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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:	Location:
Adams, Comfort Avery, Correspondence, 1837-1852	Folio volumes "A"

Size of collection:	N.U.C.M.C. #:
1 folio volume (approx. 354 p.)	RLIN id: MAAR91-A348

Sources of information on collection:

History of Trumbull and Mahoning Counties. Cleveland: H.Z. Williams and Brother, 1882. Vol. 1, p. 284, 345.

Mygatt, Frederick T. *A Historical Notice of Joseph Mygatt ...* Brooklyn: The Harmonial Association, 1853. P. 74.

Stewart, John Stuthers. *History of Northeastern Ohio.* Indianapolis: Historical Publishing Company, 1935. Vol. 2, p. 636.

Source of collection:

Purchased from Frank P. Wood, 1991.

Collection description:

Comfort Avery Adams (1818-) was born in Warren, Ohio, one of at least ten children of Asahel Adams (1786-1852) and Lucy Mygatt (1794-). Asahel Adams, who had been born in Connecticut, was a merchant in Warren. C. A. Adams ran a general store in Warren from 1837 until its failure in 1842. In 1849, Adams became the postmaster in Warren, apparently through the influence of his uncle, Elisha Whittlesey (1783-1863). Adams held this position until 1853. Afterwards, he was one of the proprietors of the Western Reserve Chronicle and a collector for the U.S. Internal Revenue. From 1869 until his retirement in 1879, Adams was a merchant in Cleveland.

This letterbook contains copies of business correspondence written by Adams from 1837 to 1852. Included are some letters written by Adams' brothers Whittlesey Adams (1829-1916) and Asahel Edgar Adams (1820-). The correspondence through 1848 deals primarily with the general store and financial matters. Almost all of the letters from 1849 onward detail post office business, and many of these discuss the subscriptions of Warren residents to newspapers, periodicals, and books.