

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Chandler, George, Papers, 1824-1890

LOCATION(S):

Octavo vols. "C"
Mss. boxes "C"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

nine octavo volumes; one manuscript box (four folders)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For a biographical sketch of Chandler, see *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. 47 (Boston: New England Historic and Genealogical Society, 1893) p. 368-369.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Six octavo volumes are the gifts of George Chandler, 1888-1890; two folders are the gift of Waldo Lincoln, 1931.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Dr. George Chandler (1806-1893) was born in Pomfret, Conn. He graduated from Union College in 1829, and received the degree of M.D. from Yale College in 1831. The larger part of his professional life was devoted to the care of the insane: Assistant Physician in the State Lunatic Hospital in Worcester from 1833 to 1842; Superintendent of the State Lunatic Asylum in Concord, N.H. from 1842 to 1846; Superintendent of the State Lunatic Hospital in Worcester from 1846 to 1856. He retired from medicine in 1856, except for a brief period in 1862 as a volunteer surgeon at Fortress Monroe, to devote the rest of his life to historical research.

In 1872, Dr. Chandler published his genealogy of the Chandler Family (The Chandler Family, Boston: D. Clapp & Son); in 1883, he published a thoroughly revised edition.

Dr. Chandler was elected a member of AAS in 1857, and established the George Chandler Fund for procuring works on genealogy.

This collection of papers includes: a folder of correspondence relating to the Chandler genealogy, 1859-1890, many signatures of which have been clipped and pasted into Chandler's personal copy of the genealogy (owned by AAS); a folder of reports and correspondence, 1834-1859, relating to the lunatic asylums in Concord, N.H. and Worcester, Mass.; a folder of documents and receipts, 1824-1872, relating to Chandler's early education and personal business; and a folder of miscellaneous genealogical notes.

Included in the collection are three volumes of Monumental Inscriptions of the descendants of William and Annie Chandler. Each inscription is numbered in red to correspond with numbers in the Chandler genealogy. Also included in this collection are: a volume of genealogical information about Chandler descendants in Pomfret, Conn.; a notebook of vaccinations and case studies of patients, 1833; a recipe book of ingredients for various medicines, 1831; an account book, 1870-1886, including bank balances and transactions relating to the sale of the genealogy; and two notebooks containing miscellaneous genealogical notes.

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Folder

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