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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Noyes, Belcher, Diaries, 1775-1776; 1782</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo vols. "N"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>2 octavo vols.</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For genealogical information, see Henry E. Noyes, Compiler, <u>Genealogical Record of Some of the Noyes Descendants</u> (Boston:n.p., 1904) vol. II, p.174; for biographical sketch of Noyes, see <u>Sibley's Harvard Graduates</u> (Boston: Mass. Hist. Soc., 1951) vol. VIII, pp.235-39.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Source unknown</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u></p> <p>Microfilm <u> X </u></p> <p>No copies <u> — </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>This collection consists of two diaries which were kept by Belcher Noyes (1709-1785). Noyes, the nephew of Governor Jonathan Belcher, was a Harvard graduate. He became a prominent Boston businessman, physician, and speculator in frontier lands. Through these occupations, his influential family ties and other positions, Noyes accumulated a large estate.</p> <p>The 1775 diary is interleaved in <u>An Astronomical Diary; Or An Almanack</u> by Nathaniel Ames. Noyes included line-a-day entries of his activities and the weather, as well as his accounts, records of marriages, deaths, baptisms, and biblical topics from sermons. Interspersed throughout these entries are records of Boston events leading to and following the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. In addition, Noyes included a passage describing his journey to escape Boston. He remained in Newburyport the rest of the war.</p> <p>The 1782 diary, interleaved in <u>A Pocket Almanack</u>, printed by T. & J. Fleet, contains records of the weather, marriages and deaths, and local events in Boston, to which he returned after the war.</p>	