

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY  
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

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*NAME OF COLLECTION:*

Boston Booksellers Papers, 1640-1860

*LOCATION(S):*

Octavo vols. "B"

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*SIZE OF COLLECTION:*

four octavo volumes

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*SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:*

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*SOURCE OF COLLECTION:*

Association of Boston Booksellers records, the gift of William B. Fowle, 1835

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*COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:*

This collection of four volumes contains records of the Association of Boston Booksellers, sketches of Boston booksellers, and a brief history of bookselling in Boston.

Octavo volumes one and two contain the records of the Association of Boston Booksellers from its founding in 1801 to its dissolution in 1820. Both volumes are indexed and include minutes of meetings, regulations, attendance records, and other information.

Octavo volume three consists of sketches of Boston booksellers for the period 1650 to 1860 compiled by Melvin Lord (1791-1876). The volume also contains a brief history of bookselling in Boston and an index to the sketches.

Octavo volume four, compiled by Samuel Gardner Drake (1798-1875) consists of sketches, newsclippings, and notes of Boston printers, booksellers, and publishers for the period 1640 to 1800.