Overview of the Collection
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Provenance
Gift of Fannie M. Adams, June 1939.
Biographical Note
Phinehas Adams of Lisbon, New London county, Connecticut, married Lydia Fitch in 1751. His son Phinehas Adams, born about 1762, married Lydia Bishop and was succeeded in turn by still a third Phinehas Adams, born in 1796. The third generation moved from Connecticut to Ohio, where in the course of the nineteenth century they married into the Bennett and Bingham families.
Scope and Content
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Arrangement
The collection is arranged in the following order:
• Box 1: Documents and manuscripts (arranged chronologically) and followed by correspondence (arranged alphabetically)
• Box 2: Ephemera (arranged by type)
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Subjects
Adams, Phinehas, 1726-1779.
Real property -- Connecticut.
Real property -- Ohio.
Ohio -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.

Forms/Genres
Letters (correspondence) -- United States.
Property records -- United States.
Maps -- United States.
Family papers -- United States.

Additional Contributors
Adams, Phinehas, active 1751.
Adams, Phinehas, 1796-. 
Adams family.

Documents, manuscripts, and correspondence

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