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AM-13 Mortgage deeds

Mortgage deeds for the city of Pittsfield (Mass.), from 1832 through 1898, contained in 19 volumes. Deeds contain names of persons or entities transferring property, date transferred, price paid, terms of mortgage, and description of property. The end of each volume contains records of transfer or settlement of notes, often dated later than the primary deeds in the same volume.

AM-14 Minutes of meetings

Minutes of general meetings and meetings of the board of directors of the Merchants Association of Pittsfield (Mass.). Includes copies of some of the organization's correspondence.

AM-15 Stock certificates

Certificates give name of purchaser and number of shares, with transfer information on the reverse side. Pittsfield National Bank & Trust Co. Stock certificates, 1929.

AM-16 Account book for legal services

Records of legal services performed, giving client's name, description of service, fee charged and the date.

AM-17 Visitors' register

Visitors' log, giving name and residence of visitors to Bash Bish Falls in Mount Washington (Mass.). Visitors house closed (?) in 1865, and re-opened on 1879 July 4 under proprietors L. and S. Cook.

AM-18 Account book for dental practice

Record of dental services performed by Dr. French of Great Barrington (Mass.), giving name of patient or "stranger", date, and fee charged.

AM-19 Ledger and checkbook

Two documents from the Wendell Hotel in Pittsfield (Mass.). 1) General ledger for 1914 Apr. 30 through 1920 July 31. 2) Checkbook with used check stubs and blank checks from an account held with Pittsfield National Bank from 1914.

AM-20 Guest register

Guest register for the Park Club, a private club, giving name of guest, place of residence, and member introducing.

AM-21 Metered water rates and usage

City of Pittsfield (Mass.) records of water consumption by metered users, giving name and address of user and amount paid for water use.

AM-22 Account book for general store

Records of Bowker & Keyes, a general store in Adams, (Mass.), giving customer's name, items purchased, and price paid.

AM-23 Dictionary of the Bible

Dictionary of biblical terms and subjects sold by subscription by a salesman named John Bigelow. The book includes endorsements by two North Adams (Mass.) clergymen in the front, and a list of subscribers from Berkshire County (Mass.) and New York (N.Y.) in the back.

AM-24 Journal of medical practice


AM-25 Record of purchases and sales for gene

Record of wholesale purchases and retail sales, probably for a general store, in Pittsfield (Mass.), owned by Mrs. Anna Foster.

AM-26 Recipe book

Personal notebook of recipes and household hints, including newspaper clippings.

AM-27 Autograph book

Autograph book belonging to Amy Almira Mallery, a young woman or girl living in New Ashford (Mass.), consisting of inscriptions and poems written by her friends.

AM-28 My personal history for a period of 4

Recollections of the courtship and marriage of Rev. Charles Barber to a young woman, Minnie Johnston, whom he met while working in Watertown (N.Y.) and the Thousands Islands (N.Y.). The account ends with his wife's death three years after their marriage. The narrative concludes with copies of poems that his wife had transcribed.

AM-29 School district records

Minutes of meetings and notices to town residents from town clerk regarding the Windsor (Mass.) school district.
A Notebook used by at least three different authors for different purposes: school records, historical research and writing, and botanical notes. 1) Records of Hudson Vale Institute and Academy, 1864-1868, including students' names and addresses, and curriculum. 2) Various pieces of historical writing and research, 1887-1906: biographies of notable people in Berkshire County (Mass.) history (at least some of them written by Rev. Alden Whipple)--Oliver Partridge, Col. William Williams, and a group of women writers, including Catherine Sedgwick; quotations; poems; historical statistics (population, etc.) for several Berkshire County (Mass.) towns; and historical notes on a number of churches. This section appears to have had more than one author. 3) Scientific descriptions of various plants and trees (after 1906?).

A AM-30 History, biography, school records, and

A AM-31 Account book for boarding house

A AM-32 Store records

A AM-33 Household account books

A AM-34 Certified check ledger

A AM-35 Hotel register

A AM-36 Index to vol. 3 of fire district records

A AM-37 Account books for manufacturer

A AM-38 Account book

A AM-39 Account book for business

A Whipple, Alden B. Hudson Vale Institute

A Greylock House.

A S.A. Cook.

A Ramsdell, Mary L.

A Riverside Farm.

A Pittsfield (Mass.)

A Wells, Daniel M.

A Stockbridge, and Curtisville [now Interlaken] (Mass.), which are mostly not dated but appear to be from the same period. Series III, Cash flow ledger, 1885-1896: There are no entries for the years 1889 and 1890. In 1891, a system of double entry bookkeeping is begun. Since the S.A. Cook store was the major (or perhaps only) store in the village of Glendale, the itemized wholesale records provide information on the consumption patterns of the residents of that area for the period of time covered. They also give a picture of the range of trading and transportation of goods, since the wholesale vendors were located in a number of Northeastern cities and states. The customer account and cash flow records serve primarily to indicate the geographical range and volume of business conducted by the store.

A Three household account books of Mary L. Ramsdell, probably of Housatonic (Mass.). The three books cover the years 1877-1882, 1883-1887, and 1888-1890, respectively, showing funds received and itemized expenses.

A Certified check register for a bank.

A Guest register for Riverside Farm, hotel in Tyringham, (Mass.). Also, newspaper obituary of Julius Rockwell (Berkshire Eagle, 1971 Jan. 19).

A Alphabetical index to Volume 3 of municipal fire district records for Pittsfield (Mass.). Also, includes names of some elected officials.

A Account books for Daniel M. Wells, a manufacturer of acids in North Adams (Mass.), containing customer names and orders.

A Cash account book, perhaps for a lawyer, probably in Stockbridge (Mass.).

A Account book for unidentified retail business.
AM-40 Medical student notebook
Notebook of medical student who studied at Berkshire Medical College (Pittsfield, Mass.) and Albany Medical College (Albany, N.Y.). The notebook includes descriptions of diseases and their treatments, and recipes for various medicines.

AM-41 Minutes of meetings
Minutes of meetings of Sons of Spanish-American War Veterans, E.J. Curtis Camp No. 129. Members were primarily from Pittsfield (Mass.), with others from a few nearby Berkshire County (Mass.) towns.

AM-42 Records
Minutes of meetings of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Pittsfield (Mass.). Trustees included William Renne and M.R. Lanckton. Minister to the congregation was Rev. Wesley Hibbard.

AM-43 Account book
Account book used by two businesses in Cheshire, (Mass.), probably owned by members of the Eugene Bowen family. The first business, operating from 1923-1926, is unidentified; the second, operating from 1938-1945, is a coal dealer. Daily record of temperature, precipitation, barometric pressure and wind speed for the city of Pittsfield, (Mass.). The fourth volume contains, in the front, a chart showing average monthly temperature and rainfall from 1895 through 1941; and in the back, a chart of average snowfall from 1910 through 1945.

AM-44 Directors' records
Records of the board of directors of the Pittsfield National Bank (Pittsfield, Mass.), including minutes of meetings, names of directors, correspondence with the Comptroller of the Currency, and statements of condition of the bank. Directors included Julius Rockwell and Zenas Crane.

AM-45 Court records
Proceedings of the court in Otis (Mass.).

AM-46 Account books for general store
Account books showing daily sales by customer for a general store.

AM-47 Accountant's records
Records of an accountant, probably in Pittsfield, (Mass.), keeping books for a number of clients, including businesses and estates. The document also include the accountant's own expense records.

AM-48 Records of deputy sheriff
Records of judgments and fines collected by deputy sheriff's office of Berkshire County (Mass.). The office was held by Jonathan Allen from 1799 to 1804, and by Henry Marsh from 1804 to 1806. Account book of Orson Wells of Adams (Mass.), who appeared to operate a number of businesses at different times, dealing in food products, coal and acids. Includes records of his employees.

AM-49 Court records
Proceedings of the court in Otis (Mass.).

AM-50 Medical student notebook
Lecture notes of a medical student.

AM-51 Account book
Record of charges and receipts from patients for medical practice of Dr. Seth Pease in Pittsfield, (Mass.).

AM-52 Account book for medical practice
Account book, probably for a farm business owned by the Wells family of Adams (Mass.). Sales are listed to customers in Adams and Cheshire (Mass.). The business included sales of agricultural products (e.g., corn, meat, butter, hay) and cloth; and services such as farm labor, sewing clothes, and repairing shoes. An Internal Revenue Service business license was found in the book, issued to O. Wells and Son, manufacturers of North Adams (Mass.) in 1864 (now housed in separate folder).

AM-53 Account book for a farm business
Account book, giving only amount of cash receipts and credit extended, for unidentified business owned by Luther Riders. This volume is labeled "No. 2," and reference is made in the accounts to another book or ledger; this first volume may contain itemized descriptions of sales or services. Recipes for jam and jelly clipped from early 20th century newspapers were found inside the book.
AM-56 Tax records
contains two booklets labeled "West End List" in which individuals are listed with their property itemized; one booklet labeled "East End List of Polls and Estates of the Town of Pittsfield 1772," also listing individuals and assets; and four pages (1 leaf) labeled "Polls of Estate Added in Highway Tax" (1813?) listing individual estate assessments and highway taxes.

AM-57 Membership certificate of Caleb Hyde
membership certificate of Caleb Hyde, the first corresponding secretary of the Society. It is signed by the Society's first president, Elkanah Watson, and its first recording secretary, Samuel D. Colt.

AM-58 The old elm: pages from a diary
three pages from the diary of Sarah B. Lawrence in which she discusses the legendary old elm of Pittsfield (Mass.).

AM-59 Graduation notes: autograph album from
contains signatures of classmates and teachers, notes on school-related events, and a list of gifts received.

AM-60 Account of flight on the airship Atlantic
Harold Young's description of his flight over New York in the Atlantic, the largest airplane in the world at the time.

AM-61 Copybook and inscription to mother
Amanda Cook's copybook containing aphorisms and sermons, and an elegiac inscription to her deceased mother that was selected by Lucy Cook.

AM-62 Collection of land records
records pertaining to the settlement of western Massachusetts. Contains a report from a committee appointed by the Massachusetts Bay Colony to recommend action on complaints about the settlement of lands west of Sheffield (Mass.) and Stockbridge (Mass.) (1755 Apr. 28); a report from the General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony regarding the sale of the lands (undated); a deposition by William Ingersoll regarding his survey of the lands and the sale of the lands to John Holenbeck and others (1790 Apr. 17); a petition to Nicholas Race and Micah Holenbeck asking the General Court to grant the "Boston Gore" to them as compensation for distresses suffered as sellers of the lands abutting New York (1793 Feb. 16), and a plat diagram of a survey of the Boston Gore done by Ephraim Fitch that was enclosed with the petition.

AM-63 Records

AM-64 Annual reports and correspondence
contains the Commission's annual reports (1902, 1904-1922), which describe the funding, expansion, and development of Greylock State Reservation; a letter to Francis W. Rockwell regarding the raising of funds to purchase land on Mount Greylock, along with Rockwell's reply; and two pages from a notebook listing individual donors and the amounts donated by each.

AM-65 Automobile registrations and licenses,
contains signatures of Edmund C. Tyler of Great Barrington (Mass.).

AM-66 Certification of examination of land title
legal document attesting that Frederick H. Prentiss had examined the title of land in Pittsfield (Mass.) conveyed by warranty deed by James C. McGowan to Annie McGowan. William R. Gardener is another party named in the document.

AM-67 Pittsfield (Mass.) tax bills
John F. Kelly's Pittsfield (Mass.) tax bills for city, county, and state taxes.

AM-68 Last will and testament [handwritten copy]
handwritten copy of the last will and testament of Elizabeth Cogswell of Ipswich (Mass.). Includes attached statements regarding her estate, signed by officials of the probate court in Essex County (Mass.). The executor of the estate was Samuel Partridge. The will is dated 1794 Aug. 28; the copy was made 1801 Sept. 7.

AM-69 Collection of tax receipts
tax payment receipts of individuals living in the Massachusetts towns of Pittsfield, Dalton, New Marlborough, and West Stockbridge. Names include Robbins Kellogg and A.I. Freeman.

AM-70 Jewelry appraisal and executor's receipt
contains an executor's receipt signifying that Paul E. Burbank of Pittsfield (Mass.) received $500 from the estate of Mary F.B. Burbank, and an appraisal of Mary's jewelry done by the J.F. Kahl Company.
| AM-71 | Great Barrington (Mass.) justice of the peace certification for John K. Siggins | Great Barrington (Mass.) justice of the peace certification for John K. Siggins [photocopy], 1881 Apr. 14 |
| AM-73 | Accounts from a West Stockbridge tavern (Mass.) | Accounts from a West Stockbridge (Mass.) tavern [photocopy], 1848. |
| AM-75 | Pittsfield (Mass.) tax bills | Goldamer, Oscar. Pittsfield (Mass.) tax bills, 1881-1892. |
| AM-76 | Voters’ list | New Marlborough (Mass.) Selectmen. Voters’ list, [1852?]. |
| AM-77 | Papers | Denny, George T. Papers, 1890-1911. |
| AM-78 | Tax bill | Pittsfield (Mass.) Treasurer. Tax bill, 1825. |
| AM-81 | An act to alter the times of holding | An act to alter the times of holding the supreme judicial court in the counties of Middlesex, Worcester, and Berkshire, 1811 Feb. 26. |
| AM-82 | An act to incorporate the West Stockbridge rail road corporation, consisting of Henry B. Boynton, Robbins Kellogg, Erastus Crocker, and their associates and successors. | An act to incorporate the West Stockbridge Rail Road Corporation, 1836 Apr. 5. |
| AM-83 | War tax for town of Richmond | War tax for town of Richmond, 1862 July 16. |
| AM-84 | List of dissenting members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pittsfield Mass. who arrayed themselves against Rev. W. G. Waters, pastor of the aforesaid church for the conference year of 1872-73, and...was the means of his resigning his pulpit July 1st 1872“. | List of dissenting members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Pittsfield Mass., [ca. 1872]. |
| AM-86 | Survey of Powell Farm, Lansborough (Ma) | Survey of Col. Powell's home farm in Lanesborough (Mass.). |
AM-88 Invoice and account of the attendance
A A tally of absences and an invoice for tuition and other charges at Williams College (Williamstown, Mass.). Sent from J. Alden, officer of the class, to Rev. Dr. Field (presumably David Dudley Field, the father of Henry M. Field, the subject of the document.)

AM-89 Plat of New Framingham
A Plat of New Framingham (Lanesborough, Mass.). Surveyed by Nathaniel Dwight.

AM-90 Papers
A Papers relating to Dr. Moses A. Lee, containing a letter of reference for Lee from James Gould in Litchfield (Conn.) (1831 Dec. 14); an extract from a commencement address mourning the death of Lee (undated); and resolutions honoring Lee made by the Board of Trustees of the Berkshire Medical Institute, of which Lee was a member (1842 July 5).

AM-91 Diploma and copy of election announcement
A There are transcriptions of each document. A Diploma from the Medical Society (Montgomery County, N.Y.) granting Joel A. Wing of Florida (Mass.) the right to practice as a physician and surgeon in New York (State) (1811 May 30); and a handwritten copy of an announcement of the election of Wing to the position of assistant secretary of the New York Academy of Medicine (original: 1851 Mar. 3; copy: date unknown).

AM-92 Letter from Emma Willard and sermon fragment
A Letter from Emma Willard in Middlebury (Vt.) to her uncle, Rev. Theodore Hinsdale, discussing her experience with religion and the study of the Bible (1819 Nov. 28), and a portion of a sermon by Hinsdale (undated).

AM-93 Bills of sale
A Bills of sale from Coakley & Gannon, Practical Horseshoers (1908 June 30) and Kelly's Hardy Plant Farm (1928 June 6), both of Pittsfield (Mass.), to Miss H.E. Plunkett of Pittsfield (Mass.).

AM-94 Grocery account book
A C.R. Myers book of itemized accounts with the grocer E.L. Tinker.

AM-95 Account book
A Book of accounts pertaining to logging and lumbering in North Becket (Becket, Mass.).

AM-96 Receipt
A Receipt for cloth (?) purchased by Theodore Sedgwick from John Hopkins for Sampson Darby.

AM-97 Deeds and letters of the Allen and Bidwell families
A Contains a letter from Miliscent Bench Bidwell to Sally Garfield remembering the deaths of their children (Bidwell's son, Adonijah was from Lenox [Mass.]) and discussing Miliscent's imminent death (18--); a quitclaim deed transferring from Ezra Allen, Elihu Allen, Daniel Garfield, and Sarah Garfield any interest in property being transferred to Noah Allen Jr., provided that he care for their parents (1813 Feb. 12); and three deeds involving Noah Allen and property in Connecticut (1758 Apr. 4, 1773 Sept 4, 1758 May 28).

AM-98 Incorporation records
A Certification that Manley T. Fairfield, Edward W. Andrews, Jesse H. Fairfield, Jr., William H. Sherrill, L. Pomeroy Russell, and William M. Crane had organized as the Richmond Farmers' Cooperative Exchange (1918 Feb. 13; draft of by-laws (undated); minutes of the first meeting (1918 Feb. 1); an agreement of incorporation (1918 Feb. 1); a receipt for paying the incorporation fee (1918 Feb. 8); and a letter (1918 July 9).

AM-99 Expenses on Woodlawn Inn and Forest Place
A Document showing taxes, interest, insurance, and repair costs of Woodlawn Inn and a house on Forest Place, both in Pittsfield (Mass.).

AM-100 Papers
A Nine letters written from William Clark in Pittsfield (Mass.) to his son William (who was fighting in the Civil War) which discuss farming, illness, the weather (110 degree temperatures), William Jr.'s engagement, and life in Berkshire County (Mass.) (1863-1864); One letter from Byron Kellogg to William Sr. telling of William Jr.'s being wounded in battle (1863 June 14); three steamboat passes for William Plummer for travel around Cairo (Ill.), Memphis (Tenn.), and New Orleans (La.) (1863); and a certification of acuteness of vision, color sense, and hearing (191-).

AM-101 War ration book
A World War II ration book belonging to Judith W. Hill of Pittsfield (Mass.).
A AM-102 War ration books  Two World War II ration books belonging to Theodore and David T. Giddings of Pittsfield (Mass.). Giddings family. War ration books, [194-].
A AM-103 Tax records [photocopy]. Photocopy of Pittsfield (Mass.) tax records in which individuals are listed with their property itemized. Pittsfield (Mass.) Tax records [photocopy], 1788-1828.
A AM-104 Photographs and papers William E. Tefft; clippings relating to John and his family (1950s and 1960s); and a certificate granting a patent to John for improvements to a game that simulates football (26 Dec. 1905). Pell, John E., 1876-[196-?] Photographs and papers, 1878-1965.
A AM-106 Letters A group of 24 letters, primarily written to Phoebe Bacon of Potsdam (N.Y.) by friends and relatives, relating current events and gossip. One letter, dated 1788 Jan. 8, written by Nathaniel Bishop in Boston (Mass.) to Captain John Bacon of Richmond (Mass.) (Phoebe's father), describes the results of the election of representatives from the district, names items of importance coming before the legislature, and predicts the election of General Washington and Mr. Adams. One letter, dated 1814 Jan. 29, from Philo Gibbs of Livonia (N.Y.) to Samuel Ensign of Litchfield (Conn.), reports on the military action of the British against Fort Niagara (War of 1812), describing casualties and damage. Bacon, Phoebe. Letters, 1788-1839.
A AM-107 Letters A collection of 7 letters from the Plunkett family of Pittsfield (Mass.): 5 letters written to William Plunkett at Yale College (New Haven, Conn.) by Harriet Merrick Plunkett, his stepmother; one letter to William from Thomas Plunkett, his father; and from Thomas Plunkett and his first wife, Hannah, to Hannah's sister, Eliza Taylor of Chester (Mass.). The letters discuss family news, the impact of current poor economic conditions on the family, and William's experiences in college, including his decision to transfer from Yale to Williams College. Plunkett family. Letters, 1835-1852.
A AM-111 Letter Letter from Margaret Sayles of Pittsfield (Mass.) to Mr. Smith identifying a picture of Mary Elizabeth Childs Merrill, grandmother of Isabelle Merrill Childs (married to George Childs, unrelated to her grandmother's family). Sayles, Margaret A. Letter, 1969.
A AM-112 Letters Two letters from Marshall Naul of Ohio asking Dr. H.B. Kipper of Kipper Research Laboratory (Accord, Mass.) for information on George M. Mowbray and the American Zylonite Company (Adams, Mass.), and a copy of Dr. Kipper's reply. Dr. Kipper's letter contains information on Mowbray, a chemist who made the explosives used in the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel; information on the early development of the plastics industry in Berkshire County (Mass.) by companies such as General Electric, Sprague Electric, and American Zylonite Company; and an extensive account of patent problems experienced by American Zylonite and others in the plastics and film industries. Kipper, H.B. Letters, 1949.
A AM-113 Letter Letter describing a visit by Frank H. Wright (Great Barrington, Mass.) to the site of the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, along with anecdotes concerning local churches and clergy. Wright, Frank H. Letter, 1886.
A letter from William Stanley (Great Barrington, Mass.) to two colleagues in Colorado introducing a chemist, A. McK. Gifford, who will be visiting there during his vacation.

Letter from Charles P. Steinmetz of the General Electric Company (Schenectady, N.Y.) to the Edison Storage Battery Co. (Orange, N.J.), introducing the chemist A. McK. Gifford and others from the Pittsfield works of General Electric for the purpose of studying the problem of high voltage insulation.

Letter to S.C. Heath's sister, regarding the sister's health.

Letter from T. Muller of Cairo (N.Y.) to the Rev. Isaac Bird discussing the qualifications of a candidate for the position of schoolmaster.

Letters, photographs, books, and newspaper clippings relating to the author Rachel Field. The collection contains: sixteen letters written by Rachel in Sutton Island (Me.) to her cousins Margaret and Pauline Brown in New Rochelle (N.Y.), which discuss writing, visiting family, and other day-to-day matters (three of the letters have photographs: two of her dog and one of her daughter, Hannah Pederson) (LA87.143.1-LA87.143.16); two letters to Margaret and Pauline from their cousins Kitty Atwater and Lucy A. Field in Washington (D.C.), one discussing Rachel's sale of the film rights to her book, her trip to Hollywood (Calif.), and her speech to the American Library Association, and the other discussing her death (LA87.143.17, LA87.143.18); three Christmas cards designed by Rachel; eight photograph Christmas cards showing the Browns, Lucy A. Field, Kitty Atwater, Rachel's daughter Hannah, Rachel, and her husband Arthur S. Pederson; photographs of Rachel, the Illustrator Dorothy Lathrop, and a doll (Hitty?); notes on Dorothy Lathrop; newspaper clippings regarding Rachel's marriage, her death, her poetry, and other writings; and two books, "A Little Book of Days" (c. 1927) and "Little Dog Toby" (c. 1928; inscribed). It is not clear how three items relate to this collection: a Lee (Mass.) library card for Fannie Heath, a water color by Daisy Clark Stanley, and a silhouette done on silk.

Marriage certificate of William Robinson and Mary J. Norton. The marriage took place in Adams (Mass.) and was performed by Rev. H.B. Foskett.

Letter by Simeon Balding to Adjutant Quarter Master General Ashbel Welles in Hartford (Conn.), giving news of the movement of the British forces during the Revolution, and discussing some mishaps among the soldiers.

Collection of nine letters exchanged among members of the Appleton family (Aaron, Nathan, Samuel and Thomas Appleton, and Isaac Appleton Jewett) discussing family affairs and occupations. Most letters were sent to the family home in Boston (Mass.) from various locations around the United States, Three letters written by Sidney Sherman to his sisters, Betsey, Rebecca and Elizabeth, discussing his health and activities. Family members resided at various times in New Haven and Middletown (Conn.) and Albany (N.Y.).
AM-125 Letters
Collection of 6 letters and 2 other documents. One document is a eulogy (written on the back of an Army discharge form) for a soldier, Lieut. Leonard Chapin, who died of disease during the War of 1812 while serving near Lake Ontario. The other document is a report from the Monterey (Mass.) school committee on the qualifications of a candidate, Lucy Freeman, for a teaching position. There are 4 letters from a soldier serving in the Civil War to various family members in Pittsfield (Mass.), and one letter from another Civil War soldier, James Taylor stationed in Washington (D.C.) to his sister. One letter is from J.M. Cushing of Oakland (Calif.) thanking a benefactor of his mother.

AM-126 Letters: to John L. Sullivan
Two letters from J. Edgar Hoover to John L. Sullivan and his wife. In the letter to John L. Sullivan Hoover apologizes that he was not available when Sullivan visited the F.B.I. in Washington (D.C.). The letter to Mrs. John L. Sullivan expresses condolences upon the death of her husband.

AM-127 Letter
Letter from Grace Wilcox, curator of the Historical Room of the Stockbridge (Mass.) Library Association to the writer of an article in the Berkshire Eagle on local history, enclosing a copy of a letter (reproduced in an 1875 book by Mrs. Henry Field) from James McCosh, President for the College of New Jersey in Princeton (N.J.) describing his visit to Stockbridge in 1866.

AM-128 Letter: to Mrs. Berridge
Letter by John Ticknor to Mrs. Berridge discussing a collection of old documents in New Marlborough (Mass.) and suggesting a meeting with Margaret Hall to see them.

AM-129 Letter: to Samuel Jarvis
Letter from Aaron Humphrey responding to an inquiry from Rev. Samuel Jarvis of Boston (Mass.) regarding the history of churches in Lanesborough (Mass.) and Lenox (Mass.).

AM-130 Letter: to Robert W. Grace
Letter from Wm. H. Phillips of Stockbridge (Mass.) to Robert W. Grace of Great Falls (N.H.) inquiring about the availability of textile manufacturing machinery from a disposal sale.

AM-131 Letter
One letter and a page from a second letter written on the same sheet, describing to the writer's sister the experiences of another relative, a soldier taken prisoner in the Civil War Battle of Petersburgh.

AM-132 Letter
Letter to Maria Moulton (Mrs. B.B. Moulton) from a female cousin, thanking her for visiting.

AM-133 Letter
Letter from Ambrose Andrews of New York (N.Y.) to his nephew advising him on giving up his career as a printer to study art at Cooper Institute.

AM-134 Letters
Collection of 24 letters written by James S. Harris to family members in Richmond (Mass.) describing his experiences in the U.S. Army Engineer Battalion, both in the United States and in France, during World War I.

AM-135 Minutes
Two record books containing the minutes of the Pittsfield Board of Health, with information about vaccinations, diseases, quarantines, regulations concerning sanitation, and complaints about those in violation of regulations. The record book for 1866-1880 had several loose documents in it, including a note to the Berkshire County Commissioners, a copy of a complaint to the board regarding poorly maintained property, an order prohibiting children with epidemic diseases from attending school, two documents ordering individuals to take actions about sewage problems, and four blank forms used to issue orders. (These documents are now in a separate folder.) Tipped in to this record book are the board's regulations for 1874 and 1880.
Notebook of medication recipes and prescriptions, [18--].

AM-136 Notebook of medication recipes and prescriptions, [18--].

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AM-137 Letter: to Harry Van Schaak

Letter from Theodore Sedgwick of Stockbridge (Mass.) to Harry Van Schaak in Richmond (Mass.) discussing the monetary aspects of a business transaction.


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AM-138 Letter: to Edward W. Campbell

Letter from Horace Greeley from New York (N.Y.) to Edward W. Campbell saying that he will visit Campbell when he is in Pittsfield (Mass.) to give a lecture.


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AM-139 Letters

Letter (undated) from Katrina Kipper, an antiques dealer in Accord (Mass.), and a note from Lester Holt Spalding concerning the provenance of an antique chest belonging to Katherine Browne Spalding.

Kipper, Katrina. Letters, [19--].

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AM-140 Letter: to Myron Messenger

Letter from J.R. Savery, treasurer of the Berkshire Woolen Company in Pittsfield (Mass.) to his friend Myron Messenger of Becket (Mass.) saying that Savery has sent his friend a gift of two suits of red underwear for Christmas.


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AM-141 Letter

Letter from a woman named Catherine in Pittsfield (Mass.) to a friend giving personal news and describing the preparations for the first summer music festival at Tanglewood in Lenox (Mass.).

Letter, 1937.

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AM-142 Letter: to Elisha Harrison

Letter from George A. Stevens, proprietor of George A. Stevens Foundry and Machine Shop in Great Barrington (Mass.), to Elisha Harrison of Hartville (Mass.) approving plans for an alumni meeting.

Stevens, George A. Letter: to Elisha Harrison, 1897.

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AM-143 Letter

Personal letter from writer named Beulah discussing current events.

Letter, 1937.

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AM-144 Report on Rev. Hugh Gordon Ross

Report by unknown author documenting the credentials of Rev. Hugh Gordon Ross for the open post of minister of the First Congregational Church in Pittsfield (Mass.).


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AM-145 Letter: to George H. Tucker

Letter from W. Murray Crane of Dalton (Mass.) to the lawyer George H. Tucker of Pittsfield (Mass.) concerning the status of some stock shares.


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AM-146 Letter: to H.W. Dwight

Letter from Silas Pepono to H.W. Dwight, a lawyer, discussing a land transaction involving Jonas Stansbury.


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AM-147 Notice to subscribers and receipt

Two items from the East Street Oracle, a newspaper or newsletter, probably in Pittsfield (Mass.) published by Pluto and M. Kellogg. One is a notice from the publishers to subscribers asking for contributions to the publication; the other is a receipt for a week’s subscription to Mrs. G. Warriner.

East Street Oracle. Notice to subscribers and receipt, [18--7].

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AM-148 Letter: to Marcus M. Stamp

Letter from James Derbyshire, apparently a business agent, in Jamaica, to Dr. Marcus M. Stamp in Springfield (Ill.) discussing the conditions of a business and including a financial statement on the reverse side of the letter.


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AM-149 Letters

Two documents: 1) Letter from Rev. John DeWitt to the ecclesiatical council of the Lanesborough (Mass.) Church asking to be released from his obligation as minister. 2) Reply of the ecclesiatical council, signed by Rev. Samuel Shepard and Willam Allin, scribe.


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AM-150 Letters

A collection of 5 letters concerning the E. & T. Fairbanks Co. of St. Johnsbury (Vt.), manufacturer of industrial scales. Included is a testimonial to Fairbank Scales by Charles Storrow of the Boston & Lowell Railroad Corporation.

AM-151 Letter: to T.C. Severance
A form letter from H.R. Seymour of the H.R. Seymour Co., a banking and exchange firm in Buffalo (N.Y.), acknowledging receipt of material from T.C. Severance of Cleveland (Ohio). Two letters, written on reverse sides of the same sheet, sent to Mr. & Mrs. I.S. Commins in Rochester (N.Y.). One is by their son, Alexander Commins of Buffalo (N.Y.), the other by A. Field, Jr. Both letters contain family news and information on a court case involving the Holland Sand Co. in Buffalo (N.Y.). This is the last page of a letter from Mary Pomero's sister, Maggie, to the children of Mary and Harris Pomero—Fannie, Silus Harris, Maggie and May—occasioned by Mary's death. Maggie is sending the children a garment made by their mother when she was a small girl.

AM-152 Letter: to I.S. Commins
A letter from H.R. Seymour & Co. to I.S. Commins, 1849.

AM-153 Letter: to the children of Mary Pomero
This is the last page of a letter from Mary Pomeroy's sister, Maggie, to the children of Mary and Harris Pomero—Fannie, Silus Harris, Maggie and May—occasioned by Mary's death. Maggie is sending the children a garment made by their mother when she was a small girl.

AM-154 Letter and poem
Poem by Sarah Steadman, written at the age of 17. On the reverse side is a letter (in a different handwriting) by an unknown writer to his/her brother.

AM-155 Letter: to John Baker
Letter to John Baker of Lee (Mass.) from person identified only as Alma. The writer expresses strong religious sentiments.

AM-156 Letter: to Karl Weston
Letter from Bliss Perry of Exeter (N.H.) to Professor Karl Weston of Williamsport (Mass.) concerning a recently published about Williamstown and Williams College by Robert Brooks.

AM-157 Letter: to Harriet Harmon
Letter to Harriet Harmon from her sister Emiline in Ultica (N.Y.) relaying family news.

AM-158 Letter
Personal letter from writer named Ablena to a friend or relative named George, giving news of friends and relatives.

AM-159 Letter: to Isaac Harmon
Letter from Sidney Benham of Hamden (Conn.) to his uncle, Isaac Harmon of New Marlborough (Mass.), advising Harmon of the death of Benham's mother (Harmon's sister).

AM-160 Letter: to Rachel and John Coffey
Letter from Nathan Bassett of Cleveland (Ohio) to his sister and brother-in-law, Rachel and John Coffey in Monroe Works (N.Y.). It was written in three stages and was begun in December 1839 and finished in February 1840. The letter discusses general news of the time, and expresses religious beliefs. The writer frequently uses phoenetic spellings of words.

AM-161 Letter
Letter from R. Coffey to her niece in Lee (Mass.) consoling her niece on the death of her sister and inquiring about other family members. The letter was written during the Civil War, and is written on stationery embossed with a Union flag.

AM-162 Letter: to Mrs. David Baker
Letter from John Coffey of Monroe Works (N.Y.) to his sister, Mrs. David Baker of Lee (Mass.), reporting general news and events, and the death of their nephew, Frederick Evenen, who was fatally injured in an accident.

AM-163 Letter
Letter from Maria Coffey in Lawton (Mich.) to her niece, a member of the Stedman family in Tyringham (Mass.) (?), giving news of her new home in Michigan.

AM-164 Letter: to Maria Baker
Letter from M.O. Dwight of South Hadley (Mass.) to her sister Maria Baker of East Lee (Mass.) discussing family matters, including the death of their mother.
The bulk of the collection consists of letters written to Moulton's family in which he discusses his experiences with the 34th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. There are also a few letters and papers predating the war, some that were produced immediately following it, typescripts of letters and newspaper dispatches, and a book produced from the letters. Most of the letters were sent to his mother, Fannie Maria Eastlund Moulton. Others were sent to his sister, Jennie Harriet Moulton, his brother, John Frank Moulton, and his father, Beamon B. Moulton. The letters were sent from Springfield (Mass.), Pittsfield (Mass.), Worcester (Mass.), Alexandria (Va.), Falls Church (Va.), Washington (D.C.), Maryland Heights (Md.), Harper's Ferry (W. Va.), Richmond (Va.), Readville (Mass.), and Weymouth (Mass.). Also included are several personal papers, such as "Telegraph" (DOC-7), an essay written when Moulton was fourteen years old, and "Nix Nax" (DOC-3) a simulated newspaper that he made in 1858. There are typescripts of all of the letters found here, as well as typescripts of twenty dispatches to the Berkshire Eagle (originals are not in the collection), and the book "Fort Lyon to Harper's Ferry," which contains transcripts of the letters and dispatches. The book was edited by Karen and Lee Drinkamer (1987). It contains biographical information about Moulton and is signed by the editors.

Collection of about 65 items, primarily letters written to Mabel Boardman Bartlett (Mrs. George Bartlett) of Pittsfield, the art critic for the Berkshire Eagle during the 1920s and 1930s. Most of the letters are from artists and writers in Berkshire County (such as Daniel Chester French, Margaret French Cresson, Stirling Calder, Rachel Field, Lyman Beecher Stowe) about whom she wrote reviews or articles. There are also letters from other publishers of her work, and personal letters, notably a series of letters written by Mabel Crane during a year-long trip to Europe. Also in the collection are a few announcements and invitations, and two photographs of the Oliver Wendell Holmes pine tree.

Photocopy of a letter by a student at Pittsfield Medical College in Pittsfield (Mass.) to L.F. Whithed of Vernon (Vt.) describing the student's life at school.

Letter to Lucia Cate (Mrs. Sherry [Sheridan] Cate) of Pittsfield (Mass.), by a writer named Carolyn in the Netherlands. The writer was a childhood friend of Margaret Morewood and recalls her memories of times spent in Pittsfield at Broadhall (the Morewood's home), Arrowhead (home of Herman Melville and other members of his family) and Abbey Lodge (the home of Richard Lathers).
AM-169  Lathrop-Lane family papers
Contains diaries, letters, an account book, and other papers from
members of the Lathrop and Lane families, particularly Clarissa Lathrop of
Pittsfield (Mass.) and Jabez Lane of Stockbridge (Mass.). It is not clear if
the two families are related. The earliest item is a notebook, a portion of
which contains the diary of Louisa Lathrop, in which she discusses her
experiences in and around Bozrah (Conn.) and Norwich (Conn.) (1814).
She tells of a new cotton factory that used a power loom with flying
shuttles and discusses viewing vessels that were used in the War of
1812. The rest of the notebook was used by Clarissa Lathrop to record
poems, aphorisms, and other works written by others (1819-1820). Other
materials pertaining to Clarissa include a recipe book (undated),
documents offering herself for acceptance into a church in Pittsfiled,
and portions of diaries, most of which document her feelings about religion.
The materials pertaining to the Lane family date from a later period. Items
from Jabez Lane include two documents certifying him as a justice of the
peace for Berkshire County (Mass.) for the years 1842-1855, and a
notebook containing the proceedings of four cases decided by him (1844,
1852, 1853, 1854). The notebook also contains the accounts from his
business as a cobbler in Curtisville [now Interlaken] (Stockbridge, Mass.)
(1870-1872), and a record of his pasturing a cow on another person's
property (1874-1879). The four cases decided by Lane involved John
Petersen, Halsey Church, John Munn, and William Stanton, all of
Stockbridge. There are papers relating to the Munn and Stanton cases
included, as well as a purchase order for a pair of shoes. Other Lane
family documents include a diary of John Lane, in which he discusses his
experiences at school (1844-?); two letters from John's daughter Minnie
(1871); a long letter from Minnie Lane to Helen Hart about a trip to
Pittsfield (1880); a letter to Minnie from her mother (1892);
"Reminiscences of Father's Illness," by an unknown Lane (1867); and a
memoir of the Lane family. Additional papers include a recipe by M S
Lathrop-Lane family papers, 1814-1899.

AM-170  Discharge papers of Edwin Hale Lincoln
Contains Edwin Hale Lincoln's discharge from the 5th Regiment of the
Massachusetts Infantry (1863 July 2); a certified copy of the discharge (19-
-); and a booklet containing the minutes of a 1938 meeting of the Grand
Army of the Republic, which contains a memorial to Lincoln, who died that
year at age ninety.

AM-171  School notebook
Notebook containing a series of French lessons. The notebook is covered
with a printed wrapper from a ream of paper manufactured by Carson &
Brothers in Dalton (Mass.).

AM-172  Two marble quarries: essay,
Essay, probably written as a school assignment, describing the history of
two West Stockbridge (Mass.) marble quarries, the Freedley Quarry and the
Fuarey Quarry.

AM-173  Medical certificate of Samuel Williams
Certificate excusing Samuel Williams, a soldier with the Ninth Division of
the Massachusetts Militia, from service for one year. Williams was
examined by Hugo Berghardt, and his commanding officer was Ezekiel
Bates.

AM-174  Poems, drawings, and a program
Contains poems, one of which is a whimsical description of a student
concert (undated); two sketches of gowns, one designated for Miss
Chiquess Morewood (undated); and a graduation program from St. Agnes
School (1895). It is not clear if the items are related.

AM-175  Certification of Revolutionary War ser
Document certifying the Revolutionary War service (in 1780) of Phineas
Kingsley.

AM-176  Records of Revolutionary War service
Five documents certifying the Revolutionary War service of Samson
Bixbe, Eliza Wait, Eli Gould, Samuel Gould, and Solomon Bartlett. The
documents cover the years 1775-1778 but were produced by the
Massachusetts Office of the Secretary and the United States Bureau of
Pensions between 1897-1900.

AM-177  High school graduate: speech,
Speech discussing the virtues of free high schools.
AM-178 Papers
Contains two letters sent from Pittsfield (Mass.) by E.H. Kellogg, Thomas Colt Sr., and P. Allen of the Berkshire Agricultural Society (1860); a letter from Society president T.L. Foote; a copy of a speech by Francis Brewer (1852); accounts of the Society with H.M. Peirson (1875-1876), a published list of premiums (1879); a list of committees (1880), and several other letters and notes.

AM-179 Financial papers
Bills of sale, receipts, and invoices of John F. Kelly of Pittsfield (Mass.), Local businesses represented include C.S. Ferry & Son (dealers in lumber, doors, sash, blinds, and glass), Peirson Hardware Co., and the Pittsfield National Bank, all of Pittsfield. Also included are two postcards, one of Robert Emmet and the other of the Green Mountain House in Savoy (Mass.), and a note. It is not clear if the note or postcards are related to Kelly.

AM-180 Legal records
Legal documents and letters related to the bankruptcy and reorganization of the Windsor Print Works of North Adams (Mass.). Also includes an undated note from a seven year old child, A.W. Dater, Jr., and a genealogy of the Warner and Murray families that was done on Windsor Print Works letterhead.

AM-181 Letter
Letter from C.F. Crandell, a student at Fort Edward Institute, to his father, discussing life at school.

AM-182 Papers
Contains Julian M. Harris and family's receipts, invoices, and bills of sale from Berkshire County (Mass.) businesses (1877-1934); three ledgers used to record life insurance payments (1901-1919); and a number of items addressed to Julian's daughter, Caroline Harris Green, which pertain to her brother, James S. Harris, a deceased veteran (1936). The Harris family was from Richmond (Mass.).

AM-183 Diaries
Two diaries used by R.L. Church, an Ashfield (Mass.) farmer, to record his daily activities. Quantities of egg production are noted daily.

AM-184 Bill of sale
Bill to the Elm Court Club for an advertisement in the Boston Symphony Orchestra's 1955 bulletin.

AM-185 Receipts
Four receipts indicating financial transactions, such as the selling of cloth and the payment of taxes, involving Seth Barlow. Places mentioned include Lee (Mass.) and Sandwich (Mass.) and one of the documents involves Samuel Barlow. Also included is a list of materials, including the four receipts, presented to the Daughters of the American Revolution and a list of Revolutionary War Soldiers in Center Cemetery in South Lee, one of whom is Samuel Barlow.

AM-186 Financial papers
Invoices and receipts of William and Caroline Green of Richmond (Mass.).

AM-187 Insurance papers
Insurance payment books and receipts of Mattie Burns of Richmond (Mass.). Her insurance company was The Prudential Insurance Company of America, which maintained an office in Pittsfield (Mass.).

AM-188 Collection of receipts
Collection of receipts, several involving the shipment of marble at Hudson (N.Y.), one for payment for a subscription to the Berkshire County Whig, and another for the transporting and insuring of a cash transfer. Names include Silas Freeman, John Freeman, Charles Boyington, Joseph Tucker, Douglas J. Hubbard, Henry Taft, Joseph Barnes, George Aiken, Stephen J. Field, and Noah S. Arnold. Places include Lenox (Mass.), West Stockbridge (Mass.), Pittsfield (Mass.), and New Marlborough (Mass.).

AM-189 Receipt
Receipt for repayment of a loan incurred by Thomas Stedman of Tyringham (Mass.). The payment was made by James Breckenridge, and was received by Adonijah Bidwell, an agent for James Wadsworth.

AM-190 Shipping receipts
Two receipts given to E. Fitch for the transportation by tow boat of marble at Stuyvesant (N.Y.). Attached to each is a weight record made by West Stockbridge Village Hay Scales.

AM-191 Receipt for dues
Receipt for payment of dues by Mrs. J.P. Sayles to the Ladies' Auxiliary of Hilcrest Hospital of Pittsfield (Mass.).
A AM-192 Receipt for furniture
Receipt to C.E. Collins for furniture purchased from J.B. Van Sover Co. of Camden (N.J.).
A AM-193 Receipt for repairing desk
Receipt for repair of T.G. Ramsdell's desk by Z.A. Ward & Son Wood Working Mill of Pittsfield (Mass.).
A AM-194 Receipt for special tax
Receipt to George T. Foster of Pittsfield (Mass.) for a special tax on the occupation of physician.
United States. Internal Revenue. Receipt for special tax, 1870 May 2.
A AM-195 Receipt for black salve
Receipt (recipe) for making a salve. Includes the ingredient "chamberlie," which is made from urine.
Wood, Henry J. Receipt for black salve, [18--?].
A AM-196 Insurance receipts
Receipts for premium payments of Henry J. Wood to the Berkshire Life Insurance Company, Pittsfield (Mass.).
Pittsfield Carriage Company. Purchase order for lumber, 1900 Oct. 23.
A AM-197 Purchase order for lumber
Purchase order for lumber from the Pittsfield Carriage Company to N.B. Turner in Housatonic (Mass.).
A AM-198 Bills of sale
Two bills of sale for meals, lodging, and stable fees from Morgan's Stage and Coffee-House of Pittsfield (Mass.), which was operated by A. Morgan.
A AM-199 Purchase order
Purchase order from Pomeroy & Sons of Pittsfield (Mass.) to F. Townsend of Albany (N.Y.) requesting iron rod.
A AM-200 Postmaster's bill,
Bill from the Post Office at Boston (Mass.) to the Post Office at Stockbridge (Mass.) for delivery of letters and newspapers.
Post Office (Boston, Mass.). Postmaster's bill, 1793 Mar. 28.
A AM-201 Room bill
Bill to M.D. Wood for staying five nights at the Hotel Wendell in Pittsfield (Mass.), which was managed by Campbell, N.A.
Hotel Wendell. Room bill, 1930 Mar. 2.
A AM-202 Financial papers
Bills, invoices, and receipts for household expenditures of Marie B. and Myron E. Sayles of Richmond (Mass.). Many of the items are from Pittsfield (Mass.) businesses.
Sayles family. Financial papers, 1922-1924.
A AM-203 M. Douglas Sackman: Herman Melville
Collection of published and unpublished material relating to Herman Melville assembled by M. Douglas Sackman, including books by and about Melville, letters, journals, reviews, catalogs and bibliographies, pictures and ephemera. The bulk of the collection consists of printed and published material, with original letters and typed manuscripts by Melville scholars and a few original Melville family letters. The collection is organized in 8 categories. 1) M. D. Sackman Papers: including his master's thesis on Melville and related notes, and correspondence with other Melville scholars; 2) Works of Herman Melville: including most of his published books and stories, many in first editions; 3) Melville Society: newsletters, membership lists and other material relating to the organization; 4) Influences on Melville: original works known or believed to have been read by Melville and historical reconstructions of his reading; 5) Melville Criticism and Biography: books, journals, pamphlets, and clippings from magazines and newspapers, dating from the 1840s to the mid-20th century; 6) Melville Family items: primarily letters and pictures (including letters by Eleanor Melville Metcalf and Peter Gansevoort); 7) Other Melville Collections and Publications: including catalogs and/or descriptions of collections held by libraries, book dealers and auction houses; 8) Miscellaneous items: including objects such as book jackets, publication notices, pictures and other art work inspired by “Moby-Dick,” and comic books and other works for young readers based Melville's works.
AM-204 Papers

Contains a diary, letters, articles, booklets, newspapers, and other papers relating to Marcus H. Rogers (1835-1926), newspaper publisher, writer, and world traveler. The materials are divided into four categories. The category "Personal Papers and Writings" includes a diary (1875), letters (1855-1929), writings in published and draft form (1894-1923), and poetry. There are also documents dealing with his purchase of the Berkshire Courier (1861) and the building of a sewer (1875), and financial papers (1869-1914). Most of the letters are contained in folders 2 and 3. Some of the letters in folder 2 were not written by or to Rogers. The names on these letters include Mrs. Edwin B. Allen, Pearl Hanna Williams, Frank W. Keyes, and S. Lizzie Rogers. Most of the rest of the letters were written to Rogers. Folder 3 contains letters from Rogers to the editors of several newspapers and to individuals about such topics as Abraham Lincoln, a proposed amendment to the Constitution regarding child labor, and the presidential election of 1884. In addition, there are writings about his world travels (folder 5) and the New Marlborough Town Library (also at one time known as the New Marlborough Free Public Library) in Mill River (New Marlborough, Mass.) (folder 9), as well as pamphlets on astronomy, cancer, and God (folder 10). The category "Newspapers" contains items that were printed on Rogers's first press, newspapers that he later published and wrote for, and clippings. Included is one copy (four leaves) of the Rising Sun, which was produced on his homemade press in September 1854 when Rogers was nineteen years old, and two letters (1854, 1855) that were probably produced on the same press (folder 12). There are copies of the Berkshire Courier (1878), the Springfield Republican (1885), the Berkshire County Eagle (the last one published by Rogers, 1889), the Boys Herald (one of which contains an autobiographical article on his life, 1908-1913), and the Berkshire Sun (1916-1924). There are clippings and articles about the Rising Sun (folder 19), an 1895 article about Barnes (folder 13), and chronicles of ceremonies.

AM-205 Melville collection

Collection of published and unpublished material relating to Herman Melville, assembled by the Berkshire County Historical Society in connection with its occupancy of Arrowhead, Melville's home from 1850-1863. The collection includes family letters, original published forms of Melville's short stories, criticism and interpretation of Melville's works, and biographical material on Herman Melville and other family members. The bulk of the collection consists of printed and published material, with a number of original letters and other personal papers from the Melville family. The collection is organized into 9 categories. 1) Works of Herman Melville: includes many of his short stories in their original publication form in 19th century literary journals. 2) Melville biography: published articles and notes on all or part of Herman Melville's life. 3) Melville family: family papers of Melville's immediate family and their descendants, including original letters by Allan Melville, Augusta Melville, Gansevoort Melville (Melville's brothers and sister), and Eleanor Melville Metcalf (granddaughter); an essay about Arrowhead by Florence Melville (niece); an autograph and papers of Lemuel Shaw (father-in-law); histories, pictures, and genealogical records from the families of Herman Melville and his wife, Elizabeth Shaw Melville. 4) Melville criticism and interpretation: reviews and analyses of Melville's writings, including original copies of a number of 19th century periodicals. 5) Influences on Melville: includes primarily documentation on Melville's reading. 6) Melville Society papers: critical essays and organizational information. 7) Other Melville collections: including descriptions of collections in other museums and libraries. 8) Melville's works and life in other art forms: including play scripts, poetry, and descriptions and pictures from movie versions of Melville's books. 9) Miscellaneous items: photographs and drawings of Herman Melville, foreign language publications, publications for young readers, and ephemera.
Papers collected by Charles E. Collins and his family, concerning his education, personal life and career as a civil engineer. The collection contains items from Collins' life as a student at Norwich University (Northfield, Vt.), including report cards, and invitations to school social functions; items relating to his wife, Mabel May Tuggey of Pittsfield (Mass.), including letters written by her before their marriage, their wedding album, and a series of aphorisms, entitled "Gems," compiled by Mabel Tuggey as a young girl; a handwritten copy of a speech delivered by Collins on "Civil Engineering as a Profession;" financial and legal documents, specifications, and receipts relating to engineering projects; letters, employment applications, and news clippings relating to jobs held by Collins; the obituary prepared by Collins' brother, John L. Collins, for a publication of the American Society of Civil Engineers; the agreement for the purchase of a cemetery plot by Collins' widow.

**AM-207** Papers

A ration books issued by the United States Office of Price Administration during World War II to control the purchase of certain goods. Books are in the names of Margaret Callahan, George P. Callahan, Richard F. Callahan, and William H. Hugabone, all of Pittsfield (Mass.).

**AM-208** Collection of war ration books
- Callahan family. Collection of war ration books, [19-].

Papers associated with stock owned by Arthur N. Cooley in the Pittsfield National Bank (Pittsfield, Mass.): 2 stock certificates issued in 1909; 2 statements (1926) by the executors of Cooley's will, Clara Graves and Merie Graves, one transferring the stock to Clara Graves, and the other protecting the bank from any financial loss associated with lost stock certificates.

**AM-209** Papers
- Burke family. Papers, 1878-1926.

A school reading lists for school grades 4 through 9, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education in 1936 and 1939; a reading list for grades 3 and 4 issued by the Boston Public Library in 1937, belonging to Margaret Wells.

**AM-210** Pittsfield National Bank stock certificate

A a redeemed stock certificate for 8 shares in the Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company (Pittsfield, Mass.), issued to William L. Adam.

**AM-211** Stock certificate
- Pittsfield Third National Bank and Trust Company. Stock certificate, 1929 Sept. 3.

A receipt for purchases by Mrs. Theodore Ramsdell at Chamberlain Bros., booksellers and stationers in Pittsfield (Mass.).

**AM-212** Receipt

A a certificate issued by the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield (Mass.) in 1860 stating that Hattie Plunkett has introduced Kate Merrin to be enrolled in the Sabbath School. State certificate reading lists for school grades 4 through 9, issued by the Massachusetts Department of Education in 1936 and 1939; a reading list for grades 3 and 4 issued by the Boston Public Library in 1937, belonging to Margaret Wells. Diploma for Rita M. B. Brown of North Adams (Mass.) from her graduation in 1939 from the Henry W. Bishop 3rd Memorial School of Nursing of the House of Mercy Hospital (Pittsfield, Mass.); and her certificate as registered nurse issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration of Nurses.

**AM-213** Certificate of Sabbath School enrollment

**AM-214** School reading lists
- School reading lists, 1936-1939.

A diploma of Rita M. B. Brown of North Adams (Mass.) from her graduation in 1939 from the Henry W. Bishop 3rd Memorial School of Nursing, Pittsfield, Mass.; and her certificate as registered nurse issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Registration of Nurses.

**AM-215** Diploma of Rita M. B. Brown
The collection is comprised of autograph books, pamphlets, printed material, newspaper clippings, and photographs and illustrations pertaining to the Maplewood Young Ladies' Institute of Pittsfield (Mass.).

There are manuscript materials pertaining to students, such as three autograph books (1848 and 1849) and other items belonging to Mary Robeson, one autograph book (1869-1870) of Mary L. Russell, and the diplomas of Ellen E. Cooke (1858-1859) and Rosa M. Wyllys (1861).

There are also printed materials such as the school's catalogs (1847-1882), a listing of alumnae (1910), the "Institute Omnibus" (the school newspaper); booklets pertaining to Charles Vinal Spear (1903 and 1913); historical sketches of the school (1920) and programs for the Semi-Annual Concert (1867-1881), the graduates' reception, and recitals. The newspaper clippings (1911-1938) contain an announcement of the alumnae gathering at the Maplewood Hotel and etchings of the school grounds. There are also several other illustrations and photographs of the school in the collection. From the Maplewood Institute Association there are annual reports and its constitution and by-laws. There are printed form letters and items (1910-1921) pertaining to the Maplewood Hotel, including a program (1935) commemorating the visit of General Lafayette and an advertisement for the hotel for the summer months.

AM-216 Maplewood Young Ladies' Institute coll
Maplewood Young Ladies' Institute collection, 1841-1938.

AM-217 Promissory note
Promissory note, 1798 Aug. 20.

AM-218 Genealogical information and photographs of the Brooks family, 1910.[193-?].

AM-219 Notice of balloon ascension
Notice of balloon ascension, 1859 June 2.

AM-220 Speech delivered before the Euglossian Society of Stockport (N.Y.)
Speech delivered before the Euglossian Society of Stockport (N.Y.), 1839 Jan. 5.

AM-221 Discharge papers
Discharge papers, 1863 Sept. 1, 1864 Nov. 10.

AM-222 Prayer book

AM-223 Auction lists
Auction lists, 1805.
| AM-225 | Collection of Sandisfield documents | Collection of documents, primarily from the Deming family of Sandisfield (Mass.), including: a parent's eulogy to a child, Mary Belden, who died at the age of 4; a fire insurance policy issued in 1848 by the Berkshire Mutual Fire Insurance Company to A.F. Deming of Sandisfield; an inventory of the estate of E. Deming made in 1849, showing outstanding loans due to him; a mortgage deed for property sold by the Deming family to James and Helen Roberts in 1861, 4 letters discussing the donation of the documents in 1969. Collection of Sandisfield documents, [182-?]-1882. |
| AM-226 | Collection of legal documents | A collection of legal documents, primarily originating in Berkshire County (Mass.). The documents include: a 1789 summons issued to Daniel Hubbard of Pittsfield (Mass.) to come to court in Lenox (Mass.) to answer a charge of non-payment of a debt; a license to sell goods issued in 1805 by the selectmen of Lenox to Joseph Fowler; certification as an attorney in 1816 of Daniel B. Bush of Pittsfield, grandson of the builder of Arrowhead; an 1841 summons, signed by Benjamin Sedgwick, issued to Horace Kelsey of Salisbury (Conn.) to appear before the Justice of the Peace of Litchfield County (Conn.) regarding the release of an inmate of debtors' prison; a license issued by the Internal Revenue Service in 1863 authorizing Horace Kelsey to engage in retail trade in the town of North East (N.Y.); an 1846 writ, signed by Charles Sedgwick, clerk of the court in Lenox, ordering the attachment of goods of Samuel Williams in payment of a debt; an agreement drawn up in 1872 in Clarksburg (Mass.) regarding a lumber business in Stamford (VI.). Collection of legal documents, 1789-1895. |
| AM-227 | Diary, personal items, and Civil War discharge papers | A collection of items from the Civil War service of Harlen Wood of Sandisfield (Mass.), who served from 1862 Aug. 27 to 1863 Sept. 1 as a private in the 49th Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteers: a diary kept by Wood during 1863 (Jan. to Sept.), his discharge papers from 1863 Sept. 1, a pocket-sized New Testament in which his birth and death dates and remarks from his funeral sermon were recorded, a sewing kit, and a ring. Diary, personal items, and Civil War discharge papers, 1863. |
| AM-228 | The Phonograph: Pittsfield High School essay | A handwritten essay by a student at Pittsfield High School describing the recent invention of the phonograph by Thomas Edison. At the end of the essay, the name, Fannie Alice Foote is written in a different hand. The Phonograph: Pittsfield High School essay, 1878 June 28. |
| AM-229 | Order of calls for the brass band of the 47th Regiment | A Civil War military order, from Colonel G.W.M. Williams to the principal musician, Robert A. Low, of the 47th Regiment of the Georgia Volunteers, giving the schedule for the daily calls from reveille through tattoo. Order of calls for the brass band of the 47th Regiment, 1862. |
| AM-232 | Estate inventory of Elijah Bagg | List of items from the estate of Elijah Bagg of Pittsfield (Mass.), giving appraised value of all possessions and the homestead left on his death. The appraisers were Orin Goodrich, Robert Francis, and James Boot, appointed by the Berkshire County Justice of the Peace, Henry Haleband. Estate inventory of Elijah Bagg, undated. |
| AM-233 | Notebook of medical afflictions and treatments | Handwritten notes of a medical student, describing characteristics of diseases and ailments and recipes for medicinal treatments. Notebook of medical afflictions and treatments, [18--?]. |
AM-235 How we acquired Texas
School essay by May Louise Denny (undated), entitled "How We Acquired Texas."
Denny, May Louise. How we acquired Texas, [not before 1870].

AM-236 Policies of Joseph W. Norton
Two paid-up endowment policies on behalf of Joseph W. Norton issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (New York, N.Y.) in 1909. The policies were to pay $21 and $25, respectively, in 1955.

AM-237 Poem for Pittsfield High School
Poem written by a student in a graduating class of Pittsfield High School (Pittsfield, Mass.). Poem for Pittsfield High School, undated.

AM-238 Pittsfield Cemetery papers
Collection of items related to the purchase of a cemetery plot by Laura Foot[e] of Pittsfield (Mass.) in 1888: a deed for one lot in the Pittsfield Cemetery in the name of Laura Foot[e]; a contract for the perpetual care of the lot; a receipt for payment for the lot and perpetual care fund; a photograph of George Stevenson of Pittsfield (Mass.); a letter from Mrs. French P. Sargeant (Mary P. Sargeant), granddaughter of Laura Foot e(7), discussing the donation of these items.
Foote, Laura. Pittsfield Cemetery papers, 1888.

AM-239 Letter: to Miss Fitch
A typed letter written by Margaret Townsend O'Brien of Albany (N.Y.), a 1907 graduate of Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield (Mass.) to Miss Fitch (possibly the editor of an alumnae newsletter), in 1956. In the letter, occasioned by her receipt of the "Alumnae News," O'Brien describes her experiences at Miss Hall's School 50 years earlier. The letter has been annotated in ink by Margaret Hinsdale Hall.

AM-240 Minutes
Minutes of a meeting of the Ecclesiastical Council of the Society of New Lebanon in Canaan (N.Y.) to consider the appointment of Silas Churchill a pastor. Rev. Thomas Allen was the moderator of the meeting an Rev. Calvin Chapin was scribe. The decision was made to appoint Mr. Churchill pastor, and arrangements were made for the ordination.

AM-241 Essays
Five essays written by Mrs. H.M. Plunkett during the early years of the 20th century on life style, health issues, and politics. The essays are: "Food, Drink and Health," on a natural approach to maintaining health and avoiding disease, rather than a reliance on medication; "The Temptation of the Kerosene Lamp," on the impact on a farm wife of long hours spent reading as a result of the availability of the kerosene lamp; "Vicious Words," on the evils of political patronage and politicians' abuse of office; "Diphtheria and When to Use Antitoxin," a review of the history of the disease and the efficacy of the recently developed antitoxin inoculation (accompanied by a pamphlet published by the Massachusetts State Board of Health); "Women and the Early Settlement of Ohio," a description of women's groups in Connecticut in 1790-1820 that supported education and enlightenment for women, and their influence in the acceptance of higher education for women in the frontier territory of Ohio (settled by migrant's from New Englander.)
Plunkett, H.M., Mrs. Essays, ca. 1906.

AM-242 Accounts
Ledger from the Christian Science Association of Pittsfield (Mass.) showing income and expenses for 1904 and 1905, compiled by George H. Cooper, Treasurer of Committee. Notes on the face sheet and on page 4 indicate that this is the beginning of the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Pittsfield.

AM-243 Records
Records pertaining to the West Stockbridge and Hudson Marble and Lime Company, established in 1834 by Charles Boynton and Anson Clark of West Stockbridge (Mass.) and James Melen, Samuel Anable, Rufus Reed, Silas Sprague, and Robert Barnan of Hudson (N.Y.); agreements regarding the use of property, patents and equipment; documents transferring land owned by the company; shareholder records; estimates for marble work; bills for materials; account books of financial transactions.
West Stockbridge and Hudson Marble and Lime Company. Records, 1834-1897 (bulk 1834-1838).
AM-244 Williams Family papers
Papers relating to the genealogy and history of the Williams family of Massachusetts. Included in the collection are: a 1929 application of Edith Williams Morton of Adams (Mass.) for membership in the Daughters of Colonial Wars based on her descent from Simon Bradstreet, Governor of Massachusetts, 1699-1692; the application includes a genealogy of the Williams family from 1603 to 1929; 2 letters to Stoddard Williams of Lanesborough (1723-1801) from his daughter Edith at school; an 1800 document appointing Stoddard Williams surveyor of highways in Lanesborough, giving the extent of his jurisdiction and listing each resident and the taxes owed; an 1875 undertaker's invoice for the burial of Oscar H. Marsh, father of Edith Williams Morton.

AM-245 Financial papers

AM-246 Marriage and baptismal papers
Papers relating to the marriage of Gilman Ashburner and Minnie H. Kyner: invitation to their wedding in Shippensburg (Pa.), marriage certificate, card announcing their residency in Baltimore (Md.), and the baptismal certificate of their daughter, Margaret Katherine Ashburner.

AM-247 Papers
Papers relating to the family, education, and work as a teacher of Ethel J. Sheldon. The papers include: essays and stories written by Ethel Sheldon as a school girl; a receipt from Elizabeth Boardman for payment for lessons given to Ethel Sheldon; notes written to Ethel Sheldon when she was a school teacher by her pupils' parents; a history of the Sheldon family copied from the "Gazetteer of Berkshire County, 1725-1885," primarily concerning the paper mills in Mill River in which the family had business interests; a narrative genealogy of the Brockway family of New York (State), Connecticut, and Maine; an account of a visit to the 1933 Century of Progress Fair in Chicago (author unknown).

AM-248 Research papers and correspondence
Correspondence and notes relating to Charles Taylor's (of Great Barrington, Mass.) research on the late 18th century Berkshire counterfeiter, Gil Belcher. Included is a first draft of Taylor's paper, "The Truth of a Tradition, Belcher's Cave, Gil Belcher and His Fate," and material supplied to Taylor by Robert Rockwell of Pittsfield (Mass.).

AM-249 Papers
Papers relating to the family, and political and business careers of George Nixon Briggs of Pittsfield (Mass.). Papers include: an 1836 letter from George Briggs to Socrates Squires of Lanesborough (Mass.) regarding a sheep farming and wool production business; a card listing the governing board of the Massachusetts Legislative Temperance Society in 1850, of which Briggs was President; the 1849 marriage certificate of Henry Shaw Briggs of Pittsfield (Mass.), George Briggs' son, to Mary Elizabeth Talcott of Lanesborough (Mass.), ceremony performed by Silas Churchill in New Lebanon (N.Y.); an 1864 letter from Henry Shaw Briggs to George S. Ingersoll of Cleveland (Ohio) discussing a soldier's term of service; a 1972 Berkshire Life Insurance Company newsletter which includes a biography of George Briggs, who founded the company in 1851.

AM-250 Army discharge papers
The discharge papers of Fred Norton of the 2d Regiment of Infantry, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. The discharge was issued 1904 Mar. 28 in Springfield (Mass.) by the Massachusetts Adjutant General's office.

AM-251 Accounts
Pages from an account book recording monthly charges and payments for rent on a two-family house at 51 East 16th Street (no city given).
| AM-252 | Promissory notes | A group of four promissory notes from different sources: a 1770 note from Silas Freeman and Samuel Smith of New Marlborough (Mass.) to repay David Smith in shingles at the rate of 12 shillings per thousand; an 1850 note from Luther Salmon of Great Barrington (Mass.) to pay Mash Rossetan; an 1864 note from William Washburn and Phineas Cone to pay Lenox Academy (Lenox, Mass.); an 1864 note from Baring Bros. & Co. of London to pay I.G. Weld from the account of the estate of Edwin Howland. | Promissory notes, 1770-1864. |
| AM-253 | Ledger | C.G. Martin's ledger for a farm business in Pittsfield (Mass.) (?), showing income and expenses; includes pages for transactions with specific individuals. | Martin, G.C. Ledger, 1836. |
| AM-254 | Inventories | Business records from C.C. Gamwell of Pittsfield (Mass.), a dealer in coal, wood, hay and straw; four notebooks containing inventory information, an invoice from the Boston & Albany Railroad for transportation of coal, and a blank invoice from the Gamwell business. | Gamwell, C.C. Inventories, 1878-1896. |
| AM-256 | Poems and essays | A collection of writings of F.O. Sayles: 13 essays on subjects of daily life and philosophy; 20 poems on a variety of subjects; a few untitled works or parts of works; an 1854 letter from J. Jay Dana to F.O. Sayles discussing general news. | Sayles, F.O. Poems and essays, [18--]. |
| AM-258 | Sermons | Four sermons by the Rev. David Perry, pastor of the Congregational Church of Richmond (Mass.), 1784-1816. | Perry, David, 1746-1817. Sermons, [18--?]. |
| AM-259 | Dance and performance programs | Programs and cards dances performances collected by Angie Sayles of Adams (Mass.), an 1896 graduate of Adams High School: dance cards, dance and musical concert programs, programs of plays in which Angie Sayles was a member of the cast, and the calling cards of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Wilkinson and Lillian M. Dean of South Adams (Mass.). | Sayles, Angie. Dance and performance programs, 1893-1900. |
| AM-260 | Record of expenses | An expense record for the Grant/Wilson campaign headquarters in Pittsfield (Mass.). | Grant & Wilson Headquarters. Record of expenses, [187--]. |
AM-261 Helfman-Seaver family papers

Helfman-Seaver family papers, 1826-1959.

AM-262 Sunday school certificate of Ruth Andrews

First Church of Christ (Pittsfield, Mass.). Sunday school certificate of Ruth Andrews, 1924 Sept. 28.

AM-263 Letter and church certificate

Haight family. Letter and church certificate, 1897, 1953.

AM-264 Correspondence and documents

Correspondence and documents, 1904.
AM-265  Documents
Documents relating to the attempt by the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway Company (Pittsfield, Mass.), also known as the Pittsfield Trolley Co., to expand into Lenox (Mass.) and Lee (Mass.) in 1900; the documents were compiled by F. Augustus Schermerhorn, a summer resident of Lenox. The bulk of the papers are correspondence and legal documents exchanged by a committee representing the Lenox (Mass.) cottagers, of which F. Augustus Schermerhorn was spokesman, and the railway company; principals in the discussions included F.W. Rockwell, representing the cottagers, and James W. Hull, representing the company. Also included are a copy of the legislative act of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, authorizing extension of the railway line, a map showing the proposed extension, and an article from the Berkshire Eagle concerning public reaction to the railway’s petition to extend.

Schermerhorn, F. Augustus. Documents relating to the Pittsfield Electric Street Railway, 1900.

AM-266  Muster orders for the Massachusetts Militia
Three muster orders from the Massachusetts Militia, issued in New Marlborough (Mass.): two orders, issued in 1815 and in 1817, directing Herman Freeman to appear for duty in Great Barrington (Mass.); an order directing Ledidiah Sisson to appear for duty in 1812, signed by Herman Freeman.

Freeman, Herman. Muster orders for the Massachusetts Militia, 1812, 1817.

AM-267  Bills
Two invoices issued to the Lenox Academy (Lenox, Mass.): an 1853 bill directed to William L. Tucker for advertising in the Berkshire Courier, and an 1855 note from Judson Aspinwall to Henry W. Taft, treasurer of Lenox Academy, requesting him to pay Dr. R. Worthington.


AM-268  Payroll [photocopy]
Photocopy of the Richmond Iron Works (Richmond, Mass.) payroll for 1907 Jan. 5, giving names of employees, days worked, rate of pay and amount earned.

Richmond Iron Works. Payroll [photocopy], 1907 Jan. 5.

AM-269  Promissory note
Promissory note from Abraham Naunompetonek (?) to Israel Dickinson of Pittsfield (Mass.) witnessed by Solomon Ukhaunnauwanunmut. A note at the bottom indicates that the money was not fully repaid.

Promissory note, 1769 Mar. 27.

AM-270  Weaving patterns, papers and samples
Papers and artifacts collected by the Walter family of Pittsfield (Mass.), primarily relating to the craft of weaving, in which a number of members of the family, William C., William J., Paul, and Adolph, were employed. Items include weaving patterns, instructions, notes, fabric samples, technical manuals and materials from a German technical school. The collection includes: weaving patterns, both printed and hand-drawn, many accompanied by instructions, notes or fabric samples; a large hand-written pattern, with written instructions, for creating a weaving sample; yarn and fiber samples; pages from textile industry journals, both in English and German; items from the studies of Wilhelm [William] Walter at a German weaving and technical school in 1898—textbook, pattern book, notebooks from business and technical courses, and diploma; family papers, including household receipts and tax bills.

Walter family. Weaving patterns, papers and samples, 1891-1933 (bulk 1895-1905).
AM-271 Papers

Consists of photographs, account books, letters, advertisements, personal financial records, newspaper clippings, and other items relating chiefly to the Stedman family of Tyringham (Mass.) and the family's business, the M.W. Stedman Rake Co. There are also materials from families related to the Stedmans, including the Miner and Myers families. Items pertaining to the Stedman family and rake business include: flyers (1927-1941), mortgages (1847-1898), newspaper clippings (1923-1961), business letters (1925-1940) agreements, accounts, advertisements, and pamphlets (1927-1941). There are diaries from Maria Baker Stedman (1870-1908), Ethel Stedman (1875), Frances Thompson (1880-1902), and unnamed (1876-1886). There are record and ledger books (1843-1941), notes on rakes, and pictures and illustrations of the family and rakes. Items collected by Eloise Sledman Myers include black and white and color illustrations of rakes taken from magazines (1920-1953); letters to Eloise (1901, 1936-1967) and to her family (1833-1905); correspondence relating to Eloise's research on rakes (1939-1957) and a typed copy of her findings entitled "The Lowly Rake" (1957); and pamphlets, booklets, and notes on the Berkshire Garden Club (1935-1951), charcoal (1941-1959), herbs, the Shakers (1956-1959), the town of Tyringham (Mass.) (1905-1968), and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The bulk of the materials from the Miners pertains to cattle, and includes entry cards for the "American Jersey Herd Book", blank certificates of transfer, catalogs and newspaper clippings (1875-1879), and the records of the birth of cattle (1871-1889). Other items relating to the Miner family are the diaries of George Miner (1885), letters (1843-1939), postcards (1878), and personal financial documents (1836, 1884-1891). There are also miscellaneous items that are believed to be from the Miner Family. These include receipt books (1833-1898), a grocery account book (1884), greeting cards, business cards, a book of poetry, flyers, and knitting instructions.

AM-272 Arrowhead collection

Collection of materials related to Arrowhead, the house in Pittsfield (Mass.), which was acquired by the Berkshire County Historical Society in 1975 for use as its headquarters and to operate as a museum. The collection relates to the history of the house and the work of the Society to restore it to its state when it was the home of Herman Melville (1850-1863). Materials include photographs, historical accounts of the house and its previous occupants, documents related to architectural surveys of the house, BCHS publications, news clippings, and ephemera.

AM-273 Papers and books

Contains pamphlets, books, and handwritten sermons of Rev. John E. Todd (1800-1873), pastor of the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield (Mass.) from 1840 to 1873, and letters, clippings, and a family scrapbook relating to Todd, his wife, Mary Skinner Brace Todd, and his father-in-law, Rev. Joab Brace. The collection includes: handwritten sermons (1819, 1840-1895), pamphlets (1807-1878), and published books (1835-1876) written by Todd; loose letters written by Todd (1825-1867) and a bound volume of letters from Todd and his wife to Rev. Joab Brace (1824-1832); a family scrapbook containing programs, letters, invitations, and newspaper clippings (1861-1873); a list of resolutions and donations relating to the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield (Mass.) (undated); a handwritten book labeled "Reminiscences" of Mary Skinner Brace Todd, which were gathered by her daughter, Martha Collins Todd Hill (undated); a booklet of drawings and a poem pertaining to the Todds' wedding anniversaries (1867); two photographs, one of John Todd and the other of an unknown man (undated); a metal plate for printing Todd's signature; and a Bible used by Todd from 1854-1873.
AM-274 Freeman-Sheldon-Collins family papers, 1725-[ca. 1895].

Freeman-Sheldon-Collins family papers, 1725-[ca. 1895].

AM-275 Papers

Papers collected by the Morewood family of Pittsfield (Mass.) and Elizabeth (N.J.). The family emigrated to the United States from England during the mid-19th century. The collection includes papers, letters, notebooks, photograph album, and a scrapbook from several generations of the family. The papers include: a Morewood family genealogy, tracing the family's history back to medieval England; a published genealogy on the Thurston family; a drawing of the Morewood home in Thornbridge, England; letters of George and Ellen Barrow Morewood (1835-1857); letters and papers of Morewood family members in England (1827-1904); letters and papers of John Rowland Morewood (1835-1903); letters of Sarah Huyler Morewood (1842-1862); correspondence and papers of William Barlow Morewood (1857-1921), including letters exchanged with his father and other family members while he was at boarding school in England; essays, papers, and letters of Maria Melville Morewood (1857-1914); papers and correspondence of Agnes Morewood (1854-1962), including a diary (1905) of a trip to Italy; an essay on Abbey Lodge (the Lathers home in Pittsfield (Mass.)) by Margaret Thurston Morewood, and papers relating to her memorial service (1968); papers (1919) and an account book (1968-1969) of Helen Gansevoort Morewood; letters and a notebook of Anne Morewood Lathers (1874-1904); letters and documents of Sophia Thurston Melville (1872); letter from Elizabeth Shaw Melville (wife of Herman Melville) to her future nephew, William Morewood (1873); letters from Helen Melville Griggs (1888) to her niece Maria Melville Morewood; documents and patents related to the safety door and lock business in New York (N.Y.) from William Barlow Morewood and his son, Thomas (1906-1919); letters and papers of Henry Gansevoort Morewood (1910-1976); family wills and probate documents (1912-1937); newspaper clippings, published obituaries, poetry and miscellaneous papers collected by the family; a scrapbook of newspaper clippings from the Morewood family (1903, 1905); an album of cyanotype photographs from Many other papers and documents related to the Morewood family. Papers, 1827-1976.
AM-276 Shaker diary and scrapbook

Diary and scrapbook compiled by a resident of the Mt. Lebanon (N.Y.) Shaker community. Diary entries include the writer's daily activities, weather observations, current events, philosophy, and religion. A system of codes and symbols is interspersed throughout the narrative. News clippings, primarily about peace movements and women's issues, are pasted in the diary. Shaker diary and scrapbook, 1914-1915.

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AM-277 Sales records

Records of sales and purchases of the Paul and Sayles Motor Company of Pittsfield (Mass.), primarily for the year 1916. Diploma issued to Moses H. See indicating that he was elected a resident member of the Lyceum of Natural History of the Berkshire Medical Institution in Pittsfield (Mass.) in 1824, signed by Chester Dewey, President. Paul and Sayles Motor Co. Sales records, 1916.

AM-278 Diploma of Moses H. See

Berkshire Medical Institution. Diploma of Moses H. See, 1824.

AM-279 Bishop Memorial School of Nursing papers

Material concerning the Bishop Memorial School of Nursing in Pittsfield (Mass.) and the history of the Cadet Nurse Corps, established by the United States during World War II, assembled by Norma Purdy, a 1946 graduate of the Bishop Memorial School, and a member of the Corps. Items include photographs of nursing students, a postcard picture of the Bishop Memorial School, a 50th anniversary booklet on the Cadet Nurse Corps, photocopies of articles on the Corps from various publications, and a bibliography of published sources on the Corps. Purdy, Norma. Bishop Memorial School of Nursing papers and photographs, 1946-1995.

AM-280 Papers

Papers relating to educational, cultural and business organizations in Pittsfield (Mass.), assembled by Henry H. Williams: programs for the order of exercises at Miss Salisbury's School, 1876; order of exercises for Pittsfield High School, 1873; rosters of officers and members, and topics of discussion of the Wednesday Morning Club, 1892-1907; programs of performances at the Academy of Music, 1876; checks signed by Owen Coogan, leather manufacturer, 1879-1882; certificate for one share of stock in the Pittsfield Airport Corporation, 1929.

AM-281 Certificate appointing Amos G. Cross J


AM-282 Papers relating to umbrella tree invention

Papers associated with the invention of the umbrella tree by Jonathan Haight of Pittsfield (Mass.): United States patent granted for the invention in 1889; an advertisement for "Haight's Patent Umbrella Tree," clipped from a publication; a trade card for Haight's Umbrella Tree. Haight, Jonathan. Papers relating to umbrella tree invention, 1889.

AM-283 Clippings and memoranda

Collection of clippings, letters, by-laws and notices related to the Berkshire Historical and Scientific Society of Pittsfield (Mass.) during the years 1878-1897; assembled in a home-made scrapbook, probably by Charles J. Taylor of Great Barrington (Mass.), a member of the Society. Some of the material consists of correspondence between Taylor and Harlan Ballard, librarian of the Berkshire Athenaeum, and an officer of the Society. Berkshire Historical and Scientific Society. Clippings and memoranda, 1878-1897.

AM-284 Letter, biographical notes and papers

Papers collected by Thomas Cushing of Pittsfield (Mass.): a letter (1885 May 11) from Cushing, a representative of J.B. Beers & Co., publishers, in answer to an inquiry from an author concerning information on some local people; biographical sketches on Berkshire County lawyers, including Thomas Augustin Gold, Thomas Gardner Gold, Charles Gold, Homer Kellogg, and Mathias Lancton; pass for admission to the Berkshire County jail for William G. Backus; an at-home card of the Nathaniel Fowler family of Boston Highlands (Mass.). Cushing, Thomas. Letter, biographical notes and papers, 1878-1885.
AM-285 Legal documents of the Ira Sperry estate
Records pertaining to the estate of Ira Sperry of Alford (Mass.): Contract for the purchase of the Sperry land by Ira Sperry from Philander Kellogg; the appointment of Lydia Sperry as guardian of his children; court orders permitting sale of assets from the estate (1823); receipts acknowledging payments from the estate (1822-1825). Legal documents of the Ira Sperry estate, 1814-1825.

AM-286 Tax bills

AM-287 Recommendation of John Sergeant by an association of ministers in Pittsfield (Mass.), dated 1774 Apr. 5, finding John Sergeant qualified to be missionary to the Stockbridge (Mass.) Indians, signed by Thomas Allen, scribe and Daniel Collens, moderator. Recommendation of John Sergeant by an association of ministers in Pittsfield (Mass.), 1774 Apr. 5.

AM-288 Minutes
Minutes of a meeting held to discuss and approve installation of a telegraph line in Lenox (Mass.), N.M. Bishop offered a proposal for the town; Mr. Allen represented the telegraph interests. No resolution was reached. Lenox (Mass.) Village meeting. Minutes, 1848.

AM-289 Papers of fabric dyer [photocopies]

AM-290 Holdings of Matthew Gregory's estate
Records of the estate of Matthew Gregory, consisting of an inventory of assets, showing stock, real estate, personal loans, and other assets, as well as obligations of the estate; and two stock certificates, one for shares in the Ontario Bank of Utica (N.Y.), and the other for shares in the Bank of Albany (N.Y.), in the name of Elizabeth G. Root of Albany. Holdings of Matthew Gregory's estate, 1850.

AM-291 Printing and publishing company papers
Papers relating to the printing and publishing businesses of Hudson Maxim, an inventor of printing techniques and publisher of books on penmanship in Pittsfield (Mass.): advertising material for two of Maxim's businesses, the Real Pen-work Company and Knowles and Maxim, the latter recruiting sales agents for its products; an example of an intricate colored-pen drawing; an 1885 notebook containing some of Hudson Maxim's philosophical aphorisms; a 1964 Berkshire Eagle article on the life of Hudson Maxim. Maxim, Hudson. Printing and publishing company papers, [188-]-1964 (bulk [188-]-1885).

AM-292 Receipts

AM-293 Diploma of Theresa Ayers
Diploma of Theresa Ayers certifying that she has completed a course of study as of 1859 [July 2] at the Female Seminary in Pittsfield (Mass.), also known as Miss Wells' School. Female Seminary (Pittsfield, Mass.). Diploma of Theresa Ayers, 1859 [July 2].

AM-294 Marriage certificate

AM-295 Letters
Five letters from writers in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania. There are both business letters and personal letters. Letters, 1834-1843.

AM-296 Papers related to dairy farm
Papers of Austin Holian, owner of a dairy farm in Great Barrington (Mass.): a letter (1903) from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry, arranging an inspection of Austin Holian's herd in advance of showing his animals at New York State fairs; a letter (1905) discussing purchase of milk from Holian; a partially completed form used to enter a pedigreed cow in the herd book register; a pedigree of a bull owned by W.H. Ayer of Pittsfield (Mass.); an invoice (1913) from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for a premium due from Holian. Holian, Austin. Papers related to dairy farm, 1903-1913.
| AM-297 | Account of an industrial accident | Description of an accident that took the life of Sheffield Collins, age 30, in 1824. He was severely scalded as a result of falling into a kettle of potash, and died after 21 hours, suffering great pain. | Account of an industrial accident, 1824. |
| AM-298 | Math lessons | A notebook containing a series of handwritten math problems and solutions. It is possibly a teacher's lesson book, since there are names of students on the back sheet. On one page, the name "Stedman" is written. | Math lessons, 1826. |
| AM-300 | Papers related to library building | Documents, drawings, blueprints, photographs and other papers related to the Lenox Library building in Lenox (Mass.), formerly the second Berkshire County Court House. Papers in the collection include: 1972 application by the Lenox Library Association placing the library building on the National Register of Historic Places (National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior), including an inventory-nomination form, property photograph, and property map; a 1972 application to the Massachusetts Historic Commission for registration of the Lenox Library; 6 photographs of drawings and plans made in 1815 by Isaac Damon, the original architect of the Court House building; a blueprint of the library's reading room and art gallery; a 1956 pamphlet, "A History of the Lenox Library," by Helen and Mary MacDonald; a 1963 bulletin of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, that includes an article about Isaac Damon; 3 photographs, one stereoscopic, one postcard, of the Lenox library; photocopies of 3 handwritten agreements with Isaac Damon regarding the design and construction of the Court House, and typewritten transcriptions of 2 of the agreements; a 1917 newspaper clipping describing the restoration of the 1816 Court House building. | Lenox Library. Papers related to library building, 1814-1972 (bulk 1956-1972). |
| AM-301 | World War II ration books | Ration books and other items related to the World War II war effort belonging to the Kirchner family of Pittsfield (Mass.): 2 ration book wallets; 3 years of ration books, some containing unused stamps, for individual family members; 2 blank defense stamp albums; a 1956 Civil Defense Department card with instructions for a war emergency; a newspaper clipping showing lines of shoppers outside a provisions store in Pittsfield. | Kirchner family. World War II ration books, 1942-1956. |
| AM-303 | Warrant | Two warrants (written on 2 sides of the same piece of paper) issued in Pittsfield (Mass.), concerning unpaid debts of Thomas and Benjamin Fossey owed to Charles and George Cadwell of Connecticut. Names appearing on the warrants are William Williams, Justice of the Peace; John Morse, Sheriff; Ezekiel Root, Jacob Goff, and Abner Dewey. | Berkshire County (Mass.), Justice of the Peace. Warrant, 1768 July 13. |
| AM-304 | Papers from leather products business | Business papers from Turner & Cook, Inc., a leather products manufacturer in Southfield (New Marlborough, Mass.): a blank invoice, ca. 1920; an advertising brochure for rawhide mallets and hammers; a copy of a 1943 patent for a rawhide hammer insert granted to Myles R. Stevens. | Turner & Cook, Inc. Papers from leather products business, [192-?]-[197-?]. |
| AM-306 | Note | An invitation from Dr. Henry Colt of Pittsfield (Mass.) to an unknown person. | Colt, Henry. Note, [ca. 1911]. |
| AM-308 | Medical lecture notes | Handmade notebook containing a medical student's notes from the lectures of Dr. Graves (possibly from the Berkshire Medical Institute in Pittsfield (Mass.)). | Medical lecture notes, [18--]. |
| AM-309 | Letter: to the editor of the Evening Journal | An unsigned letter (possibly a copy) to the editor of the Evening Journal in Pittsfield (Mass.) complaining about a proposal to change the name of Richmond Station to Aspinwall, the name of a local hotel, and inveighing against the influence of summer visitors on Berkshire County. |
| AM-310 | Account book and receipts | Financial records of James Barnes of Richmond (Mass.): account book containing household expenses for 1892-1919; receipts from Berkshire County vendors for items purchased during 1914-1919, including general merchandise and grain dealers in Richmond and Pittsfield (Mass.), a promissory note for a loan from the Berkshire Loan and Trust Co. |
| AM-311 | Receipts and legal documents | Legal and financial documents belonging to Robbins Kellogg, a lawyer in West Stockbridge (Mass.). The bulk of the Kellogg papers consists of receipts, covering the period 1826-1830, acknowledging the collection of funds on behalf of Kellogg’s clients. Two of Kellogg’s larger clients were Saphronia Taylor and Youngblood and West (probably a commercial account). Other papers include: a deed (1796) transferring property in New Marlborough (Mass.) to Seth Sheldon from Gideon Canfield; an order (1806) assessing Aaron Spalding for New Marlborough for the support of a child of Sybil Freeman, fathered by Spalding; a document (1828) appointing a legal guardian for William H. Dryer, replacing Robbins Kellogg. |
| AM-312 | Manuscripts | The bulk of the collection consists of typed manuscripts and carbon copies non-fiction and fiction works of Clay Perry, 20th century Pittsfield (Mass.) writer. Much of his writing reflects his interests in caves and spelunking, nature and the outdoors, and Berkshire County history. (It is not known whether all of the pieces were eventually published.) Included in the collection are: essays and memoirs on caves and spelunking; an essay and accompanying photographs on climbing Mt. Greylock (Adams, Mass.), and a Federal Writer’s Project booklet, "Winter Sports and Recreation in the Berkshire Hills" (1937), written under Perry's direction; several pieces on Anson Clark, an early 19th century resident of West Stockbridge (Mass.) who was a stone-cutter, photographer and inventor; essays on Revolutionary War era history and biographical sketches; personal memoirs: short fiction; a historical novel, "H.M.S. Diamond Rock" (1956), written with Rudolph Schinzel; essays on log-rolling tournaments, Balance Rock (a natural monument in Lanesborough, Mass.), beavers; the text of a booklet published by the E.D. Jones & Sons Company, a manufacturer of machines for the paper industry, "The Jones Story: The Men Behind the Machines" (1955). |
Papers associated with the professional and personal lives of Senator Henry Laurens Dawes, his daughter Anna L. Dawes, and son Henry L. Dawes, Jr., of Pittsfield (Mass.), including documents collected by them. The collection includes: an 1839 edition of the dramatic works of William Shakespeare, inscribed by Henry Dawes to his future wife, Electa A. Sanderson in 1841; a memorial pamphlet published on the occasion of Henry Dawes’ death in 1903; correspondence and papers associated with Henry Dawes’ service in Congress, including correspondence and a speech on the subject of the Credit Mobilier affair, concerning Dawes’ purchase of stock in a railroad company; a contract for a plot in the Pittsfield Cemetery; an inventory of Henry Dawes’ papers received by the Library of Congress in 1932; a handwritten copy of a short speech given by Henry L. Dawes, Jr. (1900); correspondence of Anna L. Dawes; a speech given by Anna Dawes in 1917, “The Indian as Citizen;” religious materials of Anna Dawes, including a speech given to the women of the Congregational Church and personalized Christmas cards; a 1760 map and late 18th century tax ledger for Pittsfield; a book published on the dedication of a statue of General William Francis Bartlett, inscribed by Judge William Burns (Massachusetts Superior Court) to Henry L. Dawes, Jr.;

Legal documents concerning land purchase and title transfer transactions of the S.N. & C. Russell Manufacturing Company, a woolen mill in Pittsfield (Mass.). Principals in the company were Solomon N. Russell and Charles Russell; other Russell family members named in the deeds were Solomon L., Zeno, Frank W., Charlotte, and Jeannie. The deeds appear to relate to the company’s assembling three tracts of land—deeds are in groups labeled No. 1, No. 2, No. 4. (It is possible that a group No. 3 exists that was separated from this collection.) One transaction involved the Pittsfield Woolen Company, another Pittsfield mill. (Many of the documents bear U.S. revenue tax stamps.)

Legal and financial papers from several generations of the Norton family of New Marlborough (Mass.), covering business of the Norton family as well as outside legal clients. The collection includes estate administration records, deeds and other property transfer agreements, receipts and bank drafts, financial statements and correspondence. The papers include: records of the settlement of the estate of Samuel Norton (1757-1811), distributing his property to family members including his wife, Elizabeth Norton and sons Phineas and Seth; the will of Seth Norton (1830), naming his son Seth Norton, Jr. the executor of his estate; deeds for property transferred among members of the Norton family and with others, including a 1748 deed for property acquired by Samuel Norton from Jarvis Pike; bonds, mortgages and other agreements; various receipts, including those for funds collected on behalf of legal clients; records of the estate of Jedidiah Ward (1801-1810), Seth Norton, administrator; documents pertaining the Seth Norton, Jr.’s duties as Justice of the Peace; bank drafts of Seth Norton (1855-1857), drawn on the Mahaiwe Bank of Great Barrington (Mass.); papers related legal and financial proceedings between Seth Norton and Babcock and Wheeler (1839-1841); financial records of the Congregational Church of Great Barrington (1859), administered by Seth Norton; letters to Seth Norton from H.A. Seldon of Binghamton (N.Y.) (1865); set of deeds on property conveyed to Seth Norton (1850-1866).
AM-316 News writing
Collection of typed copies of news articles, dispatches and columns written by Henry S. Manley, Sandisfield (Mass.) correspondent to the Berkshire Eagle newspaper (Pittsfield, Mass.). The articles concern local news about people and events in Sandisfield and New Boston (village in Sandisfield, Mass.), characterized by Manley's "folksy" style. Also included are two articles about Manley from the Eagle, written in 1926 and 1955; an undated, unsigned biographical sketch of Manley and an undated letter from an Eagle staff member reminiscing about Manley.


AM-317 Real estate documents
Papers from several generations of the Burbank family of Pittsfield (Mass.) relating to real estate transactions and management of property, primarily in Pittsfield, with a few properties located in the states of Florida and Washington. The collection contains mortgages, deeds, permits, plans, assessments, and legal and financial documents. Included are: a plan of the property of the Morningside Land Improvement Co. of Pittsfield; stock certificates for Consumers Pure Milk and Dairy Co. (Pittsfield), Kellogg Steam Power Co. (Pittsfield), and other companies involved in land development, power, mining and food products; a financial accounting of the estate of Abraham Burbank. Other Burbank family members mentioned in the papers include George W., George A., Samantha, and Isabelle.

Burbank family. Real estate documents, 1859-1936.

AM-318 Wholesale orders and invoices
Records pertaining to wholesale transactions for the Schilling & Noble general store in Stockbridge (Mass.) for the year 1916. Proprietors of the store were Adam Schilling and Albert S. Noble. Documents include orders, invoices and receipts; the principal categories of products were food, farm supplies, hardware and fuel. Among the major wholesale vendors were Berkshire Coal & Grain, Peirson Hardware Co. (both of Pittsfield, Mass.), and Kibbe Bros. Co., confectionery (Springfield, Mass.).


AM-319 Papers
Papers associated with the business and personal affairs of Henry Weeks, an architect of Pittsfield (Mass.) and Cleveland (Ohio). His wife was Alice Tuggey, daughter of Fredrick Tuggey of Pittsfield. The bulk of the collection consists of legal and financial documents and correspondence concerning Weeks' real estate investments in Pittsfield and in New Jersey and his architectural practice, and Weeks family papers and correspondence. The collection includes: personal papers of Henry Weeks, also called Harry Ellis Weeks, and his family, including Pittsfield Cemetery papers for Weeks' father, Charles Weeks, a mortgage for a house purchased by Weeks and his wife (1897), application for a license to practice architecture in Ohio, and probate documents issued on Weeks' death in 1936; correspondence between Henry Weeks and his brother George (1890-1899); correspondence and personal papers of Alice Tuggey Weeks (1897-1927); legal and financial documents relating to real estate investments held jointly by Henry Weeks and Clara I. Hirst and an insurance policy and legal documents relating to Clara Hirst, widow of Franklin Hirst (1886-1935); documents relating to Weeks' purchase of the Woodlawn Inn in Pittsfield (Mass.) from Emma Brock Carson (1903-1909), including room-by-room inventories of the inn; correspondence and legal documents relating to the purchase and and management of rental properties in Paterson (N.J.) (1901-1908); other documents relating to real estate holdings (1894-1909); a masters thesis by Donald Chester Weeks on the Stockbridge (Mass.) author, Catherine Maria Sedgwick (1932); a scrapbook; and a correspondence copy book used by Weeks in his architecture practice (1902-1905).

AM-320 Berkshire County Bicentennial Collection

Collection of materials related to the celebration of the bicentennial of the founding of Berkshire County (Mass.) and the city of Pittsfield (Mass.) in 1961. Items include programs, publications, scrapbooks, and photographs documenting various events of the Bicentennial. The collection includes: 1) Programs, letters and notes documenting the plans of the Pittsfield Bicentennial Committee, including notice of the founding of a Berkshire County Historical Society. The committee was co-chaired by Harold Barnes and Robert Dillon and honorary chairman Raymond Haughey, Mayor of Pittsfield (Mass.). 2) Publications associated with the Bicentennial, including an official program booklet, a Pittsfield City Report, a guide to historical markers in Pittsfield, a pamphlet, "Pittsfield Historical Trail" compiled by Dawes School Girl Scout Troop (published 1975), and a pamphlet, "A New England Sampler," with pictures of items in the Berkshire Museum Historical Exhibition; 3) Photographs taken by Bartlett Hendricks of furniture and other artifacts in the Historical Exhibition; 5) Scrapbook of news clippings covering and activities in Pittsfield and in Great Barrington (Mass.).

AM-321 Papers

The papers pertain to three areas of Ferry's business and personal life: 1) Contractors Inc. was a consortium of businessmen in the home building and building supply trades that designed and built small, economical homes in Pittsfield and other Berkshire County towns from the mid-1930s to the mid-1940s. Two of the principals were Earl Ferry, of C. S. Ferry & Son, Inc., lumber dealer, and Philip Cayburry, plumbing and heating. The papers include blueprints and specifications, and pamphlets from the Federal Housing Administration. 2) Pittsfield Aero Company, an aircraft dealer and air service company, founded in 1921 in Pittsfield. Principals were Clarence J. Bousquet, President, Earl Ferry, Clerk and Treasurer, and Earl C. Bousquet. The papers consist of corporation records including charter, by-laws, minutes of stockholder meetings and stock certificates. 3) Correspondence concerning Ferry's role in arranging a concert and ball given by the Musical Clubs of MIT (of which he was apparently an alumnus) at the Masonic Temple in Pittsfield, 1916 Feb 3. Papers of Pittsfield businessman, Earl E. Ferry, primarily concerning Ferry's involvement with two companies, Contractors Inc., an enterprise that built low-cost housing in Berkshire County between the Depression and World War II, and the Pittsfield Aero Company, an air service and aircraft dealer operating in Pittsfield during the 1920s.

AM-322 Josiah Arnold vs. Richmond Iron Works

Original records and typed transcription of a law suit, brought in Berkshire County (Mass.) court in Lenox (Mass.), concerning mining rights between Josiah Arnold of West Stockbridge (Mass.) and the Richmond Iron Works of Richmond (Mass.). The primary issue in the suit was Arnold's claim to the right to extract iron ore from a certain piece of land. The law firm of Rockwell and Calt represented Arnold and Henry W. Taft represented the Iron Works; George N. Briggs presided over arbitration of the case. Others mentioned prominently in the case were William H. Richmond, Benjamin Cone, David K. Walling, Isaac Nicholson and Seneca Pettie.

AM-323 Minutes of meetings

Three books containing minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Berkshire Loan & Trust Co. of Pittsfield (Mass.). At the time the bank was incorporated in 1895 officers were Frank Paddock, Pres., DeWitt Bruce, Vice Pres., and C. W. Kellogg, Treas. Later officers were Charles E. Hibbard, Pres., Benjamin M. England, Vice Pres., and Charles W. Seager, Treas.


Berkshire Loan & Trust Co. Board of Directors. Minutes of meetings, 1895-1911.
AM-324  Hoover Presidential election campaign  Materials collected by Mrs. George G. Merrill of Stockbridge (Mass.) while working on the Presidential election campaign of Herbert Hoover in 1928. Items include a manual and memoranda from the Volunteer Campaign Committee of the Republican State Committee instructing local workers on committee by-laws and campaign tactics; correspondence from the Republican National Committee to Mrs. Merrill; a sample ballot; tickets to the Presidential inauguration; Mrs. Merrill's diary of daily campaign activities; news clippings.

AM-325  Morewood School collection  Materials collected in connection with the unsuccessful attempt to have Morewood School in Pittsfield (Mass.) listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Papers include historical research compiled by those applying for landmark designation, correspondence with the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Congressman Silvio Conte, financial records (receipts, invoices, expense records), clippings, P.T.A. records and a scrapbook. Those involved in recording the school's history and in applying for landmark status include Martha Burt, former teacher and principal, Mary Louise Stimson, teacher, Leonard E. Switzer, who owned property adjoining the school.

AM-326  Camp Fire Girls collection  Materials relating to the Pittsfield (Mass.) chapter of the Camp Fire Girls, a recreational and educational organization for young girls. Items include local charters for years between 1935 and 1955, photographs, publications including periodicals and instruction manuals, typewritten historical accounts of the national and local organizations, meeting minutes, a chapter record book, and poems and short stories written by the girls.

AM-327  Iron works papers  Papers assembled by Clara Beckley to document the history of the Beckley family and various iron works that they owned in Berkshire County (Mass.) and in nearby New York State and Connecticut. Materials were collected primarily to support Clara Beckley's claim that iron from one of her family's foundries was used in the Civil War iron-clad ship, the Monitor; also to document her attempt to have a monument erected to commemorate that fact. Papers include Beckley family history, biographies and genealogy; correspondence of John and James Beckley; papers of Navy commander Robert Leitch, husband of Clara's sister, Elizabeth Beckley; historical materials on various family iron works including the Beckley Furnace in East Canaan (Conn.), Chatham Furnace in Chatham (N.Y.), North Adams Iron Works in North Adams (Mass.), and Richmond Iron Works in Richmond (Mass.); documents, notes and clippings supporting the claim that iron from the North Adams Iron Works was used in the Monitor; historical materials on the Monitor's role in the Civil War; materials on metallurgical processes, including U.S. Dept. of the Interior reports on Berkshire County mines; Clara Beckley's correspondence and other papers in connection with her attempt to have a monument erected in North Adams to commemorate the Beckley iron works role in the Civil War; lithographs and drawings of the Monitor and the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac; personal papers of Clara Beckley.

AM-329  Mount Washington papers  The collection consists of research material prepared by Herbert Keith for a history of the town of Mount Washington (Mass.). The materials include transcriptions of land documents and legal petitions dating from the original settlement; information on the early settlers of the town taken from original sources; and notes and essays by Keith based on his research findings, covering subjects such as the Colonial history of the town, mills and manufacturing, tourism, and boundary settlements. Also included are personal documents such as Keith's will, letters, and papers relating to his work with railroads.
AM-330  Letters and papers  Personal and business papers and correspondence of Abel West, a Pittsfield (Mass.) farmer, surveyor and civic leader. Approximately half of the collection consists of letters to West from family members, friends and business associates. In addition, there are financial and legal papers, account books, journals, farm and surveying records, records of the Pittsfield school district in which West was active, part of an almanac, and West's will.


AM-331  Letter: to Dalton Magistrate C. F. Bennett  Letter from Hugh B. Biggin who has been in the jail in Lenox (Mass.) for some years, accused of the murder of Hosea Record. He is writing to C. F. Bennett, Magistrate of Dalton (Mass.) asking assistance in bringing his case to trial so that Biggin can demonstrate his innocence. Biggin names in the letter the person he believes to be the real killer.


AM-332  Hieroglyphical Bible  A pocket-sized illustrated Bible for children, containing a selection of lessons and stories from the Old and New Testaments, published in Hartford (Conn.) in 1818. It has a home-made cloth cover. An inscription on the fly-leaf indicates that it was given to Lorenzo Waits in 1833.

Hieroglyphical Bible, 1818.

AM-333  Album  Album used briefly by Lucy Allis Tyler in which she wrote a few pages of poetry and inspirational passages, dated 1839 through 1841 from Albany (N.Y.) and Hinsdale (Mass.). Inserted into the album was a miniature framed tintype of a man. The album contains a number of pre-printed engravings.

Tyler, Lucy Allis. Album, 1839-1841.


AM-335  Account books  Eight (8) account books from a business or series of businesses. Volumes cover the following time periods: 1) 1823-1828; 2) 1829, 1857, 1860; 3) 1829-1830; 4) 1830-1832; 5) 1832-1833; 6) 1833-1834; 7) 1843-1844; 8) 1845-1856. The names Samuel Clark, Clark & Tucker, and Couch & Clark appear in a number of volumes.

Account books, 1823-1860.

AM-336  Proclamation for a fast  Hand-written copy of a speech (including corrections and deletions by Briggs), delivered while Briggs was governor of Massachusetts, declaring a day of fasting and prayer for the Commonwealth. An abstract of a parcel of land in the town of Washington (Mass.) sold to Edwin L. Humphrey by Samuel T. Chapel on 1866 April 6. Included are a plot plan, and a record of the title changes, deeds, and mortgage claims as recorded in the Berkshire Middle District Registry of Deeds, Pittsfield Registry, covering the years 1763 through 1895.

Briggs, George N., 1796-1861. Proclamation for a fast, 1834 April.

AM-337  Abstract for land in the town of Washington  A collection of receipts, invoices and a letter from the Joseph H. Knell and Mabel R. Knell of Williamstown (Mass.) for various types of insurance policies, issued by Berkshire Life Insurance Company of Pittsfield (Mass.). Martin Insurance Agency of Cheshire (Mass.); for purchase and service on a car from Sisson-Buick Company of Pittsfield (Mass.); and for hardware supplies from Carr Hardware Co. of Pittsfield (Mass.).


AM-338  Stock certificates  Two stock certificates issued to Gilbert L. West: 1) 1/5 shares from the Pittsfield (Mass.) Masonic Association, dated 1943 Mar. 31; and 2) 3 shares from the Pittsfield (Mass.) Airport Corporation, dated 1943 Apr. 22., and signed by Earl E. Ferry, President.

West, Gilbert L. Stock certificates, 1943.
AM-340  Legal papers

Collection of legal papers of Hiram Smith and Enoch Hubbard, including receipts for purchases and services; a warranty deed for sale of property in Hancock (Mass.) to Jason White; a will drawn up for Rufus Smalley of Pittsfield (Mass.) by George N. Briggs; a warranty deed for purchase of land in Pittsfield (Mass.) from David Heart; an assignment of mortgage deed.

Smith, Hiram. Legal papers, 1853-1876 (bulk 1859-1861).

AM-341  Seth Pomeroy Papers

Papers collected by Brenton C. Pomeroy concerning his ancestor Seth Pomeroy, chiefly concerning Seth Pomeroy's service in the French and Indian War; correspondence between Brenton C. Pomeroy and the Society of Colonial Wars regarding the Society's publication of the papers; additional notes and correspondence concerning Pomeroy family artifacts and history; family artifacts; and a family genealogy. Papers concerning Seth Pomeroy's service in the colonial French and Indians War, including: a list of men sent to defend Fort Massachusetts, 1747; receipt for a shipment of steel, shipped by Seth to Oliver Pomeroy, 1763; correspondence between Seth Pomeroy while in military duty at Crown Point (N.Y.) and his wife, Mary Pomeroy, in Northampton (Mass.), 1755; letter by Charles Pomeroy concerning Seth Pomeroy's life and military service, 1920; newspaper clipping regarding Rachel Pomeroy; an undated list of men [soldiers?]; orders from Col. John Stoddard to Major Seth Pomeroy, [1747?]; order by Nathan Beach to Harrison Gray to pay Seth Pomeroy, 1759; journal by Seth Pomeroy with records of trips to Albany and Boston and financial records, 1755-1759. Pomeroy family artifacts: baby cap, 1782, and fabric swatch from military uniform, n.d. Correspondence between Brenton C. Pomeroy and Louis Effingham de Forest of the Society of Colonial Wars regarding the publication of Seth Pomeroy's papers by the Society, 1926. Letters to Brenton C. Pomeroy from correspondents in Europe, 1919. Note regarding Seth Pomeroy's anvil, 1932. Letter to Winthrop regarding Seth Pomeroy's account books, 1974. Newspaper clipping regarding Lemuel Pomeroy. Certificate awarded to Mrs. Katherine Adams Semple Pomeroy by the New England Genealogical Society, 1926. "History and Genealogy of the Pomeroy Family" by Albert A. Pomeroy, 1912, with two supplements; handwritten notes, clippings and postcard enclosed.

Pomeroy, Brenton C. Seth Pomeroy Papers, 1747-1974 (1747-1763).