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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Henry, Edward Fish, Record Book, 1840-1841, 1846</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. mss. boxes "H"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 1 item (30 pp.)</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For information on individuals, see Ralph M. Stoughton, <u>History of the Town of Gill, 1793-1943</u> (Greenfield, Mass.: n.p., 1978). For vital statistics, see <u>Vital Records of Gill, Mass.</u>, <u>Vital Records of Heath, Mass.</u></p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of Mrs. Oliver J. Purnell, 1981</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Edward Fish Henry (1801-) was born in Heath, Mass., one of fourteen children of David (1772-) and Prudence (1776-) Henry. He went to Gill in 1830 as a schoolmaster in the district called Riverside and continued to teach school for ten years. In 1831, he married Abigail Combs (1808-1833) of Gill. His second wife was Eliza A. Henry (-). He served as secretary of the Whig Party in Gill in 1840, a delegate to its convention in Worcester, June 17, 1840, and a member of the Town Committee of Whigs. He was a selectman and town clerk of Gill in 1837-1838 and served as justice of the peace in Franklin County, Mass.</p> <p>The volume records meetings of the Whig Party in Gill in 1840 at which delegates were chosen to the Worcester Convention and to the Bunker Hill Convention. It notes the failure of the Whigs to elect local candidates in 1840 but their rejoicing at the election of their presidential candidate, Gen. William Henry Harrison (1773-1841) in 1840 and his inauguration in March 1841.</p> <p>The volume also contains records of a court case, 1846, heard before Justice of the Peace Edward F. Henry against David Carpenter, postmaster in Greenfield, Mass., for violation of U.S. statutes concerning postmasters. The volume includes the replies of the defendant in this litigation.</p> <p>Included also is a form of marriage ceremony to be used by a justice of the peace.</p>	