

## Emerson Family Papers, 1842-1982

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 10
<b>Creator:</b>	Unknown
<b>Title:</b>	Emerson Family Papers, 1842-1982
<b>Dates:</b>	1842-1982 (1872-1953 Bulk)
<b>Size:</b>	.417 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	The materials in this collection are from the Emerson family of Haverhill, Massachusetts.

### Biographical Sketches

Charles Emerson was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 27 June 1817. He married Celenda George (1820-1891) of Haverhill in 1842 and they had four children: Charles Whittier (1843-1844); Charles Edward (1845-1889); George Leighton (1849-1927); and William Carroll (1853-1891). He founded Chas. Emerson & Sons, which sold fine china and glass, in 1866. He died on 6 August 1890.

George Leighton Emerson was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 5 November 1849. He married Harriet Killam (1848-1927) in 1871 and they had three children: Williams Wells (1872-1952); Cora Blanche (1874-1967); and George Edward (1877-1909). He died on 11 February 1927.

William Wells Emerson was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 9 March 1872, and was educated in the Haverhill public schools. He was head of Chas. Emerson & Sons, a china store, was prominent in civic affairs, and has been president of the Haverhill Chamber of Commerce. In 1897, he married, Martha Caroline Cogswell (1871-1955). They had one child, Ruth Lydia (1901-1998). He died in 1952.

George S. Frame was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on 1 July 1849. He married Nellie Catherine Cook McDonald (1850-1925) in 1875 and they had two children: George M. (1875-1935); and Vina May (1879-1957). He sold real estate. He died in 1928, and is buried in Haverhill.

## Scope and Content Note

The materials in this collection are from the Emerson family of Haverhill, Massachusetts. This collection is made up of four series. Series one contains family information, including specifications for William Wells Emerson's house, some genealogical information for the Emerson family, and an autograph album belonging to Calenda George. Series two contains receipts from Jonathan M. Bean and George S. Frame. Series three contains photographs and postcards. Series four consists of publications and ephemera from events that the Emerson family may have attended.

## Arrangement

Series 1: Family Information, 1842, 1902, 1937, undated  
 Series 2: Receipts, 1865, 1872, 1875, undated  
 Series 3: Photographs and Postcards, 1878, 1919, undated  
 Series 4: Publications, 1873-1982

## Administrative Information

**Preferred Citation:** [Item Identification], Emerson Family Papers, 1865-1982, *Reference Code*, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.

**Custodial History:** Found in collection.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown (may have been donated by Ruth Emerson).

**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:** Emerson-Smith Collection

**Separated Material:** None.

**Conservation Notes:** Newspaper clippings have been photocopied on archival quality paper to preserve their recorded information.

**Subjects:** Autograph albums  
 Bean, Jonathan M.  
 Carpenter, William T.  
 Emerson, Harriett E. Killam, 1848-1927  
 Emerson, Martha C., 1871-1955  
 Emerson, Ruth Lydia, 1901-1998  
 Emerson, William Wells (W.W.), 1872-1952  
 Frame, George S., 1849-1928  
 Frame, George Moulton, 1875-1935  
 George, Calenda, 1820-1891  
 Photographs  
 Postcards  
 Sleeper, Helen B.

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Family Information, 1842-1847, 1902, 1937, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
George S. Frame Election Certificate, 1902	1	1
Emerson Family Crest, 1937	1	2
Information about George Moulton Frame, undated	1	3
Carpenter Specifications for W.W. Emerson House, undated	1	4
Carpenter Specifications for W.W. Emerson House, undated	1	5
Labor and Specifications for W.W. Emerson House, undated	1	6
Painter Specifications for W.W. Emerson House, undated	1	7
Labor and Material Specifications for W.W. Emerson House, undated	1	8
Celenda George Autograph Album, 1842-1847	1	9
William Wells Emerson Chamber of Commerce Scroll, 1912	1	

### Series 2: Receipts, 1865-1875, undated

Jonathan M. Bean Tax Receipts, 1865, 1869, 1872	1	10
Center Congregational Society Receipt, 1873	1	11
George S. Frame Receipts, 1875, undated	1	12

**Series 3: Photographs and Postcards, 1878, 1919, undated**

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Helen B. Sleeper Photograph, 1878	1	13
Postcard to Ruth Emerson, 1919	1	14
William Wells Emerson Photograph, 1919	1	15
Ruth Lydia Emerson Photograph, undated	1	16
Pig raised by John and Muriel Killam for William Wells Emerson during World War I, undated	1	17
Emma Coruetz, undated	1	18
Martha C. Emerson, undated	1	19
Center Congregational Church Postcard, undated	1	20
Haverhill High School Postcard, undated	1	21
Hannah Dustin Monument Postcard, undated	1	22
Mr. and Mrs. William T. Carpenter, undated	1	23
William T. Carpenter, undated	1	24
Harriett E. Killam Emerson, undated	1	25

**Series 4: Publications, 1873-1982**

Greate Concerte Music Program, 1876	1	26
<i>The Pentucket Philatelist</i> , 1892	1	27
Western Union Money Order, 1894	1	28
Haverhill High School Alumni Association Postcard, 1895	1	29
Center Church Postcard, 1897	1	30
Pupils of Hayden B. Harris Recitals, 1900, 1902	1	31
Main Street Congregational Church Concert Program, 1904	1	32
Milon O. Cluff to Vina M. Harris Deed, 1908	1	33
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program for North Congregation Church, 1909	1	34
"The Oracle," 1915, 1921-1923, undated	1	35
<i>The Eltrurian</i> , Haverhill High School Literary Magazine, 1923-1924	1	36

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
First Baptist Church Special Music Program, circa 1928	1	37
Haverhill Park Department – Tercentenary Celebration, 1940	1	38
Haverhill History and Hannah Duston, 1947-1953	1	39
<i>Hannah Dustin to get Face Washed on N.H. River Island</i> [newsclipping], 1952	1	40
Open House Program for Clara Luella Hunking Laboratory, 1953	1	41
Whittier Newsletter, 1971-1972	1	42
“The Library Shelf”, article from <i>The Haverhill Gazette</i> , 1979	1	43
55 <sup>th</sup> Haverhill High School Class Reunion, 1982	1	44
Haverhill High School Reunion Invite, undated	1	45