

## Emerson-Smith Collection, 1810-1992

### Collection Summary

<b>Reference Code:</b>	MRQ, US.
<b>Repository:</b>	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Call Number:</b>	MSS 11
<b>Creator:</b>	Haverhill Public Library
<b>Title:</b>	Emerson-Smith Collection, 1810-1992
<b>Dates:</b>	1810-1992
<b>Size:</b>	.75 linear feet (4 boxes)
<b>Language(s):</b>	Collection materials are in English.
<b>Abstract:</b>	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 two series. Series one includes receipts, letters, and photographs that relate to members of the family. Series two includes some articles of clothing belonging to Mary Emerson and Joseph Smith.

### Arrangement

Series 1: Family Papers, 1820-1987

Series 2: Objects, 1810-1812, undated

## Administrative Information

<b>Preferred Citation:</b>	[Item Identification], Emerson-Smith Collection, 1846-1992, <i>Reference Code</i> , Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
<b>Custodial History:</b>	Found in collection.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Unknown.
<b>Processing Information:</b>	Processed by Erik R. Bauer, 2019. Updated by Tamara Gaydos, 2020. Updated by Elizabeth Smith, 2025
<b>Access Rights:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Phys. Access Restrictions:</b>	None.
<b>Tech. Access Restrictions:</b>	None.
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<b>Related Material:</b>	HA8.1
<b>Separated Material:</b>	None.
<b>Conservation Notes:</b>	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.
<b>Subjects:</b>	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: Family Papers, 1820-1987

<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Newspaper Clippings, 1847-1919	1	1
Appraisal Information, 1986	1	2
A Guide to the microfilm edition of Joseph Belknap Smith Papers at Duke University Library, undated	1	3
Receipts, 1783-1846	1	4
Correspondence, 1854-1870	1	5
Great Great Aunt or Col. Joseph Smith Sister, circa 1860-1965	1	6
Joseph Belknap Smith photo, undated	1	7
Ruther Emerson Hayes or Susan Emerson, undated	1	8
Unknown house, undated	1	9
J. Belknap Smith, his mother, Mary E. Smith and his three sisters, undated	1	10
Susan Emerson Thomas, circa 1899-1920	1	11
Joseph Smith oil painting, circa 1840	1	12
Unknown house (photocopy), undated	1	13
Susan Emerson Thomas (photocopy of four photos), undated	1	14
Mary Emerson Smith Silhouette, 1820	1	15
<u>Folder Title</u>	<u>Container Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Susan E. Thomas at age 14, undated	1	16
Mary Emerson Smith, undated [circa 1852]	1	17
Susan Wilshire Pearman, 1917	1	18
Susan Emerson Thomas Pearman and her aunt, Sallie Thomas Wolcott, 1917	1	19
Susan Emerson Wilshire, Caroline Thomas Griffin Mrs. Frederick Walcott, undated	1	20
Susan Emerson Thomas Wilshire and Susan Wilshire Pearman, undated	1	21

**Series 2: Objects, 1810-1812, undated**

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