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<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Chandler-Ward Family Papers, 1695-1934</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Folio volumes "C" Mss. boxes "C" Oversize mss. boxes "C"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>3 folio volumes; 5 mss. boxes; 1 oversize folder, 2 items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For biographical information concerning the Chandler Family, see George Chandler, <u>The Chandler Family</u> (Worcester: Charles Hamilton, 1883)</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Miscellaneous agreements and deeds transferred from the Worcester Local Records Collection; remainder of collection the gift of Herbert Hosmer, 1978</p>	
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Samuel Ward (1739-1826), son of Daniel Ward (1700-1777) and Mary Stone Ward (1705-), was born in Worcester, Mass. He participated in the French and Indian War and was present at the capture of Fort Ticonderoga and campaigns in Canada. After the war he opened a general merchandise store in Groton, Mass., but soon moved to Lancaster, Mass., where he became a partner in a store with his uncle, Levi Willard (1727-1775). Ward held various political offices in Lancaster and was also captain of the town's militia. He married in 1768, Dorothy Chandler (1745-1818) and had three children by her, none of whom survived him.</p> <p>Nathaniel Chandler (1772-1852) was the fifth child of John Chandler (1742-1794) and Lydia Ward Chandler (1732-1794) of Petersham, Mass. He graduated from Harvard in 1792 and afterwards ran a store in Petersham for the firm of John Chandler and Brothers. He moved to Lancaster in 1826, where he ran the farm and store of his uncle, Samuel Ward. Nathaniel Chandler married Dolly Greene (1783-1869) and had six children. In his later years, he resided at the State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester under the care of Dr. Samuel Bayard Woodward (1787-1850).</p> <p>The Chandler-Ward Family Papers contain three manuscript boxes of correspondence of Samuel Ward, his wife, Dorothy Chandler Ward, and their nephew, Nathaniel Chandler. There is also correspondence from Nathaniel Chandler's daughter, Mary Greene Chandler Ware (1818- 1907) and her niece, Caroline Church Avery (1856-1942), as well as correspondence from other members of the family. The collection also contains two boxes of business, estate and legal papers, accounts, receipts, bills, land records and deeds, and other papers. There are also account books of Samuel Ward, Nathaniel Chandler, and Clark Chandler.</p> <p>The papers of Samuel Ward include both business and family correspondence. Among the family correspondents are Dolly Greene Chandler(1783-1869), Mary Chandler</p>	

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Collection description (cont'd.) Chandler-Ward Family Papers

Sever (1759-1821), and Aaron Bancroft (1755-1839). Business correspondents include Augustus Clapp (1752-1827), Seth Wetmore (1775?-1830), and John Newton Parmenter (-1829) concerning land in Chester, Mass. There are also writs of attachment and estate papers, including Ward's will, c. 1826, estate inventories and records of the estate's executors, Nathaniel Thayer (1769-1840) and Joseph Willard (1798-1865). There are also business agreements, an account book on land in Chester, tax receipts, and accounts, bills, and receipts.

The papers of Nathaniel Chandler include business and family correspondence from Theophilus Parsons (1797-1882), Joseph Head (1761-1836), Samuel Horton Reed (1794-), Samuel H. Foster (-), and others. There are also writs of attachment, business agreements, appointments as Notary Public and Justice of the Peace, land records and deeds, receipts, bills, and an account book of expenses.

The collection also includes family correspondence of other family members, including letters of Dorothy Chandler Ward and transcripts of Mary Greene Chandler Ware's letters describing her travels in Europe. There is correspondence to Caroline Church Avery from her son, Winthrop Chandler Avery (1879-1959), her daughter, Elizabeth Avery (1881-1966), and others. There are letters from Caroline Church Avery, from Winthrop Avery, as well as Winthrop Avery's school reports and accounts. There are also two folders of miscellaneous Chandler Family correspondence, 1695-1934.

This collection also includes papers of other Chandler Family members. There are business agreements and the will of Samuel Chandler (1757-1813); estate inventories and the will of John Chandler (1742-1794); estate papers and an account book of Clark Chandler (1770-1824); Gardner Chandler's (1723-1782) commission as collector of taxes; account books of John Chandler (1767-1840) and a marriage agreement between Lydia Chandler (1768-1837) and Joseph Head. The collection also contains the will of Joseph Trumbull (1756-1824) and Timothy Paine (1730-1793), as well as miscellaneous poetry, genealogies, and twelve silver buttons which belonged to John Chandler (-1760).

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Chandler-Ward Family Papers

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Manuscript Boxes:

Box 1 Correspondence, 1779-1825, of Samuel Ward (1739-1826) and Dorothy Chandler Ward (1745-1818)

Folders 1-4: Correspondence, 1779-1825, to Samuel Ward, including letters from Eliza Putnam (-) and her daughter, Eliza Putnam (-), to Samuel and his wife; a letter of John Chandler (1742-1794), 1793, to Samuel Ward; letters from members of the Chandler family, Aaron Bancroft (1755-1839), and Mary Chandler Sever (1759-1821). Business correspondence, especially concerning land, from Augustus Clapp (1752-1827), John Newton Parmenter (-1829), and Seth Wetmore (1775?-1830)

Folder 5: Letters and drafts of letters, 1783-1824, from Samuel Ward, especially to Dorothy Greene Chandler (1783-1869) and John Newton Parmenter

Folder 6: Correspondence, 1786-1818, to Dorothy Chandler Ward from members of the Chandler family, especially John Chandler (1742-1794) and Dorothy Greene Chandler and Mary Chandler Sever. There are also letters of Eliza Putnam and her daughter.

Box 2 Correspondence, 1794-1875, of Nathaniel Chandler (1772-1852) and Mary Greene Chandler Ware (1818-)

Folders 1-3: Correspondence, 1794-1833, to Nathaniel Chandler, including letters from members of the Chandler family and business correspondence, especially from Theophilus Parsons (1797-1882), Joseph Head (1761-1836), and Samuel Horton Reed (1794-)

Folder 4: Letters, 1811-1830, from Nathaniel Chandler, especially to Samuel H. Foster (-), concerning business

Folders 5-8: Transcripts of letters, 1874-1875, from Mary Greene Chandler Ware to her sister, Catherine Amory Chandler (1805-), describing her travels in Europe. Among the places visited were Rome, Naples, and Pompeii

Box 3 Correspondence, 1695-1834, of Caroline Church Chandler Avery (1856-Winthrop Chandler Avery (1879-1959), and Miscellaneous Correspondence

Folder 1: Correspondence, 1880-1901, to Caroline Church Chandler Avery, especially from her friend, M.C. DeLacy (-) in Key West, Florida, and from her aunt, Mary Greene Chandler Ware

Folder 2: Letters, 1901-1905, from Elizabeth Avery (1881-1966) to her mother, Caroline Church Chandler Avery, describing school life at Howard Seminary in West Bridgewater, Mass., as well as several bills from the school

Folders 3-5: Letters, 1897-1901, from Winthrop Chandler Avery to his mother, Caroline Church Chandler Avery, describing school life at

Waltham New Church School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. There are also descriptions of his bicycle tours of eastern Massachusetts

- Folder 6: Letters, 1887-1900, from Caroline Church Chandler Avery to her son, Winthrop Chandler Avery, describing a trip to Key West, Florida, 1892-1893, and offering parental advice while he was away at school
- Folder 7: School reports and bills, 1897-1899, of Winthrop Chandler Avery from the Waltham New Church School
- Folders 8-9: Chandler Family miscellaneous correspondence, 1695-1934, including letters from Lydia Chandler (1768-1837) to members of her family; correspondence of Dorothy Greene Chandler, Theophilus Parsons, Rufus Chandler (1747-1823), Mary Chandler Sever, and other family members
- Box 4 Estate, Legal, and Business Records, 1759-1832
- Folder 1: Estate Papers, 1826-1832, of Samuel Ward, including his will, c.1826; an estate inventory, 1830; accounts of executors Nathaniel Thayer (1769-1840) and Joseph Willard (1798-1865), and miscellaneous receipts
- Folder 2: Estate Papers, 1759-1826, of other Family members, including the wills of William Sever (1759-1798), 1796, and Samuel Chandler (1757-1811); estate papers of John Chandler (1693-1762), 1759; Timothy Paine (1730-1793), 1796; and Clark Chandler (1770-1824), 1829; will and estate inventories of John Chandler (1742-1794), 1789-1793
- Folder 3: Miscellaneous Estate Papers, 1784-1827, including Joseph Trumbull's (1756-1824) will; estate papers, 1784-1812, of Paul Sawyer (-), who was indebted to Samuel Ward; other miscellaneous estate papers
- Folder 4: Writs of Attachment, 1782-1833, issued to people indebted to Samuel Ward and Nathaniel Chandler
- Folder 5: Agreements and Commissions, 1760-1830, including Gardner Chandler's (1723-1782) bond as collector of taxes, 1760; Samuel Chandler's bond; Thomas Chandler's (1768-1804) business agreement; marriage agreement between Lydia Chandler and Joseph Head; miscellaneous business agreements of Samuel Ward; Nathaniel Chandler's appointment as Notary Public, 1820 and 1821, and Justice of the Peace, 1829-1830
- Folder 6: Account Books, 1789-1825, including Samuel Ward's account book of land in Chester, Mass., 1789-1800; two account books of John Chandler's (1767-1840) farm, 1819-1825; Clark Chandler's account book of land in Colrain, Mass., 1819-1820
- Folder 7: Four unidentified Account Books, 1819-1820, with accounts for nails, straw, bonnets, and other goods

Box 5 Land Records, Receipts, and Miscellaneous Papers, 1731-1840

- Folder 1: Records, 1762-1812, of land surveys, sales in Chester, Mass., of Abijah Willard (1724-1789) and Samuel Ward
- Folders 2-4: Deeds of land, 1758-1828, and other land records of Samuel Ward, Nathaniel Chandler, and other Chandler Family members
- Folder 5: Tax receipts, 1812-1830, for Samuel Ward's land in Chester, Mass.
- Folders 6-7: Receipts, Bills, and Accounts, 1731-1840, mostly by Samuel Ward and Nathaniel Chandler
- Folder 8: Miscellaneous items, including undated poetry; genealogies of families related to the Chandlers; and twelve silver buttons which belonged to John Chandler

Oversize Manuscript Box: "C"

- Account Book, 1822-1828, of Nathaniel Chandler's expenses
- Account Book, 1826-1832, listing items sold at auction, probably from Samuel Ward's estate

Folio Volumes:

- Volume 1: Account Book, 1791-1821, of John and Clark Chandler's general merchandise store in Petersham, Mass. Listings include goods purchased, current notes, and bad debts
- Volumes 2-3: Account Books, 1806-1827, of John Chandler, listing goods purchased