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Overview of the Collection

Title: George Jacob Abbot Papers

Dates (inclusive): 1780-1946

Bulk dates: 1830-1880

Collection Number: mssAT 1-173

Creator: Abbot, George Jacob, active 1860-1870.

Extent: 373 pieces in 4 boxes.

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Abstract: This collection contains papers and correspondence of George J. Abbot (1812-1879), a member of a prominent family of New England educators, and the related families of Emery, Gilman, Nicholas, and Throop families. Included are correspondence between Abbot and Edward Everett Hale, family photographs, a volume of printer's proofs, and newspaper clippings relating to Daniel Webster.

Language: English.

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Provenance

Purchased from J.I. Fraser, 1959 with the exception of one letter and two photographs which were a gift of John D. Seelye, 1963.

Biographical Note

George Jacob Abbot (1812-1879), member of a prominent family of New England educators, and friend of Edward Everett Hale and Daniel Webster, served as American consul to Sheffield, England, after 1865.

Scope and Content

This collection includes the papers of five New England families related by marriage: the Abbot, Emery, Gilman, Nicholas, and Throop families. Included are correspondence, family photographs, a volume of printer's proofs, and newspaper clippings relating to Daniel Webster. There are not many letters of the Throops, Nicholases, or Emerys. However, the family materials of the Abbots and the family of John Taylor Gilman are more heavily represented. Gilman was a staunch Federalist who engaged in pre- and post-Revolutionary activities. Twice he served as Governor of New Hampshire.

George Jacob Abbot's correspondence reflects his friendships with Daniel Webster and Edward Everett Hale. The correspondence between Abbot and Hale covers a wide range of current events, including discussion of Daniel Webster and John Taylor Gilman (1753-1828). There are some incomplete manuscripts, sermons, family photographs included as well as newspaper clippings relating to Daniel Webster.

Arrangement

Correspondence arranged chronologically in Boxes 1-4, followed by ephemera, photographs, etc. in Box 5.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.

Subjects

Abbot, George Jacob, fl.1860-1870 -- Archives.
Gilman, John Taylor, 1753-1828.
Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909 -- Correspondence.
Webster, Daniel, 1782-1852.
New Hampshire -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
New England -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
United States -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.

**Forms/Genres**
Letters (correspondence) -- United States -- 19th century.

**Additional Contributors**
Hale, Edward Everett, 1822-1909.

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