# INVENTORY OF THE

# LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION

# IN THE OLD DARTMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# WHALING MUSEUM LIBRARY

Content: Administrative, financial and public records, legal documents, muster rolls, and other records of civic, military, political, and social organizations in New Bedford and several other Massachusetts towns, ca. 1783-1970.

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## INTRODUCTION

The majority of documents in this collection were given to the Old Dartmouth Historical Society by many different individuals between 1903-1980. Accession records also indicate that several of these items were purchased from manuscript dealers during the same period.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Most of the records in this collection reflect the civic, military, political, and social activities of New Bedford, Mass., residents between 1787-1970. In addition, some records concern citizens, institutions, and organizations active in Acushnet, Andover, Boston, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Newburyport, Quincy, Rochester, Shirley, Taunton, and Westport, Mass., 1789-1936.

One portion of this collection consists of public records generated by municipal officials and employees. These documents include accounts representing payments to families of Revolutionary War soldiers by committees in the towns of Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Westport, Mass., 1777-1790; an 1811 tax list and voting register for New Bedford; records concerning the care of indigent persons by the officials of Fairhaven, New Bedford, Newburyport, Rochester, and Westport, 1813-1854; financial accounts, reports, and a marriage register compiled by city or town clerks and treasurers of Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Taunton between 1787-1938; and records relating to the New Bedford Fire Department, 1807-1897.

Another sizeable quantity of material in the collection concerns benevolent and charitable societies, churches, clubs, and schools, particularly those active in Dartmouth, Fairhaven, and New Bedford between 1800-1970. These records chiefly consist of articles of incorporation or agreement, by-laws, and constitutions; minutes of meetings; financial accounts; membership records; legal documents; correspondence; and historical sketches and clippings. Organizations and institutions represented by these types of records include Fairhaven Academy, a private school; the Franklin Union Debating Society and Young Men's Natural History Society of New Bedford; the New Bedford Lyceum and New Bedford Yacht Club; and Salem Baptist Church, an Afro-American church in New Bedford. A related group of documents concern the Arnold Garden at New Bedford; a committee which collected funds to construct a monument honoring Bartholomew Gosnold on Cuttyhunk Island; the Belleville Association, a New Bedford land company; and Mechanics' Hall, a public hall in that city which rented work space to several individuals, including William Allen Wall, a noted artist.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE (cont.)

This collection also encompasses muster rolls, correspondence, certificates, minutes, regulations, and membership and financial records concerning Massachusetts military organizations and units and local veterans of American wars. Most of this material reflects the activities of Fairhaven and New Bedford home guards, Massachusetts infantry regiments, and the New Bedford Recruiting Committee during the Civil War, 1861-1865. Another group of records were generated by a division of the Massachusetts Militia from 1793-1834 and include documents reflecting the involvement of Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Westport men in the War of 1812. A final group of manuscripts, dating from 1862-1961, relate to New Bedford chapters of several military and patriotic societies, notably the Grand Army of the Republic, the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, and the United Spanish War Veterans.

Materials in this collection have been divided into two sub-groups. Sub-group 1 contains records concerning Massachusetts towns, which are listed in alphabetical series according to the name of each locality. Documents created by or relating to residents of each town are then described at the sub-series level. Sub-group 2 encompasses records of Massachusetts Militia units. Regimental records are described in Series A of this sub-group, while Series B concerns records of the 5th Division, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Regiment. All other military records in this collection are described as part of the documents relating to specific Massachusetts towns.

To further facilitate access to these materials, the inventory concludes with an alphabetically arranged name and subject index to the collection, exclusive of main inventory entries. Personal names, whenever possible, are accompanied by a geographical indication of where the individual resided. Each term is followed by a two-part symbol: the letter refers to the location of the item within the inventory and the number indicates which sub-series applies to the indexed records. A similar index lists the names of donors of documents comprising this collection.

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# DESCRIPTION

Box 1

Sub-group 1. Records Concerning Massachusetts Towns, ca. 1783-1970

Series A. Acushnet, Mass., Records, 1811

Sub-series 1. [Acushnet Methodist Church, Acushnet, Mass.] Agreement, 20 September 1811. Between John Hawes, representing the First Methodist Episcopal Society of New Bedford, Mass. (subsequently called the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Fairhaven, Mass.; the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Acushnet, Mass., and the Acushnet Methodist Church, Acushnet, Mass.), and Stephen Davis and Henry Purrington of New Bedford, Mass., concerning construction of a meeting house. Includes detailed specifications for building. With notes concerning the history of the church, compiled by Philip F. Purrington, n.d. ADS, Typ., 2 items.

Series B. Andover, Mass., Records, 1827

Sub-series 1. Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Memorandum, 15 May 1827. Concerns authorization by Academy trustees permitting the institution's treasurer to transfer shares of stock. MsS., 1 p.

Series C. Boston, Mass., Records, 1817, 1826, 1889

Sub-series 1. Massachusetts Congregational Charitable Society, [Boston, Mass.]. Notice, 26 May 1817. Announces election of Eliphalet Porter, a clergyman, as treasurer of the Society. ADS, 1 p.

Sub-series 2. Protestant Episcopal Church, Boston, Mass. Memorandum, 30 June 1826. Concerns money due to the church from the United States Loan Office, authorizing James Bowdoin to collect the sum. Signed by A[sa] Eaton, church secretary. ADS, 1 p.

Sub-series 3: China Mutual Insurance Company (Boston, Mass.) - Two capital certificates dated February 11, 1889

Series D. Dartmouth, Mass., Records, 1789-1936

Sub-series 1. Bakerville Christian Church, South Dartmouth, Mass. Records, 1864-1932. Constitution; minutes of meetings; baptismal, marriage, and membership records; financial accounts; a letter; and clippings concerning history of the church, previously known as the Bakerville Christian Society and Christian Church in Bakerville. MsS.; TLS, clippings, 2 volumes, 5 loose items.

Box 1 (cont.)

Sub-group 1, Series D. (cont.)

Sub-series 2. Dartmouth, Mass. [Revolutionary War Committee]. Records, 1789-1790. Accounts with Thomas Crandon reflecting his payments to families of Revolutionary War soldiers, 1777-1780, from funds collected by the towns of Dartmouth, New Bedford, and Westport. Members of the committees from those towns include William Davis, Jethro Hathaway, Stephen Hathaway, Wesson Kirby, Giles Slocum, Abraham Smith, Henry Smith, John Smith, and William Tallman. MsS., 2 items.

Sub-series 3. Plan, ca. 1790. Probably of land at Dartmouth, Mass. Ms, 1 p.

Sub-series 4. Plan, 5 October 1797. Of "a new road laid out in Dartmouth," identified by Henry B[arnard] Worth, in a 1918 note, as "Kempton Street from Rockdale Avenue to Smiths Mills." MsS., 1 p.

Sub-series 5. Round Hills Radio Corporation, South Dartmouth, Mass. Records, 1923-1936. Articles of incorporation and by-laws; minutes of meetings; legal documents; financial statements; and correspondence concerning a radio broadcasting station established by Edward Howland Robinson Green. Many records signed by John Morgan Bullard, an official and stockholder of the corporation. Typ. with MsS. additions, 114 pp.

Box 2

Sub-series 6. Second Christian Church, Dartmouth, Mass. Records, 1836-1900. Preamble and constitution; minutes of meetings; lists of members; pew records; notices relating to church business; and clippings concerning history of the church, originally established as the Second Christian Society, Dartmouth, Mass. MsS., Ms., clippings, 2 volumes, 12 loose items.

Box 3

Sub-series 7. South Dartmouth, Mass. Sabbath School. Records, 1872-1905. Minutes of meetings; lists of officers and pupils; attendance and financial records; and names of texts used in lessons. MsS., 4 volumes.

Box 4

Sub-group 1, cont.

Series E. Fairhaven, Mass., Records, 1800-1861

Sub-series 1. Fairhaven Academy, Fairhaven, Mass. Ledger, 1800-1842. "Treasury book" of a private school originally established as the New Bedford Academy, New Bedford, Mass. Contains financial accounts of the school's proprietors and records of the organization's operating expenses. Major proprietors and stockholders include John Alden, Nathan Alden, Joseph Bates, Robert Bennett, Thomas Bennett, Samuel Borden, Killey Eldredge, Levi Jenney, Benjamin Lincoln, Thomas Nye, Nicholas Stoddard, Noah Stoddard, Nicholas Taber, and Joseph Tripp. MsS., 58 pp.

Sub-series 2. Fairhaven Home and Civil Guard, Fairhaven, Mass. Roll book, May-August 1861. Record of guard members sent to garrison Fort Phenix in Fairhaven and Fort Taber (later called Fort Rodman), New Bedford, Mass. MsS., 19 pp.

Sub-series 3. Fairhaven, Mass. Assessors. Tax list, 1828. Record of poll and property taxes assessed on town residents for construction and maintenance of local roads, collected by Alden White as highway surveyor. Assessors: Ansel Allen, Bartholomew Taber, and Phineas White. ADS, 4 pp.

Sub-series 4. First Congregational [Church], Fairhaven, Mass. Pew deeds, 1842. For pews in what was then called the First Congregational Society, Fairhaven, Mass., purchased by William P[roctor] Jenney and William LeBaron Gibbs. DS, 4 items.

Sub-series 5. Riverside [i.e., River-Side] Cemetery, [Fairhaven, Mass.]. Notice, 26 August 1851. Announcement of meeting of cemetery trustees, sent to Gideon Nye of Fairhaven. Signed by Reuben Nye. DS, 1 p.

Box 5

Series F. New Bedford, Mass., Records, ca. 1783-1970

Sub-series 1. Arnold Garden, New Bedford, Mass. Guest register, 1845-1847. Records names and residences of visitors to formal garden on the estate of James Arnold. MsS., 176 pp.

Sub-series 2. Belleville Association, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1805-1806. Account of lots sold at auction by the Association, a land company, and contemporaneous copy of "Plan of Belleville on the west side of the river in New Bedford," signed by Joseph Davis, William Gordon, John S. Haskell, Elisha Hathaway, Humphrey Hathaway, John Hawes, Samuel Perry, Charles Stetson, and Jireh Swift, proprietors: MsS., Ms., 2 items.

Box 6

Sub-group 1, Series F. (cont.)

Sub-series 3. Dartmouth Club, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1889-1917. Articles of incorporation, constitution, and by-laws; minutes of directors' meetings; and membership lists of a social club which maintained a "clubhouse and reading room." MsS., Typ., 2 volumes.

Sub-series 4. Democratic City Committee, New Bedford, Mass. Records, August-December 1884. Minutes of meetings and clippings relating to involvement of the committee in local, state, and national elections. Compiled by Edward J. Luce, secretary of the organization. MsS., 34 pp.

Box 7

Sub-series 5. Franklin Union Debating Society, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1841-1842. Minutes of meetings of a young men's society formed for "mutual improvement in Declamation, Composition, and Debate; the promotion of good feeling and social intercourse; and to furnish a rational and agreeable mod[e] of occupying our leisure hours." With copies of the FRANKLIN SIGNAL and FRANKLIN STANDARD, manuscript newsletters compiled by members, and an index to the contents of and contributors to the publications. Society secretaries and newsletter editors include Robert C. Pitman, Charles S[turtevant] Randall, and Gilbert Russell. MsS., 2 volumes.

Sub-series 6. Friends Meeting House, New Bedford, Mass. Scrapbook, 1922. Contains reminiscences, historical sketches, clippings, and programs relating to the history of the meeting house on the occasion of its centennial celebration. MsS., printed material, clippings, 63 pp.

Box 8

Sub-series 7. Gosnold Fund Committee, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1901-1903. Correspondence; financial accounts; a plan; dedication speeches and programs; clippings; and printed material relating to construction of a memorial tower honoring Bartholomew Gosnold on Cuttyhunk Island, Mass. Committee members, correspondents, and dedication program participants include: Francis E[llingwood] Abbot, William C[ameron] Forbes, Paul Revere Frothingham, Edward Everett Hale, Edwin D[oak] Mead, Walton Ricketson, E[lias] H[arlow] Russell, Frank[lin] B[enjamin] Sanborn, Joseph Henry Sears, George Fox Tucker, Annie Russell Wall, and George Parker Winship. Plan of tower's foundation drawn by Nat[haniel] C. Smith. ALS, TLS, ADS, DS, MsS., Ms., clippings, printed material, 50 items.

Box 8 (cont.)

Sub-group 1, Series F. (cont.)

Sub-series 8. Grace Episcopal Church, New Bedford, Mass. Records, ca. 1887-1933. Correspondence concerning the church's centennial anniversary, 1933, and historical sketches about the church by Horatio Hathaway, Julia W[ager] Rodman, and others. Correspondents include Samuel G[avitt] Babcock, Harry Beal, Arthur L. Fenderson, John M[ansfield] Groton, Henry Harrison Hadley, William Lawrence, James DeWolfe Perry, Henry Knox Sherrill, Clifford Gray Twombly, and Linden Harris White. ALS, TLS, Typ., 43 items.

Sub-series 9. Grand Army of the Republic. Department of Massachusetts. William Logan Rodman Post No. 1, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1862-1876. Muster rolls and registers; correspondence; certificates; installation ceremony procedures; and regulations; chiefly relating to Civil War service by members of the organization. Also includes muster rolls concerning members of the 176th Regiment, New York Infantry, 1863. ALS, ADS, DS, printed material, 13 items.

Sub-series 10. Hose Company No. 2, New Bedford, Mass. Roll book, 1888-1897. Lists names and attendance records of members of a New Bedford Fire Department unit. Also mentions fires in the city during the period. Printed material with MsS. additions, 33 pp.

Sub-series 11. List, ca. 1783. "A chronological account of the battles and sieges and other remarkable events relative to the present war," probably compiled by a New Bedford resident during the American Revolution. Ms., 2 pp.

Sub-series 12. List, November 1822. Gives number of houses, slips, "spermaceta manufactories," and wharves in "Bedford Village." Compiler unknown. Ms., 1 p.

Box 9

Sub-series 13. McClellan Drill Club, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1861-1863. Minutes, committee reports, and membership and financial records of a home guard organization. MsS., 16 items.

Sub-series 14. Mechanics' Hall, New Bedford, Mass. Account book, 1832-1838. Contains financial accounts of proprietors and record of sums collected for rental of space in the building. Tenants include William Allen Wall. MsS., 16 pp.

Box 9 (cont.)

Sub-group 1, Series F. (cont.)

Sub-series 15. [Middle Street Christian Church, New Bedford, Mass.]. Subscription, 1829. For support of Charles Morgridge in return for his ministerial services at the Second Christian Society (later called the Second Christian Church, then Middle Street Christian Church) in New Bedford. MsS., 9 pp.

Box 10

Sub-series 16. [New Bedford Benevolent Society, New Bedford, Mass.]. Articles of agreement, 21 January 1840. By which numerous New Bedford residents agree to form "a society for the relief of the Poor." ADS, 1 p. + records, 1840-60 1 vol.

Sub-series 17. New Bedford City Guards, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1861. Constitution and by-laws, reports on drills, and membership records of a home guard organization, also known as the Home Protective Guard. MsS., 2 volumes

Sub-series 18. New Bedford Fire Society, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1807-1816. Articles of incorporation; rules and regulations; minutes of meetings; and financial accounts of the predecessor of the New Bedford Fire Department. MsS., 102 pp.

Sub-series 19. New Bedford Lyceum, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1855-1907. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, and notes and memoranda concerning history of literary and educational society. Also includes index of speakers at the Lyceum during the period, n.d. Minutes compiled by Alanson Borden, Thomas H[enry] Knowles, William H. Pitman, and others. MsS., Ms., Typ., 1 volume, 10 loose items.

Box 11

Sub-series 20. New Bedford, Mass. Assessors. Tax list, 1811. Record of poll and property taxes assessed on town residents for maintenance of local roads, collected by John Taber, 2nd. With memorandum concerning collection of the tax. Assessors: Gideon Howland, Jr., Alden Spooner, and Lem[uel] Williams. ADS, 28 pp.

Box 11 (cont.)

Sub-group 1, Series F. (cont.)

Sub-series 21. New Bedford, Mass. City Clerk. Records, 1787-1835, 1922-1938. Record of earmarks used to distinguish livestock belonging to New Bedford residents, 1718-1835, chiefly compiled by John Pickens; report on vote taken at the New Bedford annual town meeting, 1813, concerning a highway tax and care of the poor; and register of marriages performed by Rodolphus A[shley] Swan as city clerk between January 1922-April 1938. MsS., ADS, Typ., 2 volumes, 1 loose item.

Sub-series 22. New Bedford, Mass. City Treasurer. Records, 1792-1884. Account of money orders drawn on the treasurer by selectmen to pay for public services, including care of the poor, 1792-1815; correspondence, warrants, and reports of Henry H[owland] Crapo as treasurer and tax collector, 1839-1848; treasurer's balance, 1873, compiled by James B[unker] Congdon; and receipt for sum paid to Eben Akin, town treasurer of Fairhaven, Mass., by New Bedford city treasurer, James H. Hathaway. ALS, ADS, DS, MsS., 23 items.

Box 12

Sub-series 23. New Bedford, Mass. Committee on Lighting Streets. Records, 1857-1873. Minutes of meetings and statements and accounts relating to the use of whale-oil and gas to light the city's streets. MsS., 69 pp.

Sub-series 24. New Bedford, Mass. [Election Commissioners]. Voting list, 1811. Lists names of 458 "Qualified Voters" in the west and southwest districts of New Bedford. MsS., 4 pp.

Sub-series 25. New Bedford, Mass. Mayor. Petition, 27 April 1870. To the Massachusetts legislature from Mayor Geo[rge] Richmond, asking for passage of an act amending the city charter to change date of the annual municipal election. DS, 1 p.

Sub-series 26. New Bedford, Mass. Post Office. Financial records, 1817, 1841, 1861. Bills and receipts for "quarterly returns" and rental of post office boxes. DS, D, 3 items.

Sub-series 27. New Bedford, Mass. Recruiting Committee. Records, 1863-1864. Minutes of meetings reflecting the activities of a governmental committee formed to "facilitate enlistment" of local residents during the Civil War. MsS., 6 pp.

Box 13

Sub-group 1, Series F. (cont.)

Sub-series 28. New Bedford Whig Association, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1839-1844. Constitution; minutes of meetings; lists of members; and financial records of an organization formed "to defend and preserve the civil and political rights of the citizens . . .; to use all fair and honorable means to diffuse correct political information; and [to] awaken the citizens to the importance of a faithful and honest performance of their political duties." MsS., 1 volume, 12 loose items.

Box 14

Sub-series 29. New Bedford Yacht Club, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1878-1970. Minutes of regatta committee meetings; correspondence; legal documents; financial records; a historical sketch; and clippings. ALS, TLS, MsS., Ms., Typ., clippings, ca. 120 items.

See N. B. ephemera collection for yearbooks.

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Sub-series 30. New South School House, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1808-1827. Incorporation records; lists of names of proprietors; minutes of meetings; committee reports; and financial accounts of a private school. Also includes transcript of two receipts for payment of a house rental at New Bedford by John Fuller, August 1855. MsS., MsS. tr., 1 volume, 1 loose item.

Sub-series 31. [Oregon] Engine Company, No. 11, New Bedford, Mass. Records, ca. 1847. Constitution and by-laws of a unit of the New Bedford Fire Department. MsS., 9 pp.

Sub-series 32. Petition, 12 January 1832. Supporting abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, signed by John Avery Parker, Samuel Rodman, Jr., and William Rotch, Jr. DS, 2 copies.

Sub-series 33. Petition, November 1860. Signed by New Bedford residents "who are in favor of the continuance of a citizens organization in municipal matters, and are friendly to the renomination of Isaac C. Taber" as mayor. MsS., 17 pp.

Sub-series 34. Salem Baptist Church, New Bedford, Mass. Receipts, 1864-1868. For payment of debt due on the Afro-American church's meeting house. Signed by Isaac Bly, Charles H. Carter, James Luscomb, and John W. Sullings. ADS, 10 items.

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Sub-group 1, Series F. (cont.)

Sub-series 35. Sons of Veterans of the United States of America. Massachusetts Division. John H. Clifford Camp No. 130, New Bedford, Mass., 1894-1911. Minutes of meetings of a military and patriotic society, compiled by Arthur C. Drew, J. William Webber, and others. MsS., 2 volumes.

Sub-series 36. Union Drill Club, New Bedford, Mass. Records, March-October 1863. Minutes of meetings, correspondence, and membership lists relating to a home guard organization. ALS, Ms., 14 items.

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Sub-series 37. United Spanish War Veterans. Department of Massachusetts. Charles Vernon Gridley Camp No. 46, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1900-1961. Minutes of meetings, financial and attendance records, and membership appointments. MsS., ADS, 1 foot.

Box 23-Box 26

Sub-series 38. United Spanish War Veterans. Department of Massachusetts. Mother Gridley Auxiliary No. 11, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1916-1953. Minutes of meetings and clippings of the women's branch of a patriotic society. MsS., clippings, 1 foot.

Box 27-Box 28

Sub-series 39. Whalemen's Club, Incorporated, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1920-1949. Minutes of meetings; annual reports; financial records; and scrapbooks containing correspondence, clippings, programs, and photographs concerning a club formed "to advance the knowledge and love of the whaling industry and to preserve works, relics and books pertaining to this, also to promote social intercourse among, and to afford the convenience of a club house to its members," most of whom were former whaling captains or crew members of whalers. Most records compiled or collected by the club's founder and secretary, William H. Tripp. MsS., Typ., clippings, printed material, photographs, 4 volumes, 1 loose item.

Box 29

Sub-series 40. Young Men's Natural History Society, New Bedford, Mass. Records, 1863-1874. Constitution and by-laws; minutes of meetings; membership records; and clippings relating to the organization and its predecessor, the Young Men's Cabinet of Natural History, both formed to promote the study of natural history and collect natural history specimens "and curiosities of any kind." Minutes compiled by Oliver F. Brown, Thomas W. Croacher, Stephen W. Hayes, and others. MsS., clippings, 5 volumes.

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Sub-group 1 (cont.)

Series G. Quincy, Mass., Records, 1865, 1870

Sub-series 1. National Sailors' Home, Quincy, Mass. Records, 1865, 1870. Articles of incorporation and by-laws, correspondence, and certificates relating to legacy left to the institution by Sylvia Ann Howland of New Bedford, Mass., for the care of sailors, marines, and others in the United States naval service. Includes transcripts, n.d. ALS, ADS, MsS. tr., 11 items.

Series H. Rochester, Mass., Records, 1853-1854

Sub-series 1. Rochester, Mass. Overseers of the Poor. Correspondence, 1853-1854. Concerns collection of poor relief payments for several Rochester town charges currently living at New Bedford and Newburyport, Mass. ALS, TLS, 2 items.

Series I. Shirley, Mass., Records, 1858

Sub-series 1. United Society, Shirley, Mass. Lease, 1 March 1858. Between the Shaker society, represented by Jonas Nutting and Leander A. Persons, and the Phoenix Cotton Manufacturing Company at Shirley (formerly the Steam Mill Company of New Bedford, Mass.), represented by Alden G. Snell, for use of land and buildings. With survey of property. ADS, 9 pp.

Series J. Taunton, Mass., Records, 1826

Sub-series 1. Taunton, Mass. Town Treasurer. Money order, 9 December 1826. Issued to W[illia]m Read, the town treasurer, by Sam[ue]l Crocker, overseer of the town committee organized to build a school house, ordering payment to W[illia]m Washburn. ADS, 1 p.

Series K. Westport, Mass., Records, 1803-1823

Sub-series 1. Westport, Mass. Proprietors of the Horseneck. Records, 1803-1822. Notice of a meeting of the proprietors, deed for land purchased from Peleg Slocum, Jr., and receipts relating to a field and adjoining salt meadows at Westport. Proprietors include William Allen, Elijah Gifford, Wilbor Gifford, and Prince Wing. ADS, 4 items.

Sub-series 2. [Westport, Mass. Schools]. School records, ca. 1823. Registration, attendance, and tuition payment records concerning pupils at an unspecified school in the town. Ms., 3 items.

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Sub-group 1, Series K. (cont.)

Sub-series 3. Westport, Mass. Workhouse. Records, 1818. Committee report, contract, and regulations relating to an institution intended to shelter and provide employment for thirty to forty men, women, and children "now chargeable to said town." Workhouse committee members include Abner Brownell, Frederick Brownell, Barney Hicks, Peleg Sisson, and Daniel Wing. ADS, 3 items.

Box 31

Sub-group 2. Records Concerning Massachusetts Militia Units, 1793-1917

Series A. Massachusetts Infantry Records, 1859-1917

Sub-series 1. Massachusetts. Infantry. 3rd Regiment. Records, 1859-1865. Appointments, invoices, orders, and correspondence, chiefly concerning regiment members R[ichard] A. Peirce, L[ucien] L[eonidas] Perkins, and James L. Sharp. ALS, DS, 1 volume, 18 loose items.

Sub-series 2. Massachusetts. Infantry. 7th Regiment. Muster rolls, 1862-1863. Give members of Company J and Company K of the regiment. DS, 2 items.

Sub-series 3. Massachusetts. Infantry. 47th Regiment. Muster roll, 1863. Gives members of Company D of the regiment. DS, 2 pp.

Box 32-33

Sub-series 4. Massachusetts. Infantry. 58th Regiment. Records, 1865-1917. Minutes of meetings; correspondence; notices; bills and receipts; historical sketches and notes; clippings; and programs, chiefly relating to members of the "58th Massachusetts Regiment Association," a patriotic and fraternal organization formed by veterans of that regiment and of the 3rd Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry. Minutes and correspondence compiled by Theodore A. Barton, James C. Hitch, Arthur Hooper, Charles H. Morton, and others. ALS, DS, MsS., Ms., clippings, 2 volumes, 42 loose items.

Box 34

Series B. Massachusetts Militia Records, 1793-1834

Sub-series 1. Massachusetts. Militia. 5th Division, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Regiment. Records, 1793-1834. Orders; muster rolls and registers; financial accounts; correspondence; and memoranda focusing on activities of the regiment in New Bedford, Mass., and vicinity, particularly during the War of 1812. With transcripts of some documents, n.d. ALS, MsS., Ms., Typ. tr., 1 volume, ca. 170 loose items.