

## Saltonstall Family Collection, 1825-2002

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 39
<b>Collector:</b>	Haverhill Public Library
<b>Title:</b>	Saltonstall Family Collection, 1825-2002
<b>Dates:</b>	1825-2002
<b>Size:</b>	.209 linear feet (1 box)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	This collection is comprised of materials that were collected by the Haverhill Public Library related to the Saltonstall family.

### Biographical Sketches

Nathaniel Saltonstall was born in Ipswich, Massachusetts, in about 1639, to Richard Saltonstall (1610–1694) and Murial Gurdon. He graduated from Harvard College in 1659. In 1663, he married Elizabeth Ward (1647–1714), the daughter of Rev. John Ward of Haverhill, and received the acres lying east of her father's home as a wedding gift. They built a house called Saltonstall Seat. They had four children: Gurdon Saltonstall (1666–1724); Elizabeth Saltonstall (1668–1726); Col. Richard Saltonstall (1672–1714); and Nathaniel Saltonstall (1674–1739).

In 1668, Saltonstall began his career in town affairs when he was appointed town clerk. His involvement in judicial affairs and reputation made him eligible to serve in the Salem Witch Trials, and he was appointed a judge along with six other men on May 27, 1692. There is no evidence, however, of his attendance at any of the examinations. Indeed, he resigned from the Court of Oyer and Terminer around June 8, 1692, the same time as Bridget Bishop's trial and sentence for witchcraft. In addition to town judiciary service, he was a member of the local militia, responsible in part for frontier defense against Native Americans, and he reached the rank of Colonel. He died in Haverhill on 21 May 1707.

Leverett Saltonstall was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, on 13 June 1783, son of Nathaniel Saltonstall (1746-1815) and Anna White (1752-1841). He pursued classical studies, attending Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, and graduated from Harvard University in 1802. He studied law, was admitted to the bar association and began practice in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1805. He was the first mayor of Salem, serving from 1836 to 1837, as well as a member of the United States House of Representatives from Massachusetts who

also served as Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, President of the Massachusetts Senate, and a Member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard College. He died in Salem on 8 May 1845. He married Mary Elizabeth Sanders (1788-1858) and they had five children: Anne Elizabeth (1812-1881); Caroline (1815-1883); Richard Gurdon (1820-1821); Lucy Sanders (1822-1890); and Leverett (1825-1895).

Leverett Saltonstall (1825-1895) was born on 16 March 1825, to Leverett Saltonstall (1783-1845) and Mary Elizabeth Sanders (1788-1858). He graduated from Harvard College in 1844 and studied law at Harvard Law School and with the firm of Sohier & Welch. He was admitted to the bar in 1850. He was very involved in politics. From 1885 to 1889, Saltonstall served as Collector of Customs for the Port of Boston under president Grover Cleveland. In 1854, he married Rose Lee Smith (1835-1903) of Salem and they had six children. He died on 16 April 1895, in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

## Scope and Content Note

This collection is comprised of materials that were collected by the Haverhill Public Library related to the Saltonstall family. The collection is organized into five series. Series one contains genealogy of the Saltonstall family. Series two has essays about the family. Series three consists of some copies and transcriptions of letters and some printed material by and about Leverett Saltonstall (1783-1845). Series four contains two letters to Leonard W. Smith about furniture, and series five contains newspaper clippings from local and regional newspapers.

## Arrangement

Series 1: Genealogy, undated

Series 2: Essays about the family, undated

Series 3: Family Members, 1843-1845, undated

Subseries 3.1: Peter Saltonstall, undated

Subseries 3.2: Nathaniel Saltonstall (circa 1639-1707), undated

Subseries 3.3: Leverett Saltonstall (1783-1845), 1843-1845, undated

Subseries 3.4: Leverett Saltonstall, (1825-1895), undated

Series 4: Letters to Leonard W. Smith, undated

Series 5: Newspaper Clippings, 1825, 1883, 1895-1896, 1914-1918, 1938-1946, 1962, 1972-2002

## Administrative Information

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<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Unknown
<b>Processing Information:</b>	Processed by Erik R. Bauer, 2019. Updated by Tamara Gaydos, 2021.
<b>Access Rights:</b>	Collection is open for research.
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<b>Related Material:</b>	None
<b>Separated Material:</b>	None.
<b>Conservation Notes:</b>	Newspaper clippings have gone through deacidification to preserve their recorded information. The <i>Boston Globe Magazine</i> has also been deacidified.
<b>Subjects:</b>	Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) Genealogy Letters Saltonstall, Caroline, 1815-1883 Saltonstall, Leverett, 1783-1845 Saltonstall, Leverett, 1825-1895 Saltonstall, Nathaniel, 1639-1707

## Collection Inventory

### Series 1: Genealogy, undated

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Genealogy of Leverett Saltonstall, undated	1	1

**Series 2: Essays about the family, undated**

<b><u>Folder Title</u></b>	<b><u>Container Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
<i>Essex Institute Historical Collections</i> Extracts [2], undated	1	2
"The Saltonstalls and The Houses They Built," undated	1	3
"The Saltonstall Seat," undated	1	4
"The Saltonstall Family and Saltonstall Seat: Buttonwoods" by Albert L. Bartlett, undated	1	5

**Series 3: Family Members, 1843-1845, undated****Subseries 3.1: Peter Saltonstall, undated**

Information about Peter Saltonstall, undated	1	6
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**Subseries 3.2: Nathaniel Saltonstall (circa 1639-1707), undated**

Nathaniel Saltonstall 1694 Letter Resigning from Haverhill Commission [Photostat and transcription], undated	1	7
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**Subseries 3.3: Leverett Saltonstall (1783-1845), 1843-1845, undated**

<i>Address Before the Essex Agricultural Society</i> , 1843	1	8
<i>Discourse on the Life and Character of Hon. Leverett Saltonstall</i> , 1845	1	9
Death of Leverett Saltonstall, undated [1845]	1	10

**Subseries 3.4: Leverett Saltonstall (1825-1895), undated**

Letter from Leverett Saltonstall to Caroline Saltonstall dated 1876 [copy and transcription], undated	1	11
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**Series 4: Letters to Leonard W. Smith, undated**

<b><u>Folder Title</u></b>	<b><u>Container Number</u></b>	<b><u>Folder Number</u></b>
Copies of two letters to Leonard W. Smith of the Haverhill Historical Society regarding furniture in the Saltonstall House dated 1919, undated	1	12

**Series 5: Newspaper Clippings, 1825, 1883, 1895-1896, 1914-1918, 1938-1946, 1962, 1972-2002**

Newspaper Clippings, 1825, 1883, 1895-1896, 1914-1918, 1938-1946, 1962, 1972-2002	1	13
<i>Boston Globe Magazine</i> article regarding Saltonstall family portraits donation, March 1962	1	14