

**AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Adams Family, Letters, 1673-1954
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LOCATION(S):

Mss. boxes "A"
Oversize mss. boxes

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

1 manuscript box (211 items); 1 oversize folder (4 items)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

Most of the correspondence has been catalogued. See Charles G. Washburn, ed., "Letters of Thomas Boylston Adams to William Shaw Smith," *AAS Proceedings*, v. 27, p. 83-176.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Letters of George Washington Adams, Thomas Boylston Adams, forty-six letters of John Quincy Adams, and a notebook of transcripts of Adams family letters, the gift of Charles G. Washburn, 1917 and 1925. The 1755 Commonplace book, the gift of W. G. A. Turner. Adams family deeds (1698, 1705, 1709), the gift of James Green Estate. Source of the remainder of the collection is unknown.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

This collection contains letters by many members of the Adams family, including Charles Francis Adams (1807-1886) [9 letters], John Adams (1735-1826) [11 letters], John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) [65 letters], and Thomas Boylston Adams (1772-1832) [61 letters]. Many letters are addressed to William Smith Shaw (1778-1826), librarian of the Boston Athenaeum and the Massachusetts Historical Society, and an incorporator of the American Antiquarian Society. He also served as personal secretary to John Adams during the latter's term as President. There is a commonplace book dated 1755, and evidently misattributed to John Adams. Three early deeds, dated 1698, 1705, and 1709, relate to properties owned by the Adams family on the Boston waterfront. There are typescripts of some of these letters in a bound notebook.

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LIST OF WRITERS

Ackland, James	Shaw, William Smith [2]
Adams, Abigail	Smith, A.
Adams, Alva	Smith, Betsy
Adams, Boylston	Smith, Louise
Adams, Charles Frederick (1807-1886)	Smith, P. A.
[10]	Spun, John
Adams, Charles Frederick (1835-1915) [3]	Stone, J. & Co.
Adams, Daniel	Turner, Henry E.
Adams, Edmund J.	United States of America
Adams, Eliphalet	United States, Commissioners of
Adams, Francis A.	Claims, American Board of
Adams, George	Commissioners
Adams, George Washington [3]	Wardall, Elihu [2]
Adams, Hannah	Wardall, Sarah [2]
Adams, Henry	White, Gilman
Adams, Hezekiah	Woash, W.
Adams, John [27]	
Adams, John Quincy [59]	
Adams, Myron, Jr.	
Adams, Nehemiah	
Adams, Samuel [6]	
Adams, Susan B. [2]	
Adams, Thomas B. [45]	
Adams, William [2]	
Adams, William Taylor [3]	
American Academy of Arts	
Avery, John	
Baggworth, Benjamin	
Baggworth, Jane (Talbot)	
Bartlet, Stephen	
Boston Athenaeum, Trustees of	
Brerrington, Thomas	
Brickett, John	
Burph, R.	
Chamberlain, Jane	
Clapp & Nichols	
Cranach, W.	
Cutting, Nathaniel	
Dann, Joseph	
Dawes, Thomas	
Endicott, John	
Endicott, Mary (Talbot)	
Forbes, J. M.	
Greenleaf, John	
Greenleaf, John and Lucy	
Griffin, William	
Hale, Edward E.	
Hiller, Joseph	
Kerrile, John & Son	
Kettlewele Wilson & Hillard	
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of [2]	
Otis, H. G.	
Perkings, Jacob	
Pickering, Timothy	
Prince, James	

*Number in brackets indicates number of documents in the collection associated with that person.