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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Dowse, Aaron Coolidge, Correspondence, 1882-1922</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. mss. boxes "D"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p> <p>PLIND: MAF 22-A 200</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For a biography of Dowse, see Azro Milton Dows, <u>The Dows or Dowse Family in America</u> (Lowell, Mass.: n.p., 1890), pp. 280-81</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Source unknown</p>	
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Aaron Coolidge Dowse (1856-) was born in Sherborn, Mass., and educated at Boston University Law School. In 1876 he became editor and publisher of the <u>New England Grocer</u> magazine. Dowse was president of the Massachusetts Press Club and represented Sherborn in the General Court. He moved to Malden, Mass., in the 1880's where he became editor of the <u>Malden City Press</u> and served in various town offices. Dowse was instrumental in the formation of retail grocers' associations throughout the country.</p> <p>This collection of letters written to Dowse, 1882-1922, is valuable primarily for the autographs. The majority of the letters are responses to speaking or dinner invitations tendered by Dowse on behalf of the Massachusetts Press Club. There are some references to political concerns, such as a letter from Mary Ashton Rice Livermore (1820-1905), president of the Massachusetts Woman's Suffrage Association, concerning Rep. Dowse's support of the cause. Several letters from Gov. Channing Harris Cox (1879-) express appreciation for Dowse's efforts during the gubernatorial campaign of 1922. Other correspondents include Sen. Winthrop Murray Crane (1853-1920), Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910), and Rev. Edward Augustus Horton (1843-1931), chaplain of the Massachusetts Senate.</p>	