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Abstract:	Materials pertain to the history of Haverhill including some information concerning surrounding towns.

Organizational History

The Haverhill Public Library was established in 1873 in an agreement between wealthy industrialist E.J.M. Hale and the City of Haverhill. The agreement stipulated that Mr. Hale would donate land for a building site and half the money necessary to build and furnish a library if the people of Haverhill would donate the other half. He further stipulated that the City, in accepting this gift, would establish a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees and assume responsibility for the annual operating expenses of the library. The original library building opened on November 18, 1875. In 1965 the Trustees decided to build a new library facility to replace the original building. With pledges from the community, proceeds from the sale of the original building, a federal library construction grant, and the fundraising efforts of the Trustees, construction began in 1966 and the new library opened in June of 1969. A subsequent renovation project, completed in 1997, increased space for materials, seating, and overall size from 30,500 to 44,000 square feet.

Scope and Content Note

This collection features primary sources concerning the city of Haverhill including information on surrounding towns such as Groveland, Boxford, and Atkinson, NH. The materials in this collection include, but are not limited to, letters, programs, census reports, town by-laws, advertisements, newspaper clippings, sermons, annual reports, and a tour of Haverhill. Subject areas include specific clubs and businesses, churches, schools, celebrations and ceremonies, general features such as bridges and cemeteries, historical documentation concerning juries, property lines, and lawsuits, and various other topics such as slaves and ferries.

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