineteenth-century women. The effects of the War of 1812 are documented in both the Bigelow Family Papers and the Shaw-Webb Family Papers. The immigration of Irish women and their employment as domestic workers are detailed in the diaries of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing. Slavery, abolitionism, and sectional strife are mentioned in many letters in the Chase Family Papers. Fugitive slave trials in Boston are noted in Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing's diary, propelling Anna to join in a sewing circle in support of the fugitives. Letters regarding fund-raising to save John Brown and letters from the Civil War front in Kansas can be found in the Chase Family Papers. The Chase sisters, Lucy and Sarah, began mission work with emancipated slaves in Virginia in 1863, and they write movingly of wartime conditions in the state. The correspondence of the Chase sisters from this period also discusses their impressions of freedmen and women, race riots, and Ku Klux Klan activities. The westward and southern migration of New Englanders during the nineteenth century is documented in the Shaw-Webb Family Papers. For example, there are letters on the California and Colorado gold rushes, and Julia Ann Draper Lazelle writes to her sister about frontier conditions in Florida in the 1830s. Reflections about economic conditions such as depressions and railroad development are scattered through many collections.

UPA has also microfilmed other materials from the American Antiquarian Society, as well as materials from the Newport Historical Society and the Rhode Island Historical Society, as part of *New England Women and Their Families in the 18th and 19th Centuries: Personal Papers, Letters, and Diaries*. These other parts are

Series A, Manuscript Collections from the American Antiquarian Society

Part 1: Selected New England Collections

Part 2: The Dewey-Bliss Family Collection

Series B, Selections from the Newport Historical Society

Part 1: Robinson and Williams Family Collections

Part 2: Selected Collections

Series C, Selections from the Rhode Island Historical Society

Part 1: Selected Collections

Part 2: Selected Collections

NOTE ON SOURCES

The manuscript collections reproduced for this edition were filmed from the holdings of the American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts. The descriptions of the collections provided in this user guide are adapted from inventories compiled by the society.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

In an effort to maintain the focus on the family and personal aspects of this edition, in some collections, series of files or volumes have been omitted from this edition. Omissions were made because the material in question was of tangential relevance to the family dynamics illustrated by other manuscripts. Examples of omitted material include professional papers, business ledgers, and some printed materials. Omissions are noted with targets on the microfilm.

REEL INDEX

The following is a listing of the folders comprising *New England Women and Their Families in the 18th and 19th Centuries: Series A, Manuscript Collections from the American Antiquarian Society, Part 3: Maine and Massachusetts Family Collections*. The four-digit number on the far left is the frame at which a particular file folder begins. This is followed by the file title, the date(s) of the file, and the total number of frames. Substantive issues are highlighted under the heading Major Topics. Prominent correspondents are highlighted under the heading Principal Correspondents.

Reel 1

Frame No.

Bigelow Family Papers, 1785–1883 Leominster, Worcester, and Boston, Massachusetts

This collection was generated by Abijah Bigelow (1775–1860) and members of his family between 1785 and 1883. Abijah Bigelow studied at Leicester Academy in New Ipswich, New Hampshire, and graduated from Dartmouth College in 1795. In 1798 he was admitted to the Worcester County bar. He served three terms as a Federalist congressman from Leominster, 1810–1815. In 1817 Bigelow moved to Worcester, Massachusetts.

The collection features many letters of Abijah Bigelow to his wife, Hannah Gardner (1780–1857), during their separations when he attended the Congress in Philadelphia and Washington. The letters are filled with news of congressional politics in the early national period, but they also discuss family affairs and illuminate both the daily life of a congressman and the home life of his family in Massachusetts.

There is a rich vein of correspondence between Sarah Bigelow Adams (1805–1886) and her sister, Susan Bigelow Greene, as well with their parents, Abijah and Hannah. This correspondence discusses family and social activities and travels in New England. Several of these letters include typescript commentaries by Daniel Berkeley Updike, a successor of the Bigelows.

The collection also includes letters of Susan Bigelow Greene (1809–1883) to her husband, Dr. Charles G. Greene of Windsor, Vermont, and letters from their daughter, Susan Elizabeth Greene. Susan Elizabeth wrote as a struggling artist in Boston while her father served in a Norfolk, Virginia, army hospital during the Civil War. There is a folio volume of transcripts of letters of Abijah Bigelow to his wife, evidently used to edit the correspondence for publication. Seven letters in the typescript do not appear to have originals in the collection. There are also letters of Seth Adams Jr. (1800–1866) to his Bigelow sisters-in-law concerning disposition of the estate of their late father, Abijah.

0001 **Introductory Materials.** 4 frames.

Box 1

- 0005 **Folder 1: Uncatalogued Deeds, Receipts, and Legal Papers, 1781–1875 and Undated.** 158 frames.
Major Topics: Children; land sales; trial testimony by African Americans; estate and will of Elizabeth Gardner; household utility bills.
Principal Correspondents: Elizabeth Bigelow Adams; Abijah Bigelow; Francis Gardner; Jabez Low; Edward Low; Elizabeth Gardner; Elisha Bigelow; Hannah Bigelow; Benson Bigelow; Lucy Bigelow; Sarah Bigelow; Alex Bigelow; Elmira Bigelow; John Coe; Anne Bigelow; Charles Wood Gardner.
- 0163 **Folder 2: Notebook of Abijah Bigelow; Essays, Drama, Dialogue, and Genealogical Information, [Undated].** 110 frames.
Major Topics: Philosophical thoughts; poetry; tariffs; Leicester Academy; genealogies of Bigelow, Gardner, and Adams families.
Principal Correspondent: David B. Updike.
- 0273 **Folder 3: Bigelow Family Papers, 1791–1811.** 114 frames.
Major Topics: Dartmouth College; Abijah Bigelow; children; national politics; child rearing.
Principal Correspondents: Abijah Bigelow; Elisha Bigelow; Sarah Bigelow.
- 0387 **Folder 4: Bigelow Family Papers, 1812.** 201 frames.
Major Topics: National politics; child rearing.
Principal Correspondent: Abijah Bigelow.
- 0588 **Folder 5: Bigelow Family Papers, 1813.** 174 frames.
Major Topics: National politics; child rearing; children's education.
Principal Correspondents: Abijah Bigelow; Hannah Bigelow.

Box 2

- 0762 **Folder 1: Bigelow Family Papers, January–August 1814.** 110 frames.
Major Topics: National politics; child rearing; children's education.
Principal Correspondent: Abijah Bigelow.
- 0872 **Folder 2: Bigelow Family Papers, September–December 1814.** 94 frames.
Major Topics: National politics; child rearing; children's education; War of 1812; destruction of Washington, D.C., by British military forces; slavery.
Principal Correspondent: Abijah Bigelow.

Reel 2

Bigelow Family Papers, 1785–1883 cont.

- 0001 **Collection Inventory.** 4 frames.

Box 2 cont.

- 0005 **Folder 3: Bigelow Family Papers, 1815–1825.** 110 frames.
Major Topics: National politics; child rearing; children's education; female social life.
Principal Correspondents: Abijah Bigelow; Sarah Bigelow; Hannah Bigelow.
- 0115 **Folder 4: Bigelow Family Papers, 1826–1859.** 232 frames.
Major Topics: Moral advice to children; female social life; travel to Providence, Rhode Island; Bigelow family genealogy; will of Abijah Bigelow.
Principal Correspondents: Abijah Bigelow; Sarah Bigelow; Elizabeth S. Salisbury; Susan Bigelow; H. J. Gardner; Sarah Bigelow Adams; Anne Bigelow; Richard Bigelow; Mary G. Bigelow.

- 0347 **Folder 5: Bigelow Family Papers, 1860–ca. 1883.** 145 frames.
Major Topics: Children; Civil War; employment of women; women artists; death of Frank Adams in U.S. Navy.
Principal Correspondents: Susan Elizabeth Greene; Seth Adams; Sarah Bigelow Adams.
- 0492 **Folder 6: Bigelow Family Papers, Uncatalogued Miscellaneous Items, [1825 and Undated].** 132 frames.
Major Topics: Susan Elizabeth Greene; sermons of Reverend Francis Gardner.
- 0624 **Octavo Volume: Typescripts of Letters of Congressman Abijah Bigelow to His Wife, 1810–1815.** 420 frames.
Major Topics: National politics; child rearing; children's education; War of 1812; destruction of Washington, D.C., by British military forces; slavery.
Principal Correspondent: Abijah Bigelow.

Reel 3

Chase Family Papers, c. 1787–1915

Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania

In 1819 Anthony Chase (1791–1879), son of Israel Chase, married Lydia Earle (1798–1852). She was the daughter of Pliny Earle, who developed the manufacture of machine-card cloth in the United States, and of Patience Buffum Earle, sister of Arnold Buffum, the antislavery lecturer. Anthony Chase was a man of varied interests—a Worcester merchant, part-owner of the *Massachusetts Spy*, official in a Worcester insurance company and in various banks, and an active member of the Quaker church. Anthony and Lydia had six children: Pliny Earle Chase (1820–1886), scientist and professor at Haverford College; Lucy Chase (1822–1909), teacher in contraband camps and freedmen schools in the South; Thomas Chase (1827–1892), classical scholar and president of Haverford College; Eliza Earle Chase (1829–1896); Charles Augustus Chase (1833–1911), treasurer of Worcester County and active participant in civic affairs; and Sarah Earle Chase (1836–1915), teacher with her sister Lucy. All three sons graduated from Harvard College.

This collection includes correspondence to and from all the members of the Chase family, but the majority of the items were generated by Anthony Chase and two of his children, Lucy and Charles Augustus. Much of the Anthony Chase material consists of legal documents and records pertaining to his estate. There is a very small amount of personal correspondence, a brief journal for 1815–1816, and a folder of commissions.

For Charles Augustus Chase there is a large collection of school essays; some personal correspondence; scattered issues of his publications, *The Bee* and *The Humble-Bee*; and one folder of business papers, including correspondence he had with two of his nephews, Alfred Chase and Arthur Hazen Chase. There are also three journals with accounts and brief diary entries (1845, 1864, and 1865).

Much of the correspondence to Lucy Chase is from her siblings, cousins, and school friends. There are also school compositions, notebooks, and fragments from a diary kept by Lucy.

The activities of Lucy Chase as seen through her diary fragments (beginning at Reel 5, Frame 0315) span the years 1841 through 1846 and encompass several geographic locations, including Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania. The diary fragments give an excellent overview of antebellum America. Lucy's gregarious style and her social awareness and critical sense provide both description and understanding of the religious and reform movements of the day. Reared as a Quaker and strongly influenced by Unitarianism, Lucy demonstrates the liberal and rationalist doctrines of the faiths by her eclectic church attendance and discerning remarks. Her involvement with Unitarianism brought her into contact with a network of notable Unitarian ministers, primarily from Boston and Philadelphia. She either met personally or attended the lectures of George Washington Burnap, James Freeman Clarke, Ezra Stiles Gannett, and Samuel Joseph May.

The relentless thrust for improvement and reform so characteristic of Jacksonian America is especially evident in Lucy's diary entries. She was influenced strongly by women's suffrage, temperance, and abolitionism and was interested in Millerism, mesmerism, Grahamism, and phrenology. These interests brought her into contact with another network of luminaries. Among them were abolitionist/reformers Wendell Phillips, Charles Burleigh, Alvan Stewart, Joshua Leavitt, La Roy Sunderland, John Gorham Palfrey, and William Wells Brown; also women's rights advocates Abby Kelley Foster and Lucretia Mott, educator Horace Mann, humorist/journalist Joseph C. Neal, and phrenologist Orson Squire Fowler. The influence of women's suffrage sharpened Lucy's sensitivity toward the precarious position of women in nineteenth-century America. She comments disapprovingly upon women's unequal status, whether it be within a religious context or the separation of men and women at abolition and temperance meetings. Fowler, the phrenologist, told her that she must not continue with her literary and political study because her brain was already too large. Distressed, Lucy writes, "I shall be obliged to lay aside my course of study and try to be a character that has always been unpleasant to me to contemplate, a very common character." She also writes, "I took Lucy Hind's place in the kitchen today—I presume Fowler would say that is the place for me."

Lucy's intermittent visits to Philadelphia provide glimpses into antebellum life in that city, including movements for improvement and social reform and bloody ethnic riots. The Kensington Riots of May 1844 were Nativist attacks on Irish Catholic immigrants that resulted in dozens of burnt homes and two burnt churches. She writes of soldiers in the city protecting Catholic churches and the dispersal of all meetings by the powers of authority. This marked the first time in Philadelphia's history that martial law was instituted. Included in Lucy's diary while visiting Philadelphia are comments on the Eastern State Penitentiary (which she calls "one of the wonders of America"), the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, and the city's numerous almshouses.

On a more personal level, the diary provides a wealth of information detailing Lucy's emotional and intellectual growth. As her understanding of the world around her increases, she comments extensively and keenly on slavery, inequality in general, the factory system, and the laboring classes. Her aspirations coincide with her growing interests as she comments, "Oh! How I wish I could go to college!" She experiences frustration, however, upon realizing that college is inaccessible to her after an evening of social discourse with her brother Pliny's friends, Edward Everett Hale and William Channing.

There are several interesting files of correspondence pertaining to female education, both from and to the Chase sisters. The correspondence file of Mary C. Todd Washburn at Reel 4, Frame 0443 consists of many letters to Lucy Chase from a female friend at Gothic Seminary in the 1830s. The Lucy Chase personal correspondence file at Frame 0006 of Reel 5 includes Lucy's correspondence from boarding school to her father Anthony in the 1830s. There are several Lucy Chase school composition books dating from this period beginning at Frame 0799 of Reel 5. These include essays that illuminate the development of her personal and political values.

Correspondence between siblings is also abundant in the collection. The Sarah Earle Chase correspondence file at Frame 0540 of Reel 3 includes letters to her sister Lucy narrating Quaker meetings. There are also files of correspondence from Elizabeth Earle Chase, Ellen Chase, Pliny Earle Chase, and Thomas Chase. These letters discuss family news; literary interests, and political topics such as temperance, moral reform, and abolition.

This collection also includes lengthy letters home to Worcester written by Sarah and Lucy Chase while they were teachers in the South (beginning in January 1863 in Virginia) describing their experiences and observations. Sarah, who was in poor health, stopped teaching in 1866, but Lucy continued in Virginia and Florida until 1869. In addition, other correspondents discuss southern mission work and Reconstruction politics. After teaching in the South, Lucy and Sarah Chase traveled in Europe, writing home letters and keeping fragmented journals. In 1902 Lucy visited Cuba and wrote several articles based on her observation of Cuban life and social customs.

As Union troops moved into the South toward the end of the Civil War, Lucy and Sarah wrote regularly in letters and diary fragments about the occupation. The sisters were able to secure numerous documents and papers from Confederate offices in recently vacated buildings in Richmond. These papers include an account book of a Richmond slave trader. This account book of slave trader R. H. Dickinson

and brother have been placed in the “Slavery in the America” Collection and can be found at Reel 6, Frame 0006.

Box 1

- 0002 **Collection Inventory and Genealogy.** 5 frames.
- 0007 **Folder 1: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “A” (except Maria Allen), [1817–1876].** 12 frames.
Major Topics: Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Virginia; missionary work in southern states.
Principal Correspondent: S. C. Armstrong.
- 0019 **Folder 2: Correspondence, Maria Allen, 1826–1845.** 51 frames.
Principal Correspondent: Maria Allen.
- 0070 **Folder 3: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “B,” [1838–1878].** 82 frames.
Major Topic: U.S. Army, superintendent of Negro affairs, Norfolk, Virginia.
Principal Correspondents: Elihu Burritt; F. W. Bird.
- 0152 **Folder 4: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “C” (except Eliza Earle Chase, Ellen Chase, Israel Chase, Matilda Butterworth Chase Earle, Pliny Earle Chase, Thomas Chase, and Sarah Earle Chase), [1839–1877].** 38 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; Freedmen’s Bureau; teachers.
Principal Correspondents: William Henry Channing; Mary Chase; C. Thurston Chase; Martha Chase.
- 0190 **Folder 5: Correspondence, Eliza Earle Chase, 1829–1896.** 70 frames.
Major Topics: Health conditions; temperance movement; moral reform and science lectures at Worcester Lyceum; literature; Ferdinand DeLesseps.
Principal Correspondent: Eliza Earle Chase.
- 0260 **Folder 6: Correspondence, Ellen Chase (from Salem, Massachusetts), [1845–1847].** 104 frames.
Major Topic: Philadelphia prison.
Principal Correspondent: Ellen Chase.
- 0364 **Folder 7: Correspondence, Israel Chase, 1760–1797; Matilda Butterworth Chase Earle, 1765–1843.** 41 frames.
Major Topics: Health conditions; Chase family biographies; marriage banns between Israel Chase and Matilda Butterworth; Quakers; will and estate of Israel Chase; religion.
Principal Correspondents: Matilda Butterworth Chase Earle; Israel Chase.
- 0405 **Folder 8: Correspondence, Pliny Earle Chase, 1820–1886.** 135 frames.
Major Topics: Harvard College; abolitionism; science; linguistics; American Philosophical Society; astronomy; biography of Pliny Earle Chase.
Principal Correspondent: Pliny Earle Chase.
- 0540 **Folder 9: Correspondence, Sarah Earle Chase, 1836–1915.** 142 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; Freedmen’s Bureau; travel in Europe by Sarah and Lucy Chase; teachers.
Principal Correspondent: Sarah Earle Chase.
- 0682 **Folder 10: Correspondence, Thomas Chase, 1827–1892.** 42 frames.
Major Topic: Travel in Europe by Lucy and Sarah Chase.
Principal Correspondents: Thomas Chase; Anthony Chase.
- 0724 **Folder 11: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “D,” [1864–1875].** 18 frames.
Major Topic: Missionary work in southern states.
Principal Correspondents: Rebecca Harding Davis; Henry Dickinson.
- 0742 **Manuscript Volumes (5), [1842–1850].** 151 frames.
Major Topics: Harvard College exercise books of Thomas Chase; personal finances of Thomas Chase; linguistics; Cambridge High School class book of Thomas Chase.

Box 2

- 0893 **Folder 1: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “E” (except Earle Family), [1864–1875].** 5 frames.
Major Topic: Missionary work in southern states.
Principal Correspondent: J. Wistar Evans.
- 0898 **Folder 2: Correspondence, Earle Family, [1818–1868].** 74 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; Freedman’s Relief Society of Worcester.
Principal Correspondents: Pliny Earle; Maria Earle; Anne Earle; Phoebe Earle; Lydia Earle; Florence Earle.
- 0972 **Folder 3: Correspondence, Earle Family Documents, [1819–1855].** 71 frames.
Major Topic: Land ownership.

Reel 4

Chase Family Papers, c. 1787–1915 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 4 frames.

Box 2 cont.

- 0006 **Folder 4: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “F,” [1855–1875].** 14 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; European tour of Lucy and Sarah Chase.
Principal Correspondents: Charlotte Forten; Sarah Folger.
- 0020 **Folder 5: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “G,” [1845–1873].** 34 frames.
Major Topics: Abolitionism; European travel of Lucy and Sarah Chase.
Principal Correspondents: Joseph Gibbons; William Lloyd Garrison.
- 0054 **Folder 6: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “H,” [1824–1875 and Undated].** 66 frames.
Major Topics: Quaker meetings; courtship; missionary work in southern states; U.S. Sanitary Commission; Soldiers Memorial Society; health conditions; European travel.
Principal Correspondents: Sarah Earle Chase; Edwin Hale; Angela Heywood; Caroline Heywood; O. W. Holmes; Isabella Beecher Hooker.
- 0120 **Folder 7: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “J”–“L,” [1846–1870].** 22 frames.
Major Topics: Abolitionism; runaway slaves; missionary work in southern states; temperance; European travel.
Principal Correspondent: S. S. Jocelyn.
- 0142 **Folder 8: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “M”–“N,” [1852–1911].** 31 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; European travel.
Principal Correspondents: Bessie McElrath; Sarah R. May; Albert D. Merriam.
- 0173 **Folder 9: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “O”–“P,” [1814–1869].** 30 frames.
Major Topics: Students; missionary work in southern states.
Principal Correspondents: A. Y. Pillsbury; Wendell Phillips.
- 0203 **Folder 10: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “R,” [1852–1907].** 19 frames.
Major Topics: Ku Klux Klan murders of freedmen; missionary work in southern states; Educational Commission for Freedmen; European travel.
Principal Correspondents: S. L. Rafe; L. B. Russell.

- 0222 **Folder 11: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “S”–“T” (except Hannah E. Stevenson), [1839–1876 and Undated].** 126 frames.
Major Topics: Abolitionism; slavery; Savannah, Georgia; courtship; John Brown clemency movement; missionary work in southern states; American Missionary Association; Society to Encourage Studies at Home.
Principal Correspondents: Henry Sargent; Mary Townsend; Hannah Townsend; Rebecca B. Spring; Sarah Tappan (Mrs. Lewis); Stephen Salisbury; Edward P. Smith; L. I. Trumbull.
- 0348 **Folder 12: Correspondence, Hannah E. Stevenson, [1864–1866 and Undated].** 33 frames.
Major Topics: U.S. Sanitary Commission; missionary work in southern states; New England Educational Commission for Freedmen; New England Freedman’s Society.
Principal Correspondent: Hannah E. Stevenson.
- 0381 **Folder 13: Correspondence, Miscellaneous “U”–“W” (except Mary C. Todd Washburn), [1815–1876].** 62 frames.
Major Topics: Religion; missionary work in southern states; Mayhew Society; European travel.
Principal Correspondents: Eustatia Underhill; Elizabeth Wilson; John Winslow; John Greenleaf Whittier; C. B. Wilcher; Theodore Dwight Weld; Horatio Ware.
- 0443 **Folder 14: Correspondence, Mary C. Todd Washburn, [1837–1870 and Undated].** 129 frames.
Major Topics: Female education; Gothic (female) Seminary.
Principal Correspondent: Mary C. Todd Washburn.
- 0572 **Folder 15: Correspondence, Unidentified, [1847–1873 and Undated].** 65 frames.
Major Topics: Education of children; slavery and sectional crisis; Civil War letters from Kansas; family of John Brown; missionary work in southern states; poetry; assassination of Abraham Lincoln; European travel of Lucy and Sarah Chase.
Principal Correspondents: J. E. Oliver; Julia A. Rutledge.

Box 3

- 0637 **Folder 1: Journal and Personal Correspondence of Anthony Chase, 1815–1816.** 130 frames.
Major Topics: Poetry; travel to New York City.
Principal Correspondents: Anthony Chase; Lydia Earle Chase.
- 0767 **Folder 2: Anthony Chase, Estate, [1837–1907].** 74 frames.
- 0841 **Folder 3: Anthony Chase, Estate, [1829–1889].** 96 frames.
- 0937 **Folder 4: Anthony Chase, Deeds and Legal Papers, [1798–1866 and Undated].** 39 frames.
- 0976 **Folder 5: Anthony Chase Commissions, [1833–1875].** 21 frames.
Major Topic: Justice of the peace, Worcester County, Massachusetts.

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Chase Family Papers, c. 1787–1915 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 4 frames.

Box 4

- 0006 **Folder 1: Lucy Chase, Personal Correspondence, [1838–1870 and Undated].** 224 frames.
Major Topics: Civil War; missionary work among in southern states; students.
Principal Correspondent: Lucy Chase.

- 0230 **Folder 2: Lucy Chase, Personal Correspondence, Trip to Europe, 1870s, and Unbound Essays, [1870–1902 and Undated].** 85 frames.
Major Topics: European travel; Cuba travel; Maine mountaineering.
Principal Correspondent: Lucy Chase.
- 0315 **Folder 3: Lucy Chase, Diaries (Fragments), [1841–1846].** 177 frames.
Major Topics: Intellectual and political interests; travel to New York City; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Worcester, Massachusetts; women’s suffrage; temperance movement; abolitionism; phrenology.
- 0492 **Folder 4: Lucy Chase, Letters from Students, [1864–1870 and Undated].** 44 frames.
Major Topics: Slavery; freedmen and freedwomen.
- 0536 **Folder 5: Lucy Chase, Miscellaneous, including Passes, Invitations, and Notes, [1846–1869].** 30 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; race riot in Norfolk, Virginia; postwar conditions in southern states.
- 0566 **Octavo Volume 1: Account Book, 1814–1816 and 1870–1876.** 60 frames.
- 0626 **Octavo Volume 2: Album of Pliny Chase to His Sister, Lucy Chase, 1841.** 41 frames.
- 0667 **Octavo Volume 3: Diary, [1845 and Undated].** 55 frames.
- 0722 **Octavo Volume 4: Diary of Voyage of Lucy Chase, 1845.** 42 frames.
- 0764 **Octavo Volume 5: Song Book of Lucy Chase, 1855.** 35 frames.
- 0799 **Octavo Volume 6: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, [1840s].** 19 frames.
- 0818 **Octavo Volume 7: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, [1840s].** 25 frames.
- 0843 **Octavo Volume 8: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, 1838.** 36 frames.
Major Topic: Slavery.
- 0879 **Octavo Volume 9: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, [1838].** 25 frames.
- 0904 **Octavo Volume 10: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, 1832.** 7 frames.
- 0911 **Octavo Volume 11: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, 1837.** 10 frames.
- 0921 **Octavo Volume 12: School Composition Book of Lucy Chase, 1837.** 16 frames.
- 0937 **Octavo Volume 13: Letter Book and Notebook of Lucy Chase, [1860s].** 35 frames.
Major Topics: Missionary work in southern states; Richmond, Virginia, slave market.
- 0972 **Octavo Volume 14: Poetry Book, [1878].** 23 frames.

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Chase Family Papers, c. 1787–1915 cont. “Slavery in America” Collection

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 4 frames.
- 0006 **Octavo Volume of Richmond Virginia Slave Sales of Dickinson Hill & Company, Taken by Sarah Chase While Working with Freedmen in 1865 and Used by Her for Her diary, [1855–1865].** 70 frames.
Major Topics: Slave sales; missionary work in southern states; European travel.

Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing Diaries and Papers, 1816–1918 Dorchester, Massachusetts

Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing (1825–1900), the daughter of Edward Thaxter (1784–1841) and Susan Joy (Thaxter) Thaxter (1791–1837), was born on October 24, 1825, in Hingham, Massachusetts. Both Anna’s family and that of her husband, Dr. Benjamin Cushing (1822–1895), son of Jerome Cushing

(1780–1824) and Mary (Thaxter) Cushing (1784–1867), were among the first settlers of the town of Hingham.

After the untimely death of her parents, Anna left Hingham to attend school in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and shortly thereafter she settled in Dorchester. As the eldest child, Anna became responsible for the care of her sister, Susan Barker Thaxter (1827–1849), and her brother, Edward Thomas Thaxter (1832–1859). Susan married Henry Hunter Peters in 1848 and died soon after giving birth to Edward Dyer Peters in 1849.

Anna married her cousin, Benjamin Cushing, on January 5, 1848. He had received his education in the Derby Academy (Hingham, Massachusetts), Harvard College (class of 1842), and Harvard Medical School (class of 1846). He studied in Paris for a year following graduation. Except for the period during the Civil War in which he served as a volunteer surgeon at Fortress Monroe (Hampton, Virginia), he lived and practiced in Dorchester.

The Cushings' four children were all born in Dorchester. They were Mary (b. 1848), who married Joseph Richmond Churchill in 1871; Edward Thaxter (b. 1851); Annie Quincy (b. 1857), who married her cousin, Edward Dyer Peters, in 1881; and Susan Thaxter (b. 1863).

The First Church (Unitarian) in Dorchester was a center of Anna's many activities. She belonged to its various sewing groups formed to aid the needy or benefit a cause and was also a member of its choir. Music was one of Anna's passions and indeed was an interest of the entire Cushing family.

Nearer home, Anna's charitable instincts benefited the young Irish women—nearly all of whom were named Mary—who came to work for her. Her kindness to them resulted in friendships that in the cases of Mary Desmond, Mary Gately, and Margaret Gately lasted for years.

This collection contains thirty-one octavo volumes that cover most of the years 1844 to 1875 (the years in which her husband Benjamin was away in the army are notably missing). The diaries record Anna's daily activities and news of the extended Thaxter-Cushing family. Many members of this family lived in Dorchester and nearby Hingham. Though Anna had relatives living in Bolton, Deerfield, and Cambridge, they were near enough to be a vital part of Anna's life. Anna pays particular attention in her diary to the career of her brother, Edward Thaxter, a seafarer who sailed to many points around the world and who survived shipwrecks and other perils of the sea.

Anna was an intelligent, articulate, and sympathetic observer of her world. She saw herself as a homemaker, mother, and wife. When her domestic duties were completed—although she noted that the sewing was never finished—she liked to visit friends, read, sing, play the piano, and attend lectures and concerts. The diaries reveal a woman of charitable disposition anxious to be of service to her family and community, grateful for her blessings, but sometimes wishing to escape from the confines of the cult of domesticity—"Oh dear I wish I had the faculty of turning off work a little more." Despite the work, Anna seemed to be more than a little satisfied with Wednesday's spotless sugar bowls, castors, and saltcellars; Friday's clean swept house; and the jars of pear preserves on the shelf.

This collection also contains two folders of correspondence to or from various members of the Thaxter-Cushing family, including early letters from Anna's mother, Susan Joy Thaxter, to her mother, Anna Thaxter; letters from Benjamin Cushing to Anna shortly before their marriage; and letters of condolence regarding the deaths of Susan Joy Thaxter, Thomas Thaxter, and Edward Thaxter. Additionally there are four photographs: two of Benjamin Cushing and one each of Mr. and Mrs. Darius Brewer, grandparents of Joseph Richmond Churchill.

0076 **Collection Inventory.** 10 frames.

0086 **Octavo Volume 1: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, January 21, 1844–January 20, 1845.** 12 frames.

Major Topics: Female diarist motivations; literary interests; warfare; religious sentiments; personal ethics.

0098 **Octavo Volume 2: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, January 1–July 3, 1846.** 38 frames.

Major Topics: Cushing and Thaxter family news; social life; literary interests; musical interests; European travel.

- 0136 **Octavo Volume 3: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, July 4–October 23, 1846.**
52 frames.
Major Topics: Family visits; social life; local travel; beach visits to Nantasket Beach; religious services; literary interests.
- 0188 **Octavo Volume 4: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, October 24, 1846–May 13, 1847.**
51 frames.
Major Topics: Female education; abolitionism; medical practices; Irish famine; European travel; family visits; social life; religious services.
- 0239 **Octavo Volume 5 [numbered 6 in original; original volume 5 is missing from the collection]: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, October 24–December 31, 1847.** 15 frames.
Major Topics: Courtship; wedding; social life; family visits; religious services.
- 0254 **Octavo Volume 6: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, January 1–September 23, 1848.**
51 frames.
Major Topics: Wedding of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing; Irish domestic workers; literary interests; commission merchants; social life in Hingham, Massachusetts; health conditions and remedies; juvenile runaways; religious services.
- 0305 **Octavo Volume 7: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, September 24, 1848–May 25, 1850.** 50 frames.
Major Topics: Birth of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing’s daughter, Mary; travel to China by Edward Thaxter (brother of Anna); birth of Edward Peters Cushing to Susan Cushing; death of Susan Cushing (sister of Anna); religious services; social life; family visits; health conditions and remedies.
- 0355 **Octavo Volume 8: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, February 16–August 15, 1851.**
68 frames.
Major Topics: Fugitive slave case (Sims) in Boston; social life; family visits; fugitive slaves; health conditions; travel to California; boating; religious services.
- 0423 **Octavo Volume 9: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, April 1, 1852–July 16, 1853.**
97 frames.
Major Topics: Travel to Niagara Falls, Canada, and Hudson Valley, New York; Irish domestics; musical interests; social life; family visits; religious services; boating.
- 0520 **Octavo Volume 10: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, July 17, 1853–April 29, 1854.**
65 frames.
Major Topics: Education of Mary Cushing; conversions to Catholicism; death in childbirth of Ellen May; child rearing; fugitive slave sewing society; social life; family visits; religious services; musical interests; antislavery fair; sewing society for relief of the poor; Irish domestics; health conditions and remedies.
- 0585 **Octavo Volume 11: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, May 1–November 30, 1854.**
68 frames.
Major Topics: Boating; fugitive slave case in Boston (Burns); travel to beach; musical interests; health conditions; Irish domestics; religious beliefs of Anna Q. T. Cushing; social life; family visits; charity for Children’s Mission of Boston.
- 0653 **Octavo Volume 12: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, December 1, 1854–September 22, 1855.** 82 frames.
Major Topics: Voyages to California and India; local travel; Fourth of July celebrations; antislavery preachers; social life; family visits; Irish domestics; religious services.

- 0735 **Octavo Volume 13: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, March 9–July 26, 1856.**
37 frames.
Major Topics: Voyage to Europe; female education of daughter Mary Cushing; child rearing; sectional politics; beating of Charles Sumner in U.S. Senate; health conditions; medical practices; Fourth of July celebrations; social life; family visits; religious services; Irish domestics.
- 0772 **Octavo Volume 14: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, July 27–October 11, 1856.**
27 frames.
Major Topics: Child rearing; boating; local travel; horse riding; antislavery sewing societies; family visits; social life; religious services.
- 0799 **Octavo Volume 15: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, October 12, 1856–March 6, 1858.** 98 frames.
Major Topics: Child rearing; musical education; medical remedies (leeches); presidential campaign of John C. Fremont; Irish domestics; boating; education of male and female children; health conditions; sewing machines; dental practices; boarding school; musical interests; social life; family visits; religious services.
- 0897 **Octavo Volume 16: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, January 1–20, 1864.** 7 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; family visits; child rearing.
- 0904 **Octavo Volume 17: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, January 16–January 31, 1867.**
7 frames.
Major Topics: Weather conditions; social life; family visits.
- 0911 **Octavo Volume 18: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, April 1–August 31, 1857.**
78 frames.
Major Topics: Wedding; boating; hunting vacations; death of mother-in-law; travel to Nantasket Beach; social life; family visits; religious services.

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Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, Diaries and Papers, 1816–1918 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 10 frames.
- 0012 **Octavo Volume 19: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, September 1, 1867–March 14, 1868.** 100 frames.
Major Topics: Boating; telegraph technology; education of Mary and Susan Cushing; death of brother Edward Thaxter; church sewing circle; musical interests; social life; family visits; religious services.
- 0112 **Octavo Volume 20: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, March 15–July 18, 1868.**
66 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; musical interests; health conditions; Frances Kemble; literature; Irish domestics; courtship of daughter Mary by Joseph Churchill; family visits; religious services.
- 0178 **Octavo Volume 21: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, July 19, 1868–February 13, 1869.** 101 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; family visits; lumber industry; Irish domestics; education of Annie and Susan Cushing; musical lessons; health conditions; Freedmen's Aid Society; Edward Cushing's acting career.
- 0279 **Octavo Volume 22: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, February 14–June 19, 1869.**
63 frames.
Major Topics: Sewing machines; Irish domestics; health conditions; sewing circle for charity; dental practices; social life; family visits; religious services.

- 0342 **Octavo Volume 23: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, June 20–October 30, 1869.** 64 frames.
Major Topics: Death of relatives; social life; family visits; legal career of Joseph Churchill; musical interests.
- 0406 **Octavo Volume 24: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, October 31, 1869–July 24, 1870.** 121 frames.
Major Topics: Musical interests; social life; Irish domestics; Edward Cushing; health conditions; literary interests; Harriet Beecher Stowe; William Henry Channing; family visits; religious services.
- 0527 **Octavo Volume 25: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, July 25–December 3, 1870.** 67 frames.
Major Topics: Health conditions (cancer); Franco-Prussian War; local travel; family visits; social life; religious services.
- 0594 **Octavo Volume 26: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, December 4, 1870–April 5, 1871.** 64 frames.
Major Topics: Legal career of Joseph Churchill; wedding of daughter Mary; social life; vacations; family visits; religious services.
- 0658 **Octavo Volume 27: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, February 18–October 31, 1872.** 57 frames.
Major Topics: Musical interests; Irish domestics; education of daughter Annie Cushing; social life; family visits; religious services.
- 0715 **Octavo Volume 28: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, January 1–February 15, 1873.** 26 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; family visits; religious services.
- 0741 **Octavo Volume 29: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, February 16–March 20, 1873.** 19 frames.
Major Topics: Health conditions; dental practices; social life; family visits; religious services.
- 0760 **Octavo Volume 30: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, April 6–September 23, 1873.** 41 frames.
Major Topics: Real estate; Barnum’s Circus; Irish domestics; insanity; travel to western states; family visits; social life; religious services.
- 0801 **Octavo Volume 31: Diary of Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing, April 1–7, 1875.** 8 frames.
Major Topics: European travel; family visits; social life.
- 0809 **Miscellaneous Manuscripts, “C,” Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing Papers, Photographs and Letters, 1816–1841 and Undated.** 35 frames.
Major Topics: Death of Susan Joy; social life; European travel; Thaxter family genealogy.
Principal Correspondents: Susan Joy Thaxter; Edward Thaxter.
- 0844 **Miscellaneous Mansucripts, “C,” Anna Quincy Thaxter Cushing Papers, Letters, 1842–1918.** 26 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; courtship.
Principal Correspondents: Benjamin Cushing; Susan Joy Thaxter.

Draper-Rice Family Papers, 1745–1868 Spencer, Massachusetts

The Draper-Rice Family collection documents three generations of this Spencer and Worcester, Massachusetts, family. A central figure in the collection is Sophia Amelia Draper White (1811–1867). She leaves an extensive correspondence with her father, James Draper Jr. (1778–1868), a farmer and justice of the peace in Spencer. There is also correspondence with her husband, Moores White, during

their frequent physical separations, and also with her sisters, Emeline, Julia Ann, and Lucy, and with her children, Lucy and Albert.

James Draper Jr. was a farmer, teacher, state legislator, justice of the peace, and town official in Spencer, Massachusetts. Draper served as justice of the peace for more than fifty years, presiding over civil and criminal actions, performing marriages, surveying and executing deeds, and probating wills. He was a town clerk, selectman, assessor, and treasurer, in addition to holding other town offices. He served twelve terms in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and two in the Senate. He also wrote a *History of the Town of Spencer, Massachusetts* (Worcester: Spooner and Howland, 1841).

The collection contains business and family correspondence, diaries, legal papers, deeds, wills, account books, court records, and miscellaneous poetry. Only the family correspondence has been filmed for this edition. There is correspondence between and among Sophia Amelia Draper White and her parents, as well as her sisters, Emeline Draper Rice, Julia Ann Draper Lazelle, and Lucy Watson Draper Rider. There is correspondence between and among Sophia Amelia Draper White, her husband, Moores Mirick White, and their children, Lucy D. White and Albert M. White, as well as correspondence between Moores Mirick White and his brother, Cheney White. There is also family correspondence between and among Emeline Draper Rice, her husband, William Rice (1803–1882), and their three children, William Ellis Rice (1833–1919), James Draper Rice (b. 1832), and Lucy W. Rice.

Many of the family members lived in several locations. Sophia Amelia and Moores White moved to Cleveland, Ohio, then to Syracuse, New York, then to New York City, and finally to Brooklyn. Sister Julia Ann Draper Lazelle moved to Jacksonville, Florida, in the 1830s and her letters detail frontier conditions in that state.

0870 **Collection Inventory.** 6 frames.

Box 1

0876 **Folder 1: James Draper Jr. and Lucy Watson Draper to Sophia Amelia Draper White and Moores Mirick White, 1838–1847.** 148 frames.

Major Topics: Family news; social life; Spencer, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondents: James Draper Jr.; Lucy Watson Draper.

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Draper-Rice Family Papers, 1745–1868 cont.

0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

Box 1 cont.

0007 **Folder 2: James Draper Jr. to Sophia Amelia Draper White and Moores Mirick White, 1848–1867.** 105 frames.

Major Topics: Family news; social life; Spencer, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondent: James Draper Jr.

0112 **Folder 3: Emeline Draper Rice to Sophia Amelia Draper White, 1838–1854.** 77 frames.

Major Topics: Family news; health conditions; social life; Brooklyn, New York; Spencer, Massachusetts; Worcester, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondent: Emeline Draper Rice.

0189 **Folder 4: Julia Ann Draper Lazelle to Sophia Amelia Draper White, 1832–1840.** 54 frames.

Major Topics: Social life; Jacksonville, Florida; Spencer, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondent: Julia Ann Draper Lazelle.

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- 0243 **Folder 5: Lucy Watson Draper Rider to Sophia Amelia Draper White, 1840–1853.** 65 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; New York City; European travel.
Principal Correspondents: Lucy Watson Draper Rider; Emory Rider.
- 0308 **Folder 6: Sophia Amelia Draper White to Her Parents, 1835–1855.** 138 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Cleveland, Ohio; Syracuse, New York; New York City; Brooklyn, New York.
Principal Correspondent: Sophia Amelia Draper White.
- 0446 **Folder 7: Moores Mirick White and Sophia Amelia Draper White to Her Father James Draper Jr., 1856–1868.** 143 frames.
Major Topics: Family news; social life; New York City; 1863 draft riots; vacation in New Hampshire; health conditions; death of Sophia Amelia Draper White.
Principal Correspondents: Sophia Amelia Draper White; Moores Mirick White.
- 0589 **Folder 8: Sophia Amelia Draper White to Her Sisters, 1838–1865.** 52 frames.
Major Topics: Family news; social life; Cleveland, Ohio; New York City; Brooklyn, New York.
Principal Correspondent: Sophia Amelia Draper White.

Box 2

- 0641 **Folder 1: Sophia Amelia Draper White to Her Husband, 1841–1862.** 36 frames.
Major Topics: Family news; social life; Spencer, Massachusetts.
Principal Correspondent: Sophia Amelia Draper White.
- 0677 **Folder 2: Moores Mirick White to His Wife, Sophia, 1841–1857.** 80 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Syracuse, New York; New York City.
Principal Correspondent: Moores Mirick White.
- 0757 **Folder 3: Moores Mirick White to His Brother, Cheney White, 1848–1850.** 32 frames.
Major Topics: Family news; railroad construction.
Principal Correspondent: Moores Mirick White.
- 0789 **Folder 4: Albert M. White to His Grandfather, James Draper Jr. , [and] to His Parents, Moores and Sophia White; Lucy White to Her Parents, Moores and Sophia White, 1853–1868.** 88 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Spencer, Massachusetts; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, mineral springs treatments; structural iron business.
Principal Correspondents: Albert M. White; Lucy White.
- 0877 **Folder 5: William Rice and Emeline Draper Rice to James Draper Rice and Lucy W. Rice, 1852–1855.** 114 frames.
Major Topics: Parental advice; social life; Worcester, Massachusetts.
Principal Correspondents: William Ellis Rice; Emeline Draper Rice.

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Draper-Rice Family Papers, 1745–1868 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

Box 2 cont.

- 0007 **Folder 6: William Ellis Rice to His Parents, William Rice and Emeline Draper Rice, 1846–1856.** 85 frames.
Major Topics: Children; education; Leicester Academy; male boarding school; parental advice; social life; Worcester, Massachusetts.
Principal Correspondents: William Ellis Rice; Emeline Draper Rice.
- 0092 **Folder 7: Miscellaneous Family Correspondence, 1745–1851, Especially Letters to Sophia Amelia Draper White.** 109 frames.
Major Topics: Death of John Draper; parental advice; social life; Worcester, Massachusetts.
Principal Correspondents: James Draper Jr.; Desire Draper; Lucy Watson Draper; Margaret Ann White; Calista Draper; Sophia Harrington; Mary D. Parsons; William A. Draper; Nathan White; Emeline Draper Rice.
- 0201 **Folder 8: Miscellaneous Family Correspondence, 1852–1868, Especially Letters to Moores Mirick White.** 75 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Leicester Academy; structural iron business.
Principal Correspondents: Lucy W. Rice; William Ellis Rice; John White; Lucy W. Rider; A. C. White; Lucy Harrington.

James Ferdinand Fiske, Diaries, 1857–1860
[Holliston, Massachusetts]

James Ferdinand Fiske (1841–1909) of Holliston, Massachusetts, was the son of Ferdinand Fiske (1896–1883) and Sarah Q. Clarke Fiske (1809–1893) and the grandson of Dr. Timothy Fiske (1778–1863). The latter was a graduate of Harvard College, class of 1801. In 1865, James Ferdinand Fiske married Sarah Maria Craig (b. 1844) of Leicester, Massachusetts, and raised five children. He later became postmaster and treasurer for the town of Holliston.

This collection contains four diaries dated from January 5, 1857, to December 10, 1860, kept by James Ferdinand Fiske. The diaries record life in Holliston as seen through the eyes of a young man between the ages of fifteen and nineteen. Included are terse references to his chores on his father's farm and part-time work for other farmers and surveyors. He recorded his school work and his attendance at anatomy lectures and bookkeeping courses, baseball matches between youths representing area towns, concerts, panoramas, church meetings, lyceum lectures, court trials, auctions, and dramatic performances. His social activities also included evening singalongs, sleigh rides, balls, and meetings of the sewing circle, debating club, and the temperance society (Band of Hope).

Fiske wrote of political gatherings in Holliston, especially caucuses of the Democratic and Republican Parties in 1858 and 1860. There are also references to celebrations concerning the laying of the Atlantic Cable in 1858. Of special interest is Volume 4, November 16, 1859, to December 10, 1860, which contains information on Fiske's new responsibilities as caretaker of the Congregational meeting house. This volume also provides a fascinating account of a young man in the throes of love. Following rejection by Sarah Maria Craig (who was eventually to become his wife), Fiske detailed the fluctuations in his romantic relationship with Stella Adeline Makepeace (b. 1845) of Norton, Massachusetts. He referred to the many social activities that they attended together and dwelled on their growing love. He also revealed his deep frustrations, including several tear-filled nights, as their relationship cooled. Towards the end of the volume, Fiske resumed his terse, unemotional entries. At one point he states, "If any one should happen to see this I should not wonder if they would think that I was love cracked or something else but its no such thing. I only write my honest sentiments" (April 11, 1860).

- 0276 **Collection Inventory.** 4 frames.

- 0280 **Octavo Volume 1: Diary, 1857.** 69 frames.
Major Topics: Sewing circle; education; temperance movement; social life; Holliston, Massachusetts; national politics.
- 0349 **Octavo Volume 2: Diary, January–October 27, 1858.** 60 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Holliston, Massachusetts; sewing circle; prayer meetings; religious services.
- 0409 **Octavo Volume 3: Diary, October 28, 1858–February 20, 1859.** 47 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Holliston, Massachusetts; education.
- 0456 **Octavo Volume 4: Diary, November 16, 1859–December 8, 1860.** 76 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Holliston, Massachusetts; education; courtship; religious services; national politics.

Gale Family Papers, 1828–1854 Worcester, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island

Frederick William Gale (1816–1854) and Hannah (“Anna”) Davis Gale (1818–1851) were born in Northborough, Massachusetts, the children of Captain Cyrus Gale and Eliza Davis Gale. Eliza Davis Gale was a sister of Governor John Davis. Frederick, a member of the Harvard class of 1836, studied at Harvard Law School and practiced law in Worcester with his uncle, Isaac Davis, and in St. Louis, Missouri. After the deaths of his first wife and only child, he traveled in Europe for three years (April 1847–August 1850). He visited his relative, George Bancroft, in London, frequented the colony of American artists in Italy, and observed with interest the revolutionary upheavals of mid-century Europe. His sister, Hannah, whose life was much more sedentary, spent the winter of 1837–1838 at the Greene Street School in Providence, Rhode Island, where she was a student of Margaret Fuller (1810–1850).

The collection consists of approximately 450 letters, most of them written by or to Frederick and Hannah. Many of the letters are between brother and sister. The letters are valuable for their descriptions of Worcester social life, school days, personal values, and family life. Many of the letters between 1831 and 1832 are between Frederick at Leicester Academy and Hannah at Mulberry Grove School, also located in Leicester. One letter, dated August 22, 1832, covers Frederick Gale’s antislavery sentiments. There are also several letters to Frederick from his father, Cyrus, and to Hannah from her mother, Eliza Davis Gale, during this time. In September 1832, Frederick entered Harvard, and the regular correspondence with his sister continued. In 1833, Hannah attended Mrs. Mason’s School in Northborough.

About the same time, Frederick also began to receive regular letters from his cousin, John Davis, who was a student at Yale College. In 1834, while still at Harvard, Frederick received a series of letters from his sister and two male friends filled with information about social life among young men and women in Northborough. Hannah solicited her brother’s advice on where to take up her next year of education before deciding of Miss Fiske’s School in Keene, New Hampshire. In Keene, Hannah received regular correspondence from female friends in Northborough as well as continued correspondence from her brother. Letters from Frederick dated June 1834 document a student riot at Harvard and detail the punishments handed out by the university. After graduating Harvard in 1836, Frederick attended Harvard Law School and graduated in 1838. He then moved to Worcester where he joined a law partnership.

By 1837 most of the letters are addressed to Hannah Gale. There are numerous letters from female relatives and friends. Her brother Frederick continued his regular correspondence, often writing at length regarding his sister’s vocation as a schoolteacher and on the subject of female education itself. In December of 1837, Hannah set off for the Green Street School in Providence, where Margaret Fuller served as teacher. Long letters by her parents and brother Frederick express their aspirations for Hannah’s endeavor. Hannah wrote at length as well on her Green Street School experience. She attended only one term in the winter of 1837–1838, but several of her Green Street School friends corresponded with her throughout the late 1830s and early 1840s. In 1842, Hannah married Northborough attorney George Barnes.

In 1843, Frederick married Mary Utley, but in 1846 his wife and his only daughter died within days of each other and several letters detail these experiences. In 1847 Frederick traveled to Europe where he remained through 1850.

Three journals kept by Frederick while he traveled cover May to October 1847, January 1849 to February 1850, and February to July 1850. All reflect his sightseeing activities, political interests, and conversations with acquaintances. A fourth journal in the collection was kept by Anna while a student at the Green Street School and includes detailed impressions of her teacher, Margaret Fuller.

A calendar of the Gale family letters on Frame 0162 of Reel 11 provides a brief summary of each letter in the collection. There is also a summary of each daily entry of the journals of Hannah (1837–1838) and Frederick (1847, 1849–1850, and 1850) at the Green Street School and in Europe, respectively. These begin at Frame 0212 of Reel 11.

0532 **Collection Inventory.** 2 frames.

0534 **Items Not Calendared or Indexed [located in the Miscellaneous “G” manuscripts box—possibly not part of the original collection], [1820–1830].** 13 frames.

Major Topic: Northborough, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondents: Eliza Davis Gale; Frederick Gale.

Box 1

0547 **Correspondence, 1828–1831.** 109 frames.

Major Topics: Frederick Gale; students; Northborough, Massachusetts; social life; Leicester Academy.

Principal Correspondents: Stephen McIntosh; Frederick Gale; Hannah Gale; Cyrus Gale.

0656 **Correspondence, 1832.** 125 frames.

Major Topics: Education of Hannah Gale; Mulbury Grove School; Leicester Academy; parental advice; children; antislavery opinions of Frederick Gale; Harvard College; social life; Yale College.

Principal Correspondents: Hannah Gale; Frederick Gale; Cyrus Gale.

0781 **Correspondence, 1833.** 135 frames.

Major Topics: Harvard College; Yale College.

Principal Correspondents: Hannah Gale; Frederick Gale; Cyrus Gale.

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0002 **Collection Inventory.** 2 frames.

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0004 **Correspondence, 1834.** 240 frames.

Major Topics: Abolitionist movement; social life; Northborough, Massachusetts; Harvard College; Yale College; Miss Fiske’s School, Keene, New Hampshire.

Principal Correspondents: Louis Howe; Hannah Gale; John Davis; Martin J. Mandell; Eliza Davis Gale; Cyrus Gale; Josiah Quincy; Mary Ware Allen; Mary Olivia Lyon; H. H. Robbins.

0244 **Correspondence, 1835.** 112 frames.

Major Topics: Yale College; Harvard College; social life; Northborough, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondents: M. Johnson Mandell; Frederick Gale; Hannah Gale; H. H. Robbins.

- 0356 **Correspondence, 1836.** 112 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; children; legal career of Frederick Gale.
Principal Correspondents: W. E. Parmenter; Frederick Gale; Cyrus Gale; M. Johnson Mandell; Hannah Gale; J. H. Heywood; G. Clinton Davis.
- 0468 **Correspondence, 1837.** 112 frames.
Major Topics: Teaching career of Hannah Gale; Green Street School; female education.
Principal Correspondents: Mary S. Utley; M. Johnson Mandell; Frederick Gale; Harriet F. Robbins; Eliza Davis Gale; Louisa F. Hunt; Mary Ware Allen; Hannah Gale; Cyrus Gale.
- 0580 **Correspondence, 1838.** 148 frames.
Major Topics: Children; social life; Northborough, Massachusetts; Providence, Rhode Island; female education; Green Street School.
Principal Correspondents: Eliza Davis Gale; Louisa F. Hunt; Hannah Gale; Mary S. Utley; M. Johnson Mandell; John Davis; Frederick Gale; George Gale; Cyrus Gale; Mary Ware Allen; Juliet Graves; Louisa Parker; Harriet F. Robbins; Sarah Humphrey; Matilda Metcalf.
- 0728 **Correspondence, 1839–1844.** 209 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; New York City; Providence, Rhode Island; Boston, Massachusetts; European travel; education; teachers; travel to St. Louis, Missouri.
Principal Correspondents: Frederick Gale; Mary S. Utley; Hannah Gale; Louisa F. Hunt; Juliet Graves; H. O. Phelps; Sarah Humphrey; Mary Ware Allen; George Mandell; Frances E. Stowe; Abigail Utley.

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Gale Family Papers, 1828–1854 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 2 frames.

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- 0004 **Correspondence, 1845–1854.** 98 frames.
Major Topics: Leicester Academy; deaths of Sarah Gale and Lizzie Gale; marriage of Hannah Gale; European travel of Frederick Gale; children; Troy Academy, New York.
Principal Correspondents: George Gale; Mary S. Utley; John Barnes; George Mandell; Frederick Gale; Walter Gale.
- 0102 **Typescript: The Gale Papers, Introduction and Index of Names and Places.** 60 frames.
- 0162 **Typescript: Calendar of the Gale Family Letters, 1828–1854.** 95 frames.

Shaw-Webb Family Papers, 1756–1936

Bucksport and Bangor, Maine; Atkinson, New Hampshire; San Francisco and Chico, California; Pike's Peak, Colorado

Five generations of the family of Anna Leonard Stetson Smith Shaw (1766–1847) of Dighton, Massachusetts, are represented in this collection. Her five daughters were Nancy Leonard Smith Peabody (1785–1856), Harriet Smith Goodnow (1787–1869), Maria B. Smith Noyes (1790–1875), Emma Augusta Shaw Hobbs (1792?–1875), and Hannah King Shaw Webb (1800–1875). Eventually the family settled in Bucksport and Bangor, Maine, and Atkinson, New Hampshire. They corresponded extensively among themselves, their children, grandchildren, and friends. In 1846, Hannah Webb's daughter, Anna Leonard Webb (1821–1868), married Thomas C. Farris of Bangor, who later joined with her brother, Jahaziah Shaw Webb (1824–1890), in the Farris-Webb Produce Company. Maria Noyes' daughter, Augusta Maria Noyes (1817–1871), married Captain Joseph G. Stover in 1842 and frequently accompanied him on sea

voyages. Several cousins from the Stephen Peabody (1773–1851) branch of the family became merchants, traveled to California during the gold rush, actively participated in Maine politics, and fought in the Civil War.

The collection includes family and business correspondence and poems, recipes, and printed material. The greatest emphasis in the correspondence is on family concerns, such as births, marriages, the intemperance of several relatives, and health conditions. There are also references to national political issues, presidential administrations and presidential campaigns, the War of 1812, and general economic conditions during the early 1800s, including bank failures and unemployment.

In the series of correspondence written to Anna Leonard Webb (Farris) there are many letters from female schoolmates apparently from a female school in Sedgwick, Maine. Many of these friends continued to correspond with Anna for many years. There is also courtship correspondence with her future husband, Thomas C. Farris. Toward the end of Anna's life, as she was receiving treatment for tuberculosis in Pennsylvania, her husband regularly wrote to her brother, Jahaziah, about her condition. A prolific correspondent over the course of nearly forty years is Abigail Morgan, who wrote from 1843 from 1879. The Morgan letters discuss Abigail's work in textile factories in Massachusetts. After Anna's death from tuberculosis in 1867, she continued the correspondence with Anna's mother, Hannah King Shaw Webb. Upon the death of Hannah in 1875, Abigail Morgan corresponded with Anna's brother Jahaziah Webb.

A broad range of topics are covered in letters from other family members. During the War of 1812, Anna Shaw described the British march up the Penobscot River not far from her home. Her grandson, William Smith Shaw Peabody (1818–1877), described his life in San Francisco during the gold rush in 1850 and his search for wealth. His cousin, Maria Stover, wrote extensively on her travels with her sea captain husband, describing in detail sightseeing trips to Malaga, Gibraltar, Liverpool, London, and Washington, D.C., and a trip around Cape Horn. Cousin Ann Mary Hobbs writes of abolitionist lectures, the lectures of William Makepeace Thackeray on the "Four Georges," and her visit to the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876, whose pavilions and exhibits she describes in detail.

Three correspondents merit special notice. John Holmes (1773–1843), Maine's first U.S. senator; Dr. Maria Antoinette Meservey of Bridgeville, Delaware [her home residence was Bangor, and she graduated from New England Female Medical College in Boston in 1863]; and Nancy Colburn Hartford of Pike's Peak, Colorado Territory. Holmes's letters include political references to the U.S. Congress as well as his controversial courtship of Caroline F. Knox Swan (1783–1851), the daughter of Gen. Henry Knox (1750–1806). Dr. Meservey's letters constitute a fascinating account of a woman doctor's struggle to gain acceptance in a southern town in 1867 and include references to the behavior of the freedmen, details of her own medical methods as contrasted with the "barbarous" obstetrical practices of southern black women, her treatments for puerperal fever, and the dangers of tobacco. Nancy Colburn Hartford traveled to Pike's Peak to join her husband, Miles F. Hartford, in his search for wealth. Their daughter, Evelyn Treat Hartford (1862–1943), married Jahaziah Shaw Webb in 1881. Nancy's letters to her mother, Sophia Colburn of Winterport, Maine, from 1860 to 1864 contain descriptions of her trip through New York City on her way to Colorado, the Colorado scenery, her life in a log cabin, and pioneer life in Russell's Gulch. There are frequent references to the Civil War and its effect of preventing the Hartfords from attempting to return home.

The collection also includes business correspondence, especially that of the Farris-Webb Produce Company, and accounts, bills, and receipts of Hannah Webb, her son Jahaziah, and his company. A diary/record book of Evelyn Treat Hartford Webb, 1927–1936, contains entries on family events and problems and a brief résumé of most of the letters in the collection.

0257 **Collection Inventory.** 6 frames.

Box 1—Genealogical Material and Chipman-Farris Family Correspondence

0263 **Folder 1: Genealogical Material and Information Regarding Provenance.** 101 frames.

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- 0364 **Folder 2: Diary of Evelyn Treat Hartford Webb, 1927–1936.** 114 frames.
Major Topics: Religion; family life; education; health conditions; depression; résumé of Shaw-Webb family letters.
- 0478 **Folder 3: Letters of the Chipman Family, 1871–1879.** 68 frames.
Major Topics: Employment of women; family life; Bucksport, Maine; social life; female education.
Principal Correspondents: Hattie Chipman; Sarah J. Chipman; M. C. Harriman; Hattie Harriman; Ella F. Chipman.
- 0546 **Folder 4: Letters of Hannah B. Pierce Clapp, 1824–1837.** 31 frames.
Principal Correspondent: Hannah B. Pierce Clapp.
- 0577 **Folder 5: Letters of Anna Leonard Webb Farris (Mrs. Thomas C. Farris), 1825–1846.** 213 frames.
Major Topics: Teachers; courtship.
Principal Correspondent: Anna Leonard Webb.
- 0790 **Folder 6: Letters of Anna Leonard Webb Farris (Mrs. Thomas C. Farris), 1848–1853.** 207 frames.
Principal Correspondent: Anna Leonard Webb Farris.

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Shaw-Webb Family Papers, 1756–1936 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

Box 2

- 0007 **Folder 1: Letters of Anna Leonard Webb Farris (Mrs. Thomas C. Farris), 1854–1860 [1868].** 183 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Bangor, Maine; Bucksport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Anna Leonard Webb Farris.
- 0190 **Folder 2: Letters of Anna Leonard Webb Farris (Mrs. Thomas C. Farris), 1861–1868.** 222 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Bangor, Maine; Bucksport, Maine; health conditions and medical treatment.
Principal Correspondent: Anna Leonard Webb Farris.
- 0412 **Folder 3: Letters to Anna Leonard Webb Farris (Mrs. Thomas C. Farris), 1835–1846.** 100 frames.
Major Topics: Female education; teachers; presidential campaign of William Henry Harrison.
Principal Correspondents: Christopher Merrill Jr.; Stillman Elden; William Webb.
- 0512 **Folder 4: Letters to Anna Leonard Webb Farris (Mrs. Thomas C. Farris), 1847–1868.** 163 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; tuberculosis.
Principal Correspondents: Stillman Elden; Jennie F. Goodnow; Melissa Hall.
- 0675 **Folder 5: Letters of Thomas C. Farris, 1838–1878.** 109 frames.
Major Topics: Courtship; tuberculosis treatment for Anna Leonard Webb Farris.
Principal Correspondent: Thomas C. Farris.
- 0784 **Folder 6: Letters to Thomas C. Farris, 1838–1869.** 47 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Boston, Massachusetts; Gardiner, Maine.
Principal Correspondents: Francis Bacon; Emma P. Farris; Edwin P. Farris.

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- 0831 **Folder 1: Letters of Louise Lord Giles (Mrs. Henry Giles), 1838–1874.** 41 frames.
Major Topic: Female education.
Principal Correspondent: Louise Lord Giles.
- 0872 **Folder 2: Letters of Harriet Stetson Smith Goodnow (Mrs. Asa Goodnow), 1814–1845.** 45 frames.
Major Topics: War of 1812; social life; Bucksport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Harriet Stetson Smith Goodnow.
- 0917 **Folder 3: Letters of Nancy Colburn Hartford, Pike’s Peak, Colorado, 1860–1864.** 89 frames.
Major Topics: Gold rush settlement in Colorado; children; overland travels; mining camp life; death of Nancy Colburn Hartford.
Principal Correspondents: Miles F. Hartford; Nancy Colburn Hartford; Evaline Hartford.

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- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

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- 0007 **Folder 4: Letters of Ann Mary Hobbs, 1847–1890.** 154 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Charlestown, Massachusetts; Bucksport, Maine; Belmont, Massachusetts; death of Anna Leonard Webb Farris; Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia; travel to Hampton, Virginia; travel to Philadelphia; Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Virginia.
Principal Correspondent: Ann Mary Hobbs.
- 0161 **Folder 5: Letters of Emma Augusta Shaw Hobbs (Mrs. Isaac Hobbs), 1814–1834.** 124 frames.
Major Topics: War of 1812; social life; Eastport, Maine; child rearing.
Principal Correspondents: Emma Augusta Shaw Hobbs; Isaac Hobbs; Ann S. Webb.
- 0285 **Folder 6: Letters of Emma Augusta Shaw Hobbs (Mrs. Isaac Hobbs), 1836–1869.** 93 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine; Charlestown, Massachusetts.
Principal Correspondent: Emma Augusta Shaw Hobbs.

Box 4

- 0378 **Folder 1: Letters of John Holmes, Sarah Anne Holmes (Mrs. John Holmes), and Caroline L. Swan Holmes (Mrs. John Holmes), 1819–1838.** 89 frames.
Major Topics: Alfred, Maine; social life; Washington, D.C.; death of Sarah Anne Holmes; courtship of Caroline Swan Knox by John Holmes.
Principal Correspondents: John Holmes; Sarah Anne Holmes; Caroline Swan Knox.
- 0467 **Folder 2: Letters of Emma Augusta Hobbs Merrill (Mrs. Elias Merrill), 1839–1880.** 65 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine; Bangor, Maine; tuberculosis.
Principal Correspondent: Emma Augusta Hobbs Merrill.
- 0532 **Folder 3: Letters of Dr. Maria Antoinette Meservey and S. A. Meservey, 1866–1880.** 36 frames.
Major Topics: Freedmen; women in southern states; medicine; women in medical profession.
Principal Correspondents: S. A. Meservey; Maria Antoinette Meservey.

- 0568 **Folder 4: Letters of Abigail P. H. Morgan, 1843–1879.** 225 frames.
Major Topics: Female health; employment of women; tuberculosis treatment for Anna Leonard Webb Farris; social life; Winterport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Abigail P. H. Morgan.
- 0793 **Folder 5: Letters of Maria B. Smith Noyes (Mrs. Ebenezer Noyes), 1806–1873.** 164 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine; Bucksport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Maria B. Smith Noyes.
- 0957 **Folder 6: Letters to Maria B. Smith Noyes (Mrs. Ebenezer Noyes), 1813–1822.** 63 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Newburyport, Massachusetts; Washington, Maine; Belfast, Maine.
Principal Correspondents: Hannah B. Cook; Susan Stevens; Maria A. Ashman; Maria Hobbs.

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- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

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- 0007 **Folder 1: Letters of Charlotte Catherine Crosby Peabody (Mrs. William Smith Shaw), 1843–1844.** 57 frames.
Principal Correspondent: Charlotte Catherine Crosby Peabody.
- 0064 **Folder 2: Letters of Clara Leonard Peabody, 1873–1880.** 44 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Princeton, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Clara Leonard Peabody.
- 0108 **Folder 3: Letters of George Augustus Peabody, 1828–1844.** 94 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: George Augustus Peabody.
- 0202 **Folder 4: Letters of George Augustus Peabody, 1845–1890.** 61 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: George Augustus Peabody.
- 0263 **Folder 5: Letters of Leonard Peabody and Mary Todd Peabody, 1825–1880.** 70 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine; Princeton, Maine.
Principal Correspondents: Leonard Peabody; Mary Todd Peabody.
- 0333 **Folder 6: Letters of Margaret Tinkham Peabody (Mrs. George Augustus Peabody), 1853–1867.** 42 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Eastport, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Margaret Tinkham Peabody.
- 0375 **Folder 7: Letters of Nancy Leonard Smith Peabody (Mrs. Stephen Peabody), 1822–1845.** 17 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Atkinson, New Hampshire.
Principal Correspondent: Nancy Leonard Smith Peabody.
- 0392 **Folder 8: Letters of Stephen Peabody, 1816–1847.** 29 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Atkinson, New Hampshire; children.
Principal Correspondent: Stephen Peabody.
- 0421 **Folder 9: Letters of William Smith Peabody, 1825–1876.** 62 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Bangor, Maine; California gold rush; overland journey to California; San Francisco, California; Boston, Massachusetts.
Principal Correspondent: William Smith Peabody.

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- 0483 **Folder 10: Letters of Anna (Nancy) Leonard Stetson Smith Shaw (Mrs. Jahaziah Shaw), 1817–1847.** 145 frames.

Major Topics: Bucksport, Maine; social life; Eastport, Maine; children.
Principal Correspondent: Anna (Nancy) Leonard Stetson Smith Shaw.

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- 0628 **Folder 1: Letters to Anna (Nancy) Leonard Stetson Smith Shaw (Mrs. Jahaziah Shaw), 1756–1825.** 88 frames.

Major Topics: Raynham, Massachusetts; social life; War of 1812; inheritance; separation of James Webb from Hannah King Shaw Webb.

Principal Correspondents: Priscilla Leonard; Clarissa Wright; Apollas Leonard; Joshua Leonard; Jahaziah Shaw; Mason Shaw; Mary Shaw; Elizabeth Prescott.

- 0716 **Folder 2: Letters to Anna (Nancy) Leonard Stetson Smith Shaw (Mrs. Jahaziah Shaw), 1826–1847.** 145 frames.

Major Topics: Social life; Alfred, Maine; Brunswick, Maine; Bath, Maine; Boston, Massachusetts; Augusta, Maine; Eastport, Maine; Dighton, Massachusetts.

Principal Correspondents: Daniel Goodnow; A. H. Winslow; Harriet Prescott; Mary S. Adams; Nancy Brooks; Harriet Clapp; Jane Weston; Sarah Leonard Clapp; Weltha Stetson; Sally Richmond.

- 0861 **Folder 3: Letters of Mary H. Silsby and Mary S. Silsby Warner, 1842–1867.** 66 frames.

Major Topics: Social life; Bucksport, Maine; Chico, California.

Principal Correspondents: Mary H. Silsby; Mary S. Silsby Warner.

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- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

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- 0007 **Folder 4: Letters of Augusta Maria Noyes Stover (Mrs. Joseph G. Stover), 1829–1856.** 169 frames.

Major Topics: Eastport, Maine; social life; Bucksport, Maine; family life; boating.

Principal Correspondent: Augusta Maria Noyes Stover.

- 0176 **Folder 5: Letters of Augusta Maria Noyes Stover (Mrs. Joseph G. Stover), 1857–1870.** 175 frames.

Major Topics: Social life; Bucksport, Maine; family life; boating.

Principal Correspondent: Augusta Maria Noyes Stover.

- 0351 **Folder 6: Letters of Adeline Weatherbee and John Weatherbee Jr., 1836–1845.** 88 frames.

Major Topics: Social life; Boston, Massachusetts; 1837 bank panic.

Principal Correspondents: John Weatherbee Jr.; Adeline Weatherbee.

Box 7

- 0439 **Folder 1: Letters of Hannah King Shaw Webb (Mrs. James Webb), 1804–1874.** 109 frames.

Major Topics: Children; Bucksport, Maine; social life.

Principal Correspondent: Hannah King Shaw Webb.

- 0548 **Folder 2: Letters to Hannah King Shaw Webb (Mrs. James Webb), 1804–1874.** 164 frames.

Major Topics: Social life; Atkinson, New Hampshire; Bucksport, Maine; Saginaw, Michigan; death of Maria B. Noyes Stover.

Principal Correspondents: Jahaziah Shaw Webb; Anne Peabody; Abigail Harding; Jennie F. Goodnow; Marie W. Lowell; Mrs. S. A. Forbes.

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- 0712 **Folder 3: Letters of Jahaziah Shaw Webb, 1811–1868.** 172 frames.
Major Topics: Business travel of Jahaziah Shaw Webb; Bangor, Maine; social life.
Principal Correspondent: Jahaziah Shaw Webb.
- 0884 **Folder 4: Letters of Jahaziah Shaw Webb, 1870–1871.** 97 frames.
Major Topics: Social life; Bangor, Maine.
Principal Correspondent: Jahaziah Shaw Webb.
- 0981 **Folder 5: Letters of Jahaziah Shaw Webb, 1872–1881.** 50 frames.
Principal Correspondent: Jahaziah Shaw Webb.

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Shaw-Webb Family Papers, 1756–1936 cont.

- 0002 **Collection Inventory.** 5 frames.

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- 0007 **Folder 6: Letters to Jahaziah Shaw Webb and Evelyn Treat Hartford Webb (Mrs. Jahaziah Shaw Webb), 1855–1889.** 124 frames.
Major Topics: San Francisco, California, business ventures; social life; Princeton, Maine; death of Hannah King Shaw Webb; domestic servants.
Principal Correspondents: Samuel S. Bradford; Hattie Chipman; Stephen Peabody; Josie Winter; Mary H. Merrill; Ann Mary Hobbs.
- 0131 **Folder 7: Letters of Henrietta [S. White?] concerning Chicago Universalism, 1861–1868.** 53 frames.
Major Topics: Abolitionism; underground railroad; religion; literary interests.

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- 0184 **Folder 1: Business Correspondence and Documents, 1813–1915.** 140 frames.
Major Topics: Land ownership; will of Elkanah W. Goodnow; Farris-Webb Produce Company; estate of Jahaziah Shaw Webb; *Richard B. Stover v. Eveline T. Webb et al.*
Principal Correspondents: Thomas C. Farris; J. G. Stover.
- 0324 **Folder 2: Miscellaneous Letters, 1786–1869.** 68 frames.
Major Topics: Dartmouth College; education of Stephen Peabody at Harvard College; Penobscot Bank controversy; children; pioneers in Dakota Territory.
Principal Correspondents: Clarissa Leonard; Silence Lathrop; Jahaziah Shaw; Mary Prescott; Harriet Prescott.
- 0392 **Folder 3: Newspaper Articles, 1787–1936.** 16 frames.
- 0408 **Folder 4: Advertisements and Other Printed Items, 1860–1936.** 55 frames.
Major Topics: Bangor High School; personal finances of Jahaziah Shaw Webb; commission merchants; Bennett, Rand, and Company.
- 0463 **Folder 5: Newspaper Clippings on Marriage and Death of Jahaziah Shaw Webb, 1881 and 1890.** 9 frames.

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- 0472 **Folder 1: Accounts, Bills, and Receipts, 1814–1839.** 72 frames.
- 0544 **Folder 2: Accounts, Bills, and Receipts, 1840–1854.** 62 frames.
- 0606 **Folder 3: Accounts, Bills, and Receipts, 1855–1867.** 57 frames.
- 0663 **Folder 4: Accounts, Bills, and Receipts, 1868–1888.** 80 frames.

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