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Fruitlands Shaker Manuscript Collection, 1771-1933

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PROVENANCE

Manuscript materials were first acquired by Clara Endicott Sears beginning in 1918 for her Fruitlands Museum in Harvard, Massachusetts. Materials continued to be collected by the museum throughout the 20th century. In 2016, Fruitlands Museum became The Trustees' 116th reservation, and the Shaker manuscript materials were relocated to the Archives & Research Center in Sharon, Massachusetts.

In Harvard, the Fruitlands Museum site continues to display the objects that Sears collected. The museum features three separate collections of significant Shaker, Native American, and American art and artifacts, as well as a historic farmhouse that was once home to the family of Louisa May Alcott and is recognized as a National Historic Landmark.

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PROCESSING INFORMATION

A collection guide based on the Western Reserve Historical Society's *Guide to Shaker Manuscripts* was created for the Fruitlands Museum by Jennifer Monaghan in 1993. Consultants to the material throughout the years have included Pam Smith, Maggie Stier, Christian Goodwillie, and Roben Campbell.

ALTERNATE FORMS AVAILABLE

Portions of the collection are available on 35 mm microfilm reels. Consult the archivist for more information. Researchers should note that the arrangement of the collection as described in this finding aid does not reflect the order of the collection on microfilm due to reprocessing.

Transcripts may be available for some material. If so, this information is notated with the item and must be requested separately.

RELATED MATERIAL

The Archives and Research Center holds additional collections related to the Shakers, including photographs, publications, and research materials. Please consult with the archivist for more information.

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HISTORICAL NOTES

The Shakers

The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, commonly known as the Shakers for their frenetic style of worship dance, were a Christian communal society founded and originally led by Ann Lee. Lee and a small group of followers, believed that she was the vessel of the Christ Spirit returned to earth. The group emigrated to New York from Manchester, England in 1774. The Shakers initially established villages in New England and New York, and later spread into Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana. By 1827, 21 major communities had been established in the United States. At the movement's peak in the mid-19th century, there were an estimated 5,000 members; however Shaker numbers steadily declined throughout the late 19th and 20th centuries. As of 2018, there is one active community at Sabbathday Lake, Maine.

The Shaker religion embodies the notions of obedience, pacifism, confession and celibacy. The Shakers reshaped the landscape, turning swamplands into productive fields and orchards, expanding meadows and pastures, and developing woodlots and quarries. Villages comprised independent communal families with hundreds of members in total. Leadership in any Shaker village always included both men and women, and membership was open to anyone who made a confession of sin and consecrated their possessions, including land, to the community. Shakers are known for their simple living, innovation, and fine craftsmanship, for they ran a variety of businesses to support their communities. Today they are best known for their furniture, which is plain in style, durable, and functional. Labor was worship for the Shakers and the products of their hands were emblematic of their disciplined lifestyle and emphasis on hard work.

The Harvard and Shirley, Massachusetts Shaker communities

While on a proselytizing journey from the first Shaker community in Watervliet, New York, Lee and a group of early Shaker leaders visited the Harvard and Shirley, Massachusetts area in 1781. Many former New Light Baptists from local farming communities became the first Shakers here. Lee claimed to have dreamt of some of the Harvard Shakers in England before she came to America in the 1770s. Therefore, this village was held in special regard by the Shakers, who considered Harvard the spiritual center of the Shaker world.

In Harvard, the Shakers purchased the Square House along with its 86.5-acre farm in 1782 from the estate of Shadrack Ireland. Many local families (including Ireland's former followers) joined the Harvard Shaker community. These surnames would include Babbit, Blanchard, Clark, Cooper, Crouch, Dodge, Jewett, Keep, and Willard. In Shirley, the agricultural land was more favorable than that of Harvard. The core of the Shirley Shaker village formed around Elijah Wilds' house, the 55-acre Ivory Wilds Farm, and the lands of John Warren and Nathan Willard. Wilds became the Elder of the Church Family, and his brother, Ivory, led the North Family. Willard's house and farm became the basis of the South Family, and he became their first Trustee. The Harvard and Shirley Shaker communities together formed a bishopric, presided over by two Elders and two Eldresses.

The first gatherings of the Harvard and Shirley Shaker villages took place in 1791 and 1792, respectively. The Harvard Shaker community drafted four covenants – in 1797, 1801, 1814, and 1831, varying in length and detailing Shaker beliefs, and signed by members attesting their faith in the community. By 1835, the South and East Families in Harvard were officially established, and the herb industry was a major business (prominent contributors included Elisha Myrick and George B. Whiting). During 1842, Shaker craftsman Thomas Hammond managed the manufacturing of Shaker chairs in Harvard. From 1849 to 1952, the Shirley Village constructed a large cotton mill called the Phoenix Factory. However, it quickly became a losing enterprise, and by 1861 the Shirley Village was over \$50,000 in debt from which it never truly recovered.

The spiritual revitalization in the region found expression within the Shaker communities, particularly between 1837 and 1855, a period the Shakers called the "New Era," or the "Mother's Work." (This same period is known

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to scholars as the “Era of Manifestations.”) Members began to receive spiritual “gifts” at meetings, such as speaking in tongues, artistic works, and visions. These gifts led to the ministry decreeing that each village must prepare an outdoor worship area. Between 1842 and 1843, the Harvard community built the Holy Hill of Zion for such purposes. The next ten years were the golden age of the Harvard Shakers. They created an allée of maples leading from the Church Family to the Holy Hill, and the Shakers assembled and marched down the tree-lined lane to worship on the hilltop, accompanied by all sorts of spiritual visitors. In 1852, all outdoor places of worship were closed by an edict from the lead ministry in Mount Lebanon, New York, which left a noticeable decrease in the vitality in the communities.

During the 1850s, many young Shakers began leaving the communities, in effect losing a large percentage of the next generation. From this point on the population shrank and the society no longer attracted and retained members as effectively. The Harvard East Family closed in the 1870s, while the Harvard North Family ended in the 1880s. The lead ministry in Mount Lebanon responded by transferring about a dozen of their own members, mostly from the Canaan families of Mount Lebanon, to the remaining Harvard Families. However, the decline continued when, in 1890, the Harvard Shakers sold the East Family land and buildings. The Harvard South Family closed soon after in 1895.

In 1908, the Shirley Shaker Village closed and 889 acres of land and buildings were sold off to the Shirley Industrial School. The Harvard Shakers began selling off pieces of their village in the early 1910s. In 1918, they sold the remaining 600 acres and buildings to Fiske Warren for \$60,000.

The above information came from “Mansions of Purity: An Introduction to the Harvard and Shirley Shaker Communities,” by Michael Volmar. This booklet was printed as interpretive material for the Fruitlands Museum and can be found at the Archives & Research Center.

Clara Endicott Sears: Collecting Shaker Material

In 1916, Fruitlands Museum founder, Clara Endicott Sears wrote about her Harvard neighbors, saying, “It has been my great privilege to be counted as a friend among the Shakers.”¹ Sears began collecting materials directly from the Harvard and Shirley communities and was among the earliest Shaker collectors in the country. She purchased the original Harvard Shaker Trustees’ Office building from Fiske Warren and moved it to her Fruitlands site in 1920. Once it was reassembled, Sears opened the first Shaker museum in the world in 1922. Sears was also in regular contact with the Shaker communities in Mount Lebanon (New York), Canterbury (New Hampshire), and Sabbathday Lake (Maine). The extent of her relationship with the Shakers is reflected in this collection’s correspondence (see Mount Lebanon, Series IV). After Sears’ death in 1960, Fruitlands Museum continued to collect Shaker manuscripts that related to the Harvard and Shirley communities.

DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Scope and Content

The Fruitlands Shaker Manuscript Collection contains approximately 200 items and spans the years 1771-1933. The materials document the daily and spiritual life of Shakers. The bulk of the collection is from the Massachusetts communities in Harvard and Shirley; other communities represented are from Connecticut (Enfield), Maine (Alfred and Sabbathday Lake), New Hampshire (Canterbury and Enfield), and New York (Mount Lebanon, Watervliet), as well as some unknown communities.

¹ Sears, Clara Endicott. “Introduction.” In *Gleanings from Old Shaker Journals*, xi. Boston: Houghton-Mifflin, 1916.

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Community of origin may mean one of the following: the community in which the item was first created, the community in which the writer resided or with which he or she was chiefly associated at the time, or, as a last resort, an educated guess representing the most appropriate community with which an item was associated. If a community of origin could not be established, these manuscripts appear under the heading “Unknown.”

Shaker researchers have expressed particular interest in the following items from the Harvard and Shirley communities:

HARVARD:

- *An Herbarium Consisting of Specimens...*, created by Elisha Myrick, 1854.
- Journal and Manifest Record, 1791-1806.
- Harvard Church Family journal/daybook, 1828-1838.
- 3 deaconess journals, 1845-1876:
 - Sisters’ journal, 1845-1852.
 - *A Journal of the Domestic Work Performed by the Sisters; In the Church at Harvard...*, 1853-1867.
 - *Journal of the domestic work of the sisters in the Church Family*, 1867-1876.
- Volume of letters copied by Thomas Hammond, 1853-1856.
- Volume of letters copied letters, 1862-1864.
- Shaker Journal, 1859-1880, kept by Alfred Collier and Susan Channel.

SHIRLEY

- *Oliver Burt’s Garden Seed Book*, 1810-1823.

The Shakers' inconsistency in spelling proper names is reflected in this guide. The spelling of names herein generally conforms with how they appear in the original manuscripts.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection is based on the Western Reserve Historical Society’s *Guide to Shaker Manuscripts*, widely considered to be the processing standard for Shaker manuscript materials. We have adopted their 14-distinct series for the arrangement of the Fruitlands collection, organizing material by document type:

Series I. Covenants, Laws, and Legal and Land Records

Series II. Financial Records

Series III. Membership Records

Series IV. Correspondence

- In addition to personal and business communication, the Shakers used letters to distribute key documents that usually originated in the main communities at Watervliet and Mount Lebanon, New York. These items were painstakingly copied and shared with the other communities through correspondence; concurrently, copies of important documents originating at other communities were sent to Watervliet and Mount Lebanon.

Series V. Diaries and Journals

- A concerted effort was made by the Shakers to document domestic labor, travel and visitors, Church activities, business records, and other details of daily life in the community.

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	Series VI. Testimonies and Biographies		
	Series VII. Addresses, Sermons, Essays, and Other Writings		
	Series VIII. Inspired Writings		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspired writings date from the aforementioned “New Era,” of “Mother’s Work.” The Shakers believed that the sources of these inspired writings came from deceased Shaker leaders, Biblical figures or other notable personages. 		
	Series IX. Music		
	Series X. Poetry		
	Series XI. Recipes and Prescriptions		
	Series XII. School Books and Instructional Texts		
	Series XIII. Scrapbooks		
	Series XIV. Miscellaneous		

OTHER NOTES

Materials are organized chronologically within each series.

Since manuscripts from the Harvard and Shirley communities make up the bulk of our collection, we have diverged in arrangement from the Western Reserve Historical Society’s *Guide to Shaker Manuscripts* by having an overall organization according to state beginning with Massachusetts. Other states follow alphabetically – Connecticut (Enfield), Maine (Alfred and Sabbathday Lake), New Hampshire (Canterbury and Enfield), New York (Mount Lebanon and Watervliet). There is also an Unknown category for any material where the community source cannot be identified.

Much of the material in the collection is in conservation housing. For the clarity of the archivists and researchers working with the collection, we have noted when the title on this housing differs from the title in the finding aid.

MASSACHUSETTS: Harvard**Series I. Covenants, Laws, and Legal and Land Records**

Dates: 1771-1908.

1771	Deed. Sale of land from Josiah Goldsmith to Aaron Jewett. May 29, 1771	1	HVD.001
1781	Deed. Sale of land from Samuel Preston, Jonathan and Hannah Davis, Matthias and Mary Farnsworth, and others to Aaron Jewett. March 19, 1781	1	HVD.001
1784	Deed. Sale of land from Robert Powers to Aaron Jewett. April 9, 1784	1	HVD.001
1785	Deed. Sale of land from Amos Lamson to Aaron Jewett. January 28, 1785	1	HVD.001

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Harvard (MA), Series I continued			
1785	Deed. Sale of land from Solomon and Frances Cooper to Joseph Wyeth. April 29, 1785	1	HVD.001
1792	Deed. Sale of land from Thomas Hammond to Mary Hammond. May 19, 1792	1	HVD.001
1794	Deed. Sale of land from Thomas Hammond to Aaron Jewett. April 14, 1794	1	HVD.001
1795	Deed. Sale of land from Daniel Dwinel to Jonathan Bridges. January 14, 1795	1	HVD.001
1795	Deed. Sale of land from Phinehas Nutting to John Robbins and Jonathan Bridges. March 25, 1795	1	HVD.001
1797 -1908	Book of Records. Includes church covenants from 1797, 1801, 1814, and 1831; 7 pages of deeds, records of donations received and given by the Church; and a listing of the ministry, elders, trustees, and deacons. Title on housing: <i>Harvard Shaker MS. Covenants &c. Ministries. Elders, Trustees, Deacons & Deaconesses</i>	HVD 1	3102
1801	Deed. Sale of land from Jeremiah Willard to Aaron Jewett. May 1, 1801	1	HVD.001
1826	Mortgage deed. George Lawrence to Pliny Blanchard. November 21, 1826	1	HVD.001
1853	Notebook, handwritten title: <i>Reliable</i> . Pages signed by Thomas Hammond. Page 1 begins, "Esq. Farley's opinion Respecting Deeds &c."	1	HVD.001

Series II. Financial Records

Dates: 1791-1903.

1791-1806	Journal and Manifest Record. Financial records include consecrations made by incoming members and settlements with withdrawing members. Title on housing differs slightly in wording	HVD 1	3103
1799-1851	Account book kept by Aaron Jewett and Seth Babbitts.	HVD 1	3104
1825-1836	Account book kept by Thomas Hammond. Includes details of a loan to Point Bay Ohio. Title on volume: <i>Daybook</i>	HVD 1	3105
1837-1857	Account book. Includes 2 loose accounting pages from 1864 & 1865. Title on volume: <i>Purchase</i> . Title on housing: <i>Miscellania</i>	HVD 1	3106

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Harvard (MA), Series II continued			
1879-1888	Record book of herb sales to various commercial companies. Title on volume: <i>Journal</i>	HVD 2	3107
1903	Receipt. Rental of pasture by F. L. Avery, witnessed by Bliss J. Goss and Annie L. Walker. November 1, 1903 Item not microfilmed	1	HVD.002
Series III. Membership Records			
Dates: 1791-1918.			
1791-1918	Membership List recorded by Thomas Hammond. Includes names of most individuals that lived in the Harvard Society between 1791 and March 1835, as well as their date and place of birth, date of admittance, and date of decease, if known at the time. Dates of decease continued to be entered after 1835 in a separate hand. Transcript of item is available (1.2)	HVD OVS 1	3108
<i>See also Harvard, Series I: Book of Records, 1797-1908</i>			
<i>See also Harvard, Series II: Journal and Manifest Record, 1791-1806</i>			
Series IV. Correspondence			
Dates: 1848-1908.			
1848	Nancy Orsment to Lucinda Blanchard. October 16, 1848	1	HVD.003
1848	Catherine Walker to Brother Jefferson. October 25, 1848	1	HVD.003
1853-1856	Volume of letters copied by Thomas Hammond. Includes 2 letters from Giles Avery dated 1853 discussing the pre-existence of Christ. Other topics include Samuel McLellan's chronological history (1811-1827) of Busro, or West Union, Indiana, and the stay there as transcribed in 1853 for Roxalana Grosvenor. Also includes remarks from Brother Solomon King and Sister Ruth Johnson, as well as copies of letters written by Daniel Mosley after his return from the West. Other correspondents include David Darrow (1815), Anna Dodgson (1852), William Leonard, and Joshua H. Bussell of Alfred, ME (1856).	HVD 1	3109
1862	Transcript of letter. "A request from the Harvard Shakers to the Government for exemption from bearing arms at the time of the war 1862," signed by William Leonard on August 19, 1862	1	HVD.003

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Harvard (MA), Series IV continued			
1862-1864	Volume of copied letters. Includes a letter written in 1862 by James Prescott to William Leonard describing the troubles at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky during the Civil War. Also includes 3 letters from Jeremiah Hacker and many to Hacker from Eunice Bathrick. Title on housing: <i>A Bundle of Letters</i>	HVD 2	3110
1904	Elizabeth E. Grover to Gertrude. December 30, 1904	1	HVD.003
1908	Elizabeth E. Grover to Gertrude and Henry. October 5, 1908	1	HVD.003

Series V. Diaries and Journals

Dates: 1820-1911.

1820-1826	3 daybooks kept by Joseph Hammond. Includes an unidentified note inside the first volume: "The entry in this journal for September 16, 1820, is the earliest known reference to the sale of herbs by the Harvard Shakers." Title on housing: <i>Joseph Hammond Daybook, 1820-1826</i>	HVD 2	3111
1828-1838	Harvard Church Family journal/daybook Title on volume: <i>General Journal</i>	HVD 2	3112
1838-1841	<i>A Journal kept by Augustus H. Grosvenor on the Church farm in Harvard</i>	HVD OVS 1	3113
1840-1843	Harvard Church Family daybook Title on volume: <i>Harvard Shaker MS. Nov. 1840-June 1843</i>	HVD 1	3114
1843-1845	Harvard Church Family daybook. Includes daily entries on work, weather, worship, and visits. Title on volume: <i>Journal No. 2</i>	HVD 2	3115
1843-1848	Shaker journal. Includes entries on comings and goings, visits and visitors (including Charles Lane). Title on housing: <i>Harvard Shaker MS. December 1843-March 1848</i>	HVD 1	3116
1845-1847	Harvard Church Family daybook. Includes entries on work, weather, worship, and visits. Title on volume: <i>Harvard Shaker MS. July 1845-Sept. 1847</i>	HVD 2	3117

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Harvard (MA), Series V continued			
1845-1852	Sisters' journal. Includes details of job assignments and daily doings. Title on housing: <i>Harvard Shaker MS. January 1845-June 1852</i>	HVD 2	3118
1848-1876	Daybook kept by Elisha Myrick and others. Title on volume: <i>Journal</i>	HVD 2	3119
1849-1852	<i>Daybook kept for the Use & Convenience of the Herb Department by Elisha Myrick</i> Title on housing: <i>Elisha Myrick</i>	HVD 2	3120
1853-1867	<i>A Journal of the Domestic Work Performed by the Sisters; In the Church at Harvard Mass. Kept by the Deaconesses.</i> Book No. 4.	HVD 2	3121
1855-1857	Eliza Babbit journal – Office Sister journal. Title on housing: <i>Harvard Eldress Journal, 1855-57</i>	HVD 3	3122
1859-1880	Shaker journal, 1 volume containing 2 journals. The first dates from 1859 to 1861 and was kept by Alfred Collier. The second dates from 1872 to 1880 and was kept by Susan Channel. Channel's entries begin in 1872 when she is demoted from leadership and pick up again in 1879 on her 70 th birthday. Title on housing is incorrect	HVD 3	3123
1860-1884	Shaker journal, 1 volume containing 2 journals. The first half is a record of correspondence dating 1860 to 1867, as well as many clippings. The second half is a daily record kept by Olive Chandler dating from 1882 to 1884. Title on housing: <i>Journal</i> Item not microfilmed	HVD 3	3124
1863-1873	Diary kept by Olive Chandler. Includes daily entries on work, weather, and observations. Title on housing: <i>Olive Chandler Diary Sept. 1863-May 1873</i>	HVD 3	3125
1863-1873	Diary kept by Olive Chandler. Includes daily entries on work, weather, and observations. Title on housing: <i>Olive Chandler Diary Sept. 1863-May 1873</i>	HVD 3	3125

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Harvard (MA), Series V continued			
1864	Diary of Elder Grove Blanchard. Housed in same container as Blanchard's 1866-67 diary	HVD 3	3126
1866-1867	Diary of Elder Grove Blanchard. Housed in same container as Blanchard's 1864 diary	HVD 3	3127
1867-1869	Diary of John Whiteley, a ministry elder in the Harvard-Shirley bishopric. 1 of 3 volumes.	HVD 3	3128
1867-1869	Diary of John Whiteley, 2 of 3 volumes.	HVD 3	3129
1867-1869	Diary of John Whiteley, 3 of 3 volumes.	HVD 3	3130
1867-1876	<i>Journal of the domestic work of the sisters in the Church Family</i>	HVD 3	3131
1870	<i>Journal. A Theological Epistle addressed to Elder Giles B. Avery of N.Y. by Elder William Leonard [of] Harvard, Mass.</i> Title on housing: <i>William Leonard Journal 1870</i>	HVD 3	3132
1875-1880	<i>A Diary of Events Kept by the Elder Sisters Commencing in the year 1875 On the 25th of April</i> Title on housing: <i>Elder Sisters Journal</i>	HVD 3	3134
1893-1911	Shaker journal, 1 volume containing 2 journals. The first part of the journal was kept by Maria Foster. After Foster's death in 1897, Annie L. Walker kept the journal until her death in 1911. Includes entries on comings, goings, visits, etc. Title on housing: <i>Journal of Maria Foster 1893-1911</i>	HVD 4	3133
<p><i>See also Shirley, Series V: Journal and Manifest Record, 1791-1806</i> <i>See also Shirley, Series V: Diary of John Whiteley, 1881, 1882, 1883</i></p>			

Note: No materials in Series VI: Testimonies & Biographies.

Series VII. Addresses, Sermons, Essays, and Other Writings

Dates: 1825-1874.

1825-1838	Miscellaneous collection of anecdotes, letters, poems. Many items were contributed by school children. The inside cover contains a newspaper clipping regarding the funeral for Lucy Blanchard, 17 years old.	HVD 4	3135
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Harvard (MA), Series VII continued			
1827-1852	Sermons and discourses given at the Harvard community delivered by Benjamin S. Youngs and others. Includes addresses by Young, Eleazar Wright (pseudonym for Richard McNemar), William Penn, as well as Rufus Bishop and John Farrington of Mount Lebanon. Topics include the appointment of Grove Blanchard as an elder, and an 1827 account of a visit from the Canterbury ministry. Also includes spirit communications from Henry Hanson, William Couper, Annie Hanson, and Henry Clay, as well as a few poems. Title on housing: <i>Youngs, Benjamin S. Sermons and Discourses</i>	HVD 4	3136
1836-1847; 1884-1885	Volume of poems, visions, copies of letters, natal day memorials, etc. The bulk were written or copied by Olive Chandler, with other contributors are noted. Title on housing: <i>1836-1847; 1884-1885</i>	HVD 4	3137
1844-1855	Volume of lines written for various events by several different individuals. Includes songs, poems, inspirational writings, and copies of letters, many of which were written on special occasions, such as the return or removal of an individual to another Family.	HVD 4	3138
1850-1854	Volume of writing kept by Eunice Bathrick. Includes a poem reflecting on attending Mother Ruth's funeral at Mount Lebanon on June 2, 1850; a eulogy by Anna Dodgson; and impressions of Hannah Blake of Canterbury. Also includes a spirit message from Mother Ann.	HVD 4	3139
1874	<i>Copied from Volumes 2 and 3 of <u>Hollister's Book of Remembrances</u> by Eunice Bathrick.</i> Includes 32 essays, addresses, or sketches, as well as an early history of Shakerism. Also includes writings by Giles Avery, Calvin Green, and Issacher Bates. Contains detailed table of contents. Handwritten on inside cover of volume: "Copied for Elder John Cloutman by Eunice Bathrick."	HVD 4	3140
n.d.	Handbound volume of 19 th century essays created at Harvard. Aimed primarily at boys, subjects include values to be taught, behavior to be expected, and goals of the community for children. Also includes a table of contents listing 55 topics touching the lives of children.	HVD 4	3141

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Series VIII. Inspired Writings			
Dates: 1840-1853.			
1840-1853	Volume mainly containing spirit messages, including a lengthy passage of spirit messages from Socrates and others, some from Native Americans. Also includes poems, songs, and narratives, with one from Sarah Thomas (née Putnam). Title inside volume: <i>Nancy Orsment's book 1846</i>	HVD 4	3142
1841	Notebook of inspired messages to Sister Eunice Wilds from Polly Lawrence, Abijah Worcester, and others.	1	HVD.004
1842	Sheets of inspired messages from Mother Ann Lee, Catherine the Great, and more. Instruments include Sophia Foster, Elder Grove, among others.	1	HVD.004

See also Harvard, Series VII: Sermons and discourses...delivered by Benjamin S. Youngs, 1827-1852

See also Harvard, Series VII: Volume of lines written for various events..., 1844-1855

See also Harvard, Series VII: Volume of writing kept by Eunice Bathrick, 1850-1854

Series IX. Music

Dates: 1820-1886.

1820s-1830s	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words only. Contains index of songs. Composer and community rarely noted. First entry: "A Hymn of Praise"	HVD 4	3143
1833	<i>Moses Tenney's Notebook.</i> Volume compiled by Moses Tenney in two parts. The first half consists of instruction for the reading of music. The second half consists of words and music to songs. Does not include index to songs. Written inside volume: "Learning to sing by note."	HVD 4	3144
1834-1859	<i>Book 9th of Thomas Hammond.</i> Volume compiled by Thomas Hammond in two parts. The first 75 pages consist of words and music for Shaker songs, composer and community of origin regularly noted. Includes index of songs. The remaining pages consist of excerpts from periodicals copied out by Hammond. Includes quotes from Governor Banks' Thanksgiving Proclamation, the death of a Worcester City marshal, agricultural news, recipe for dandruff shampoo, etc. Also contains a large excerpt of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's address on Fraternity given in November 1858.	HVD 4	3145
1835-1841	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community often noted. Handwritten on inside cover: "I began this book Dec. 6." First entry: "Pure Love"	HVD 4	3146

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Harvard (MA), Series IX continued			
1835-1852	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community rarely noted. Includes loose scrap of sheet music on blue paper inside volume. First entry: "Holy Temple"	HVD 4	3147
1840-1844	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and community rarely noted. Title on housing: <i>Now We're Ready for Our March, 1844</i>	HVD 4	3148
1840s-1860s	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Catherine Hall. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community occasionally noted. First entry: "Happy Mansion," followed by "Blest Creator"	HVD 4	3149
1840s-1860s	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Mary McGooden. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community often noted. Written on inside cover: "O Sang onto the Lord."	HVD 5	3150
1841-1843	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and community rarely noted. First entry: "Shining Band"	HVD 5	3151
1841-1844	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words, some music, and index of songs. Community occasionally noted. Songs received by inspiration are noted. First entry: "Sayings of Blessed Mother Ann"	HVD 5	3152
1841-1851	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Betsey Martha Hall. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and communities occasionally noted. First entry: "I Will Be More Obedient...."	HVD 5	3153
1844-1860	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words and some music. and index of songs. Does not contain index of songs. Community occasionally noted. First entry: "Voyage of Mother Ann Lee"	HVD 5	3154
1845-1858	Volume of Shaker music. <i>A collection of various kinds of songs given for the use of Mother's Children Compiled and written by Betsey M. Hall.</i> Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community often noted. First entry: "Christ's Words to His Disciples"	HVD 5	3155

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Harvard (MA), Series IX continued			
1845	Volume of Shaker music. <i>A collection of songs, hymns, and anthems Compiled by Maria Foster.</i> Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community occasionally noted. Includes loose page titled, "Prayer for the Anointed."	HVD 5	3156
1847-1868	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and community occasionally noted.	HVD 5	3157
1850-1857	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words only. Contains index of songs. Composer and community often noted. First entry: "Hour of Prayer"	HVD 5	3158
1851-1880	Volume of Shaker music. <i>Hymns & Anthems.</i> Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community often noted. Written on title page: "Presented by Margaret McGooden to Olive F. Chandler as a keepsake just before she departed." Written on inside cover: "Presented to Brother Lorenzo Prouty by his friend and sister Olive F. Chandler."	HVD 5	3159
1851-1874	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words only. Contains index of songs. First entry: "Invocation and Retrospection"	HVD 5	3160
1852-1856	Volume of Shaker hymns compiled by Nancy Fairbanks. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Community occasionally noted. First entry: "Hour of Prayer" Title on housing: <i>Fairbanks, N.S.</i>	HVD 5	3161
1855	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Margaret McGooden in March 1855. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community occasionally noted.	HVD 5	3162
1855	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Newcomb Green and Margaret McGooden on June 30, 1855. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Volume is a copy of the above McGooden compilation with 2 songs added.	HVD 5	3163
1856-1868	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community occasionally noted. Most contents are from the Harvard community. First entry: "Beam of Glory"	HVD 5	3164

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Harvard (MA), Series IX continued			
1860-1865	Volume of Shaker music. <i>Hymns</i> . Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and communities often noted. First entry: "Only Just Across the River"	HVD 5	3165
1862-1886	Volume of Shaker hymns. Includes words only. Contains index of songs. First entry: "Oh Blessed Savior"	HVD 5	3166
Series X. Poetry			
Dates: n.d.			
n.d.	"An Acrostic." Poem by Annie L. Walker with Christmas message addressed to "Dearest sister." <i>See also Harvard, Series XIII: A Selection of Poetry, 1854-1865</i>	1	HVD.005
Series XI. Recipes and Prescriptions			
Dates: 1822-1840.			
1822-1842	Book of recipes. Includes table of contents. Topics include making and preserving butter, weaving apparel for the Sisters, and recipes for making shaving soap. Transcript of this item is available (1.6)	HVD 5	3167
1830-1840	Book of recipes. Includes table of contents. Topics include recipes for dyeing, coloring, and whitening and recipes for varnishes and paint oils. Also includes some food recipes, a few weaving drafts, journal entries, and instructions titled, "Division in the Kitchen Work." Transcript of this item is available (1.4) Title on housing: <i>Harvard Shaker MS. Shaker Receipts</i>	HVD 5	3168
Series XII. School Books and Instructional Texts			
Dates: 1859-1862.			
1859-1862	Book of information regarding religion by George W. Manchester for David Allison. Content is presented in question & answer format. Produced by the Harvard North Family. 36 pages.	HVD 5	3169

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Series XIII. Scrapbooks			
Dates: 1854-1868.			
1854-1865	<i>A Selection of Poetry. Interesting anecdotes and items of Various Kinds. Ancient and Modern Laws and Customs. Accounts of Natural Curiosities. Etc.</i> Volume compiled by Eunice Bathrick. Includes table of contents. Topics include Chinese physicians, microscopic plants, frozen fish, mermaids, and more.	HVD 5	3170
1866-1868	Scrapbook of clippings compiled by Thomas Hammond. Includes many clippings from the <i>Boston Journal</i> of the newspaper column "Letters from Carleton," in which Charles Carleton Coffin describes his tour in Europe and England.	HVD 5	3171
<i>See also Harvard, Series IX: Book 9th of Thomas Hammond, 1834-1859</i>			
Series XIV. Miscellaneous			
Dates: 1854.			
1854	<i>An Herbarium Consisting of Specimens of some of the most Prominent Medical Plants...</i> Created by Elisha Myrick.	HVD 5	3172
Research copy available			
<u>MASSACHUSETTS: Shirley</u>			
Series I. Covenants, Laws, and Legal and Land Records			
Dates: 1793.			
1793	Typed transcript of the Covenant of the Church of the United Society in Shirley. Includes envelope with handwritten label, "Original Shaker Covenant."	1	SHY.001
Series II. Financial Records			
Dates: 1790-1908.			
1790-1840	Account book kept by Elijah Wilds. Includes an index of accounts.	SHY 1	3201
1805-1807	Account book. <i>Asa Brocklebank's Daybook</i> . Entries include notes on work, weather, horticulture, and cleaning the Lancaster burial ground.	1	SHY.002
1809-1850	Account book. Many of the accounts pertain to the shoe and leather industry.	SHY OVS 1	3202
1810-1823	Account book. <i>Oliver Burt's Garden Seed Book</i> . Entries include seeds put up by year, sales, returns, and lists of salespeople, amounts purchased, and towns and states.	SHY 1	3203

Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
Shirley (MA), Series II continued			
1815-1835	Account book. Accounts are arranged in chronological order. Also includes the names of Church members from 1793-1800. Contains inscription by Clara Endicott Sears.	SHY 1	3204
1826-1833	Account book. Includes records of income and expenditures. Item not microfilmed	SHY OVS 1	3205
1886-1901	Account book kept by John Whitely while in Shirley.	SHY 1	3206
1903-1908	Account book. Includes expenses and receipts.	SHY OVS 1	3207
<i>See also Shirley, Series III: Meals and Lodging Record, 1858-1891</i>			

Series III. Membership Records

Dates: 1858-1891.

1858-1891	Meals and lodging records of the Shirley community	SHY 1	3208
<i>See also Shirley, Series II: Account Book, 1815-1835</i>			

Series IV. Correspondence

Dates: 1868-1899.

1868	2 unaddressed notes from Rosie Morse, September 6 and September 20, 1868	1	SHY.003
1873	Olive Chandler to Sister Susan Kendall	1	SHY.003
1877	Rose Morse to "My dear & precious child," November 17, 1877	1	SHY.003
1879	Rose Morse to Susie, January 26, 1879	1	SHY.003
1881	Olive F. Chandler to Elizabeth Kerley, August 28, 1899	1	SHY.003
1899	John Whiteley to Susan Jones, February 11, 1899. Written on letterhead for "John Whiteley, manufacturer of Shaker brooms..." Includes envelope printed with similar design.	1	SHY.003

Series V. Diaries and Journals

Dates: 1843-1899.

1843-1860	Church journal. Written inside volume: "To be kept for the purpose of briefly recording an account of the meetings, the gifts of inspiration, and the various operations of the spiritual work of God, in the Church of Shirley." Transcript of this item is available (6.2) Title on housing: <i>Spiritual record of the Shirley church</i>	SHY 2	3209
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Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
Shirley (MA), Series V continued			
1859-1862	Church Family daybook kept by Samuel Augustus Burns. Includes records of work schedules, comings and goings. Contents are largely focused on farming.	SHY 2	3210
1863-1869	Church Family daybook kept by Samuel Augustus Burns. Includes records of work schedules, comings and goings, etc. Title on housing: <i>Shirley Shaker daybook no. 7</i>	SHY 2	3211
1865-1881	Journal. The first section (pages 3-5) records purchases and sales between 1865-1875. The rest of the volume contains entries from 1871-1881. Includes records of comings and goings, work, things bought and sold, and a plan for a duck pond. Pasted in the volume's front is a clipping: "An account of the fire at Mount Lebanon, 1875 – originally published in the <i>Bennington Banner</i> ." Title on housing: <i>Shirley Shaker Journal, 1866-1881</i>	SHY 2	3212
1870-1873	Church Family daybook kept by Mary O. Elston. Entries include records of arrivals, departures, and weather. Title on housing: <i>Shirley Shaker daybook no. 8</i>	SHY 2	3213
1872, 1881	Diary of John Whiteley. Entries include records of Harvard stays. The inside front cover is inscribed with a short biography of Elder Thos. Damon. Also includes loose page with diary entries for January 7 th and 8 th , 1872	SHY 1	3214
1882	Diary of John Whiteley. Entries include records of Harvard stays. Also includes clipping of death announcement for Charles Minor of Enfield, NH.	SHY 1	3215
1882-1894	Daybook and Sisters' journal. Title on housing: <i>Shirley Shaker journal 1882-1894</i>	SHY 2	3216
1883	Diary of John Whiteley. Entries include records of several long Harvard stays.	SHY 1	3217
1884	Diary of John Whiteley.	SHY 1	3218
1885	Diary of John Whiteley. Entries include records of trade and administration. Page 3 contains clipping regarding the new sheriff, Eli B. Walker, of Youngstown, OH.	SHY 1	3219
1886	Diary of John Whiteley. Entries include records of travels to New York and trips to Boston and Fitchburg. Back pages contain records of school committee members and deaths. Inside cover includes print illustrations of Ben. Perley Poore and Hon. Marshall P. Wilder.	SHY 1	3220

Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
Shirley (MA), Series V continued			
1887	Diary of John Whiteley. Entries include records of work, weather, and deaths.	SHY 1	3221
1888	Diary of John Whiteley.	SHY 1	3222
1895	Diary of John Whiteley.	SHY 1	3223
1899	Diary of John Whiteley.	SHY 1	3224

Note: No materials in Series VI: Testimonies & Biographies.

Series VII. Addresses, Sermons, Essays, and Other Writings

Dates: 1869-1877.

1869-1877	<i>A book containing some miserable compositions written by Mary Rosie Morse.</i> Volume contains poems, prose, and essays. Topics include the education of children and the equality of women, as well as tributes to Grove Blanchard and to her Shaker home.	SHY 3	3225
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Series VIII. Inspired Writings

Dates: 1842.

1842	Handbound notebook containing words of inspiration from a number of spirits. Messages received by multiple instruments, including Sophia Foster, Ann Godfrey, and William Weatherbee.	1	SHY.004
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See also Shirley, Series V: Church Journal, 1843-1860

Series IX. Music

Dates: 1845-1899.

1845-1877	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Susan Wentworth. Includes words only. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and community occasionally noted. Also includes a few sketches of people and animal, as well as a loose printed portrait of John Whiteley. First entry: "Voice of Mother Ann Lee"	SHY 3	3226
1851-1858	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Composer and community often noted. Also includes loose sheet titled, "A Remedy for a Cough." First entry: "A song of Prayer and Praise"	SHY 3	3227

Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
Shirley (MA), Series IX continued			
1865-1869	Volume of Shaker hymns compiled by Mary Rose Morse. Includes words only. Index of songs is incomplete. Composer and community often noted. Also includes inscription by Clara Endicott Sears regarding the item's provenance. First entry: "Lions Army"	SHY 3	3228
1876-1899	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Mary Rose Morse and Susan J. Wentworth. Includes words only. Contains index of songs. Also includes a loose printed portrait of John Whiteley, as well as a note from Herman James to his aunt dated 1907. First entry: "Gospel Light"	SHY 3	3229

Series X. Poetry

Dates: 1874-1880.

1874-1880	Volume of poetry written by Mary Rose Morse. The front piece is hand painted with the name "Louisa" and dated 1880. Includes several poems written for specific people, as well as one tract of prose entitled "Influence."	SHY 3	3230
1876	"To Our Brother." Printed poem by Mary Rosie Morse.	1	SHY001
n.d.	2 poems, authors unidentified. "A Word to the Little Sisters" and "The Two Ways."	1	SHY001

See also Shirley, Series VII: A book containing some miserable compositions..., 1869-1877

Series XI. Recipes and Prescriptions

Dates: 1840-1850.

1840-1850	Recipe Book. <i>Old Receipt Book</i> . Includes recipes for various pills, elixirs, cough drops and hair dyes. Loose papers tucked throughout volume.	SHY 3	3231
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Title on housing: *Shaker MS. Receipts*

CONNECTICUT: Enfield

Series I. Covenants, Laws, and Legal and Land Records

Dates: 1846.

1846	Membership covenant signed by Margaret Brooks and Joshua Allen, granting Brooks a place in the East Family.	1	ECT.001
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Series VI. Testimonies and Biographies

Dates: 1800s. 1 item

n.d.	Testimony from the 19 th century. <i>The Relation of Anna Perry</i> .	1	ECT.002
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Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
<u>MAINE: Alfred</u>			
Series II. Financial Records			
Dates: 1835-1848.			
1835	Letter from Joseph S. Montero to E. Goodrich confirming delivery of strings, May 11, 1835	1	AFD.001
1836	Order for corn brooms from Moses Paul (Cocheco Manufacturing Co.) to Nathan Freeman, September 14, 1836	1	AFD.001
1842	Letter from Alfred H. Cook to Nathan Freeman regarding pricing and sale of broom brush, April 18, 1842	1	AFD.001
1844	Letter from W & E Griffin to Deacon Freeman regarding the pick-up date for an order, December 2, 1844	1	AFD.001
1845	Order of goods from W. Hayes to the Shakers Society, July 2, 1845	1	AFD.001
1848	Receipt of payment notice from Eaton [& Bros.] to Nathan Freeman, November 7, 1848	1	AFD.001

MAINE: Sabbathday Lake**Series IV. Correspondence**

Dates: 1932-1933.

1932-1933, n.d.	Prudence A. Stickney to unidentified recipients, 8 letters.	1	SAL.001
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NEW HAMPSHIRE: Canterbury**Series IV. Correspondence**

Dates: 1929.

1929	Florence E. Phelps to Clara Endicott Sears. 2 letters dated July 29 and July 31, 1929. Includes a loose page with the "intended inscription" for a Shaker monument, as well as a printed copy of Phelps' poem, "Sunset Window."	1	CBY.001
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Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE: Enfield</u>			
Series IV. Correspondence			
Dates: 1845-1850.			
1845-1850	<i>A collection of documents, and copies of letters, &c. composed by the writer, J.H.E.</i> Volume of letters to and from various correspondents on a variety of subjects. Includes a narrative of the fire at the senior order of the Society in Enfield, as well as some essays delivered from heaven.	NH 1	4301
Series IX. Music			
Dates: 1833-1839.			
1833-1844	Volume of Shaker music. Includes words, music, and index of songs. Communities and composer occasionally noted. Inside cover includes printed copy of "Experience," composed by Elder Grove B. Blanchard. Restricted handling. First entry: "Union Band"	NH 1	4302
1838-1839	<i>A Collection of Hymns and Songs for the Use of Believers.</i> Volume compiled by Sarah Elkins. Includes words only. Contains incomplete index of songs. Composers and community not noted.	NH 1	4303
<u>NEW YORK: Mount Lebanon (includes Canaan)</u>			
Series I. Covenants, Laws, and Legal and Land Records			
Dates: 1860.			
1860	The Millennial Laws of 1860 with penciled revisions. Probably used in the Harvard-Shirley Bishopric. <i>See also Mount Lebanon, Series VII: Document pertaining to..., 1788</i>	NY 1	5101
Series II. Financial Records			
Dates: 1872-1894.			
1872-1894	<i>Account book of work performed by the Sisters in the Church.</i> Volume kept by Anna Dodgson. Also includes records of sale work performed by the Sisters in the First Order.	NY 1	5102
Series IV. Correspondence			
Dates: 1853-1922.			
1853	Typed copy of a letter from Mary Ann Mantle to Susan Kendall. Includes song received by an unknown instrument that begins, "O the beautiful way of God, It is all lovely."	1	MTL.002

Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
Mount Lebanon (NY), Series IV continued			
1918-1921; n.d.	M. Catherine Allen to Clara Endicott Sears, 20 letters. Includes additional page: "Memoranda of books and of clothing bought for & sent to Miss Clara Endicot [sic] Sears," with records from 1918-1919.	1	MTL.001
1919	M. Catherine Allen to Gertrude Sanderson, April 25, 1919. Includes envelope.	1	MTL.002
1919	M. Catherine Allen to the Misses Sanderson, June 28, 1919. Includes envelope.	1	MTL.002
1919	[Lan?] to Miss Sanderson, December 30, 1919. Includes envelope.	1	MTL.002
1920	Mrs. George M. Gillette to Gertrude F. Sanderson, January 7, 1920. Includes envelope.	1	MTL.002
1921-1922; n.d.	Josephine Jilson to Clara Endicott Sears, 10 letters.	1	MTL.003
1922	Sister Ada to Gertrude F. Sanderson, January 19, 1922. Includes envelope.	1	MTL.002
1922	Sarah Burger to Clara Endicott Sears, July 17, 1922. Burger writes of the passing of M. Catherine Allen.	1	MTL.002

Series VII. Addresses, Sermons, Essays, and Other Writings

Dates: 1788.

1788	Handwritten copy. <i>Covenant of the Church of Christ in New Lebanon relating to the profession and use of a joint interest.</i>	1	MTL.004
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See also Mount Lebanon, Series I: The Millennial Laws of 1860

Series VIII. Inspired Writings

See Mount Lebanon, Series IV: Typed copy of a letter from Mary Ann Mantle..., 1853

Series IX. Music

Dates: 1846-1874.

1846	<i>A Collection of Spiritual Songs used by Believers in Christ's Second Appearing.</i> Volume compiled by Mary Ann Patterson. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Communities and composers rarely noted. First entry: "A Two Fold Song"	NY 1	5301
1868-1874	<i>Hymns of Believers.</i> Volume compiled by Mariette Moore. Contains words, music, and index of songs. Communities of origin, composer and date often noted. Restricted handling. First entry: "Mercy Seat"	NY 1	5302

Date	Contents	Box	Folder/Item No.
<u>NEW YORK: Watervliet</u>			
Series IV. Correspondence			
Dates: 1824-1827.			
1824	Thomas Brown to Jedidiah Morse, February 19, 1824	1	WVL.001
1827	Seth Wells to Grove Blanchard, March 29, 1827	1	WVL.001

UNKNOWN**Series VII. Addresses, Sermons, Essays, and Other Writings**

Dates: 1806-1844.

1806, 1844	Handwritten copy of the New Testament Gospels, along with a passage from Deuteronomy that justifies the copying. Most of the volume is dated 1806, except for a half-page of religious sayings that is titled, "Brook Farm – September 2 nd 1844, [MJS]."	UNK 1	6101
n.d.	Handwritten copy of scripture, "He Careth for You," from Pet. 5:7. The date and creator are unknown.	1	UNK.001

Series IX. Music

Dates: 1863-1864.

1863-1864	Volume of Shaker music compiled by Lane H. Gregor. Includes words and music. Does not contain index of songs. Composer and community often noted. First entry: "Heavenly Land" <i>See also Unknown, Series XIII: Volume of News Clippings and Music, 1850s-1660s</i>	UNK 1	6102
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Series XIII. Scrapbooks

Dates: 1850s-1860s.

1850s-1860s	Volume of news clippings and music. Item originated as a Shaker hymnal and was reused as a scrapbook, with clippings pasted on top of the existing content. Topics include Abraham Lincoln in Spain, how to make cream cheese, William Alcott's death, and how to prevent a divorce. The last 60 pages contain handwritten song verses some music. Volume includes index. Conservation work needed.	UNK 1	6103
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