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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Nichols, Charles Lemuel, Papers, 1851-1927</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. Boxes "N" Octavo vols. "N" Folio vols. "N"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>6 mss. boxes; 2 folio volumes; 7 octavo volumes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For biographical notes, see W.V. Kellen, <u>Charles Lemuel Nichols: A Tribute</u> (Boston: n.p., 1929). See also, <u>AAS Newsclipping File</u>; <u>Bibliography of Worcester</u> (Worcester: n.p., 1918).</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gifts of Charles Lemuel Nichols, 1927 and 1929</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u>  X  </u> Microfilm <u>  X  </u> No copies <u>      </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Dr. Charles Lemuel Nichols (1851-1929) of Worcester, Mass. was a graduate of Brown and Harvard Universities, an eminent physician, founder of the Worcester Welfare Federation, president of the American Antiquarian Society, bibliographer, and collector of early printed works. He is best known for his <u>Bibliography of Worcester</u> (1918) and <u>Isaiah Thomas, Printer, Writer, and Collector</u> (1912).</p> <p>This collection spans the period 1851 to 1929 and mainly represents Dr. Nichols' preparation of his various Worcester bibliographies and studies of Isaiah Thomas (1749-1831). Much of it was never printed. One octavo volume contains entries by Nichols' sister Anna Lewis Nichols ( -1934) in the <u>Bryant Birthday Book of Verses</u> (1882) concerning family records and anniversaries from 1882 to 1896. The other octavo volumes concern Worcester Imprints. One folio folder contains notes and photostats illustrating Dr. Nichols' paper on "Various Forms of the Columbus Codex", while the other volume, "Worcester Imprints, 1775-1894" is his compilation of all works printed in Worcester during that period.</p> <p>The six manuscript boxes consist of family letters, genealogies and materials from Dr. Nichols' early life, correspondence with friends, medical and scholarly institutions, addresses, papers on therapeutics and his efforts on behalf of pure milk for Worcester's children, material on the Baskett Bibles, the destruction of Belgium's Louvain Library during the First World War, and Dr. Nichols' extensive researches for his bibliographical works, and studies of almanacs and printers.</p>	

CHARLES LEMUEL NICHOLS PAPERS

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Manuscript boxes:

Box 1 Correspondences

- Folder 1: Correspondence of American Institute of Homeopathy to the American Medical Association re: demonstration of method of therapeutics, 1914.
- Folder 2: Letters from Senator Albert Jeremiah Beveridge (1862-1927), 1923-1927, referring to Nichols' help in researching the ante-bellum South.
- Folder 3: Documents of Brown University and President William Herbert Perry Faunce (1859-1930), conferring honors on Dr. Nichols, 1913 to 1926.
- Folder 4: Family letters and materials from Dr. Nichols' early years, e.g. high school report cards, Harvard Medical School exams, letters from his mother Lydia Carter Nichols ( -1888) and father Lemuel Bliss Nichols (1816-1883), from 1851-1912.
- Folder 5: Letters from friends and scholarly institutions, in alphabetical order, 1879-1927.
- Folder 6: Letters from Worthington Chauncey Ford (1858-1941), 1918 to 1927, concerning the Mass. Historical Society, new books, etc.
- Folder 7: Letters from William Vail Kellen (1852-1942), 1916 to 1927, referring to his travels in Italy, London, etc. (references to Benito Mussolini.)
- Folder 8: Passports, visas for Nichols Family, 1877-1920

Box 2 Isaiah Thomas Materials

- Folder 1: Genealogy of Isaiah Thomas (1749-1831)
- Folder 2: Notes on earliest members of the AAS, early 1800's.
- Folder 3: Notes on Thomas and Andrews, Printers. (Ebenezer Turrell Andrews, 1766-1851)
- Folder 4: Nichols' Address on Isaiah Thomas: Patriot and Printer" - 1899.
- Folder 5: Miscellaneous notes on Isaiah Thomas
- Folder 6: Papers read to various groups on Isaiah Thomas, 1913-1922.
- Folder 7: Correspondence re: Isaiah Thomas, his portraits and the Thomas Family, 1920 to 1921

Box 3 Material on Almanacs

- Folder 1: Speech and notes on autographs in books of the AAS, 1924. Also, total number of Imprints in America, 1750-1790.
- Folder 2: Negatives of and notes on almanacs of the AAS.
- Folder 3: Notes and correspondence on Mass. Almanacs; List of other states' almanacs.
- Folder 4: Copies of letters of Stephen Salisbury (1746-1829) concerning the American Revolution, with paper on "Samuel Salisbury (1739-1807), Boston merchant."
- Binder Notebook: notes on Almanacs from 1639-1899.

Box 4 Worcester Imprints

- Folder 1: Notes on Worcester Imprints, 1849 to 1876.
- Folder 2: Miscellaneous Correspondence re: Worcester Bibliography and Isaiah Thomas book, 1912-1925
- Item 3: Envelopes containing additional titles to those already in print, 1788-1876.

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Box 5 Genealogy, Louvain Library

- Folder 1: Nichols Family Genealogy; records, letters.
- Folder 2: Data relating to the Faustus Association of Boston.
- Folder 3: Fascimilies and one genuine copy of "La Libre Belgium" printed during World War I as anti-German propaganda. Includes articles, newsclippings on the rebuilding of the Louvain University Library, German destruction of earliest printed works, contents of the Louvain posters at the AAS.

Box 6 Miscellaneous items, Bibliographical Material

- Folder 1: Various Addresses, e.g. "The Use of Hobbies in Recreation", "Lecture on Egypt with Lantern Slides", "A Gentleman's Library in 1501", "Talk on Clean Milk," 1901 to 1924.
- Folder 2: Data relating to the Literary Fairs in the U.S., early 1800's; data on lost books and libraries from Ancient times.
- Folder 3: Information on the "Holy Bible in Verse" during early 1700's.
- Folder 4: Correspondence, notes, and articles on Rosenbach Baskett Bible.
- Folder 5: Information on the Baskett Bibles.
- Folder 6: Photostats of the Baskett Bibles.

Octavo Volumes:

- #1 Eleven notebooks on Worcester Imprints, 1775 to 1876
- #2 Four books: a list of Isaiah Thomas' books, pamphlets, and broadsides, 1762-1775; books printed by Gilbert G. Davis ( - ), 1887-1896; books printed by Charles Hamilton ( - ), 1849-1892; Imprints in library of Worcester Society of Antiquity.
- #3 Catalogue of Worcester Imprints in Dr. Nichols' library
- #4 Titles of books printed by or for Isaiah Thomas in Worcester.
- #5 Worcester Imprints, 1849-1869
- #6 Worcester Imprints, 1869-1876
- #7 Bryant Birthday Book of Verse with daily entries by Anna Lewis Nichols ( -1834) re: family records, 1882-1896

Folio Volumes:

- #1 Notes & photostats illustrating Dr. Nichols' paper on "Various Forms of the Columbus Codex".
- #2 Worcester Imprints, 1775-1894, complete record.