NAME OF COLLECTION: Gage Family, Papers, 1849-1935

LOCATION: Mss. boxes “G”

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

4 manuscript boxes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:


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Gifts of Dr. Homer Gage, 1932, 1934

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Thomas Hovey Gage (1826-1909), fourth child and eldest son of Dr. Leander and Anne Sargent Gage, was a notable physician, surgeon, and community leader in Worcester, Mass. He graduated from the Harvard Medical School in 1852, and practiced in Sterling, Mass., until 1857, when he removed to Worcester. He married, on 4 June 1860, Anna Maria Lane (1830-1908). They had three children: Homer; Thomas Hovey; and Mabel Carleton.

Homer Gage (1861-1938) was a surgeon, industrialist, philanthropist, and civic leader in Worcester, Mass. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1882 with the degree of A.B., followed by the degrees of A.M. and M.D. in 1887. For several years he ran a general practice in Worcester, then dedicated himself entirely to surgery. Upon the unexpected death of his brother-in-law, Lucius J. Knowles (1854-1920), then-president of Crompton & Knowles Loom Works, Homer was elected president of that company. In 1923, he retired from surgery to devote himself to the running of the Loom Works.

Homer Gage married, on 15 June 1893, Mabel Reynolds Knowles (1869-1948); they had one child, Homer (1895-1925). Homer Gage died in Shrewsbury on 3 July 1938.

Thomas Hovey Gage (1865-1938) was a lawyer and civic leader in Worcester, Mass. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1886 with the degree of A.B., followed by the degrees of A.M. and LL.B. from the Harvard Law School in 1889. Immediately admitted to the bar, he worked as the personal secretary of Senator Hoar for one winter. Thomas Hovey set up practice in Worcester, eventually forming the firm Smith, Gage & Dresser that later became Gage, Hamilton & June.

Thomas Hovey Gage married, on 8 June 1898, Alice Chase (1865-1940); they had one child: Mary Hovey (1899- ), who married Albert White Rice (1883-1965). Thomas Hovey Gage died, shortly after his brother, in Worcester on 15 July 1938.

This collection contains papers of Thomas H. Gage and his two sons, Homer Gage and T. Hovey Gage. The papers of Thomas H. Gage include: medical notes, 1852-1883; professional correspondence, 1850-1908; and medical addresses and hospital reports, 1862-1908.
The papers of Homer Gage include: a journal of a visit to Washington, D.C., in 1878; social and professional correspondence, 1888-1932; and medical addresses and papers, 1901-1935. There are also speeches in support of charitable organizations in Worcester and three miscellaneous papers written in 1877.

The papers of T. Hovey Gage include: correspondence on the portrait artists Ralph Earl (1751-1801) and Ralph E. W. Earl (ca. 1785-1838), and Earl genealogy, 1894-1935; miscellaneous material on Ralph Earl, 1812-1935, which includes notes, newspaper articles, booklets and portrait reproductions; and notes and correspondence on several Worcester County portrait artists, 1891-1935. There are also catalogs, miscellaneous portrait reproductions, newspaper clippings on portraits, and a checklist of painters from Boston directories, 1914-1935.

The box of Thomas Hovey Gage’s letters and papers as treasurer of Clark University has been transferred to Clark University.

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