

**AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Slack, Charles Wesley, Papers, 1859

LOCATION(S):

Misc. mss. boxes "S"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

one folder (3 items)

CONTENTS LIST:

no

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For genealogical information on Slack, see *The New-England Historical and Genealogical Register ...* 1885, vol. 39, p 400.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Purchased from Elizabeth's Auctions, 2000

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Charles Wesley Slack (1825-1885) editor, publisher, and public servant, was the son of Ruggles and Sally Eaton Slack. He was born in Boston, Mass., on 21 February 1825, and died there on 11 April 1855.

This small collection consists of three letters written to Slack from Frederick Douglass (1818-1895), Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), and Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) in regard to a lecture that was to be given to the Fraternity Course, a literary association, in Boston on Tuesday, 1 November 1859. Douglass has been scheduled to lecture, but due to the incident at Harper's Ferry, W.V., and having U.S. marshals after him, Douglass left the country for Canada. Thoreau took Douglass' place and delivered the lecture "The Character and Actions of Capt. John Brown."