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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Earle, Edward, Papers, 1833-1877

Location:

Misc. mss. boxes "E"

Size of collection:

1 folder (39 items)

N.U.C.M.C. number:

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Sources of information on collection:

For biographical sketches of Edward Earle, see Pliny Earle, *The Earle Family* (Worcester, Mass.: Press of Charles Hamilton, 1888), p. 228-230; and Charles Nutt, *History of Worcester and Its People*, vol. 4, p. 603-604.

Source of collection:

Unknown

Collection description:

Edward Earle (1811-1877), son of Timothy and Ruth Keese Earle, was born in Leicester, Mass. After attending schools in Leicester, he completed his education at the Friends School in Providence, R.I. He moved to Worcester, Mass., in 1832 and engaged in various businesses with success. He was elected a selectman of Worcester in 1843 and a representative to the Massachusetts General Court in 1851. In 1853, he was an alderman and from 1861-1871 he was a member of the school committee. He was elected mayor of Worcester in 1871 and served one term. He was for many years a member and chairman of the Board of State Charities and was one of the founders of the American Social Science Association. He died in Worcester.

This collection of papers consists of correspondence, 1845-1876, and documents, 1863-1877. The correspondence concerns mostly the arrangement of lectures at Worcester and activity connected with the Society of Friends and reform societies. There is also some personal and business correspondence. The documents concern Earle's appointment to the Board of State Charities, his election as mayor of Worcester, his donation of a clock to the city, and resolutions of respect in memory of Earle. The papers also include: a promissory note, 1833; a bank certificate, 1841; and a pass issued by the military, 1864.