

Emerson-Smith Collection, 1810-1992

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	MSS 11
Creator:	Haverhill Public Library
Title:	Emerson-Smith Collection, 1810-1992
Dates:	1810-1992
Size:	1.115 linear feet (4 boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English.
Abstract:	The Emerson-Smith Collection contains information about Captain Nehemiah Emerson of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and his descendants.

Biographical Sketches

Captain Nehemiah Emerson (1749-1832), of Haverhill, Massachusetts, served in the Revolutionary War as a Captain. In 1784, he married Mary (Molly) Neeley Whittier (1759-1835). They had six children: Mary, Susanna, Nathan, Ruth, Nathaniel, and Henry.

Their daughter, Mary (Polly) Emerson (1784-1868), married Joseph Smith (1771-1857) in 1810. They had four children: Mary Emerson, Caroline White, Joseph Belknap, and Catherine. Their daughter, Mary Emerson Smith (1812-1898) married William R. Thomas and they had ten children.

Scope and Content Note

This collection provides information about Captain Nehemiah Emerson, Revolutionary War soldier of Haverhill, Massachusetts, and his descendants. The collection is made up of five series. Materials include genealogy information, receipts, letters, essays, and photographs that relate to members of the family. There are also letters and correspondence from Greg Laing, who was the curator of Special Collections at the Haverhill Public Library, and some articles of clothing belonging to Mary Emerson and Joseph Smith.

Arrangement

- Series 1: Genealogy and Family Information, 1846-1987
 Subseries 1.1: Genealogy, 1847, 1986, undated
 Subseries 1.2: Receipt, 1846
 Subseries 1.3: Letters for Information, 1981, 1987
 Subseries 1.4: Essay about John Greenleaf Whittier & Emerson Smith Family, undated
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1987-1992
 Subseries 2.1: Letters to Greg Laing, 1987-1992
 Subseries 2.2: Letters from Greg Laing, 1987-1989
- Series 3: Photos, 1820-1917, undated
- Series 4: Family Correspondence, undated
- Series 5: Objects, 1810-1812, undated

Administrative Information

- Preferred Citation:** [Item Identification], Emerson-Smith Collection, 1846-1992, *Reference Code*, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Custodial History:** Found in collection.
- Acquisition Information:** Unknown.
- Processing Information:** Processed by Erik R. Bauer, 2019. Updated by Tamara Gaydos, 2020.
- Access Rights:** Collection is open for research.
- Phys. Access Restrictions:** None.
- Tech. Access Restrictions:** None.
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- Related Material:** HA8.1
- Separated Material:** None.
- Conservation Notes:** Genealogy sheets have been photocopied on archival quality paper to preserve their recorded information. Newspaper clippings were photocopied onto archival quality paper. Photographs were placed into archival & acid-free quality sleeves.
- Subjects:** Cameron, Carline
 Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
 Cravats

Genealogy
 Griffin, Carline Thomas
 Junge, Susan P., 1905-2001
 Laing, Gregory H., 1947-2008
 Letters
 Long, Nathaniel R.
 Pearman, Susan T., 1872-1957
 Photographs
 Receipts (Acknowledgments)
 Silhouettes
 Smith, Joseph Belknap, 1771-1857
 Taylor, Ann
 Thomas, Mary E. (1812-1898)
 Wilshire, Susan Emerson, 1843-1919

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Genealogy and Family Information, 1846-1987

Subseries 1.1: Genealogy, 1847, 1986, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Title, Dates		
Newspaper Clippings, 1847	1	1
Appraisal Information, 1986	1	2
Emerson-Smith Genealogy Information, undated	1	3
A Guide to the microfilm edition of Joseph Belknap Smith Papers at Duke University Library, undated	1	4
An Inventory, undated	1	5

Subseries 1.2: Receipt, 1846

Receipt from Nathaniel R. Long, 1846	1	6
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Series 1.3: Letters for Information, 1981, 1987

Letter to Greg Laing, 1981	1	7
Letter from Greg Laing (copy), 1987	1	8

Series 1.4: Essay about John Greenleaf Whittier & Emerson Smith Family, undated

<u>Folder Title</u> Title, Dates	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Essay by Susan T. Pearman, undated	1	9

Series 2: Correspondence, 1987-1992**Subseries 2.1: Letters to Greg Laing, 1987-1992**

Letter from Susan J. Junge, 1987-1988	1	10
Letter from Carline Cameron, 1988	1	11
Letters from Ann Taylor, 1991	1	12
Letters from Ann Taylor, 1992	1	13

Series 2.2: Letters from Greg Laing, 1987-1989

Letter from Greg Laing to Susan Junge, 1987	1	14
Letter from Greg Laing to Carline Cameron, 1989	1	15
Letter from Greg Laing to Alan Balfow Cameron, 1989	1	16

Series 3: Photographs, 1820-1917, undated

Great Great Aunt or Col. Joseph Smith Sister, circa 1860-1965	1	17
Joseph Belknap Smith photo, undated	1	18
Ruther Emerson Hayes or Susan Emerson, undated	1	19
Unknown house, undated	1	20
J. Belknap Smith, his mother, Mary E. Smith and his three sisters, undated	1	21
Susan Emerson Thomas, circa 1899-1920	1	22
Joseph Smith oil painting, circa 1840	1	23
Unknown house (photocopy), undated	1	24

<u>Folder Title</u> Title, Dates	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Susan Emerson Thomas (photocopy of four photos), undated	1	25
Mary Emerson Smith Silhouette, 1820	1	26
Susan E. Thomas at age 14, undated	1	27
Mary Emerson Smith, undated [circa 1852]	1	28
Susan Wilshire Pearman, 1917	1	29
Susan Emerson Thomas Pearman and her aunt, Sallie Thomas Wolcott, 1917	1	30
Susan Emerson Wilshire, Caroline Thomas Griffin Mrs. Frederick Walcott, undated	1	31
Susan Emerson Thomas Wilshire and Susan Wilshire Pearman, undated	1	32
Photographic Information, undated	1	33
Series 4: Family Correspondence, undated		
Letter from Mary E. Thomas to her brother dated 1854 [typescript], undated	1	34
Letters from Wm H. Long to Uncle Bill dated 1863 [copies], undated	1	35
Letter from Mary [Thomas], dated 1867 [typescript], undated	1	36
Letter to J.B. Smith dated 1890 [copy], undated	1	37
Article about Joseph Smith Mansion, dated 1911 [copy], undated	1	38
Part of J.G. Whitter essay [copy], undated	1	39
Unsorted letters [copies], undated	1	40

Series 5: Objects, 1810-1812, undated

<u>Folder Title</u> Title, Dates	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Mary Emerson's Wedding hose and gloves, 1810	2	
Joseph Smith's cravat, 1812	3	
Women's gloves, undated	4	