

**American Antiquarian Society
Manuscript Collections**

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Brown, Goold, Papers, 1814-1857

LOCATION(S):

Octavo vols. "B"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

twelve octavo volumes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For a biographical sketch of Brown, see the *Dictionary of American Biography*, vol. 3, pp. 119-20.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Gifts of Pliny Earle Chase, 1874, and Benjamin Tighe, 1949

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Goold Brown (1791-1857) of Providence, R.I., was a teacher and grammarian whose grammar texts appear to have been influential into the twentieth century. After an unsatisfactory experience in a mercantile house, Brown started teaching in 1811; in 1814, he opened an academy in New York City, which he operated for twenty years. His most important works were The Institutes of English Grammar (1823) and the ponderous Grammar of English Grammars (1851). Brown moved to Lynn, Mass., in the 1830s and devoted the balance of his life there to the further study of grammar and the writing and revision of various publications.

This collection contains twelve volumes for the period 1814 to 1857. One volume is a small receipt book for the period 1830 to 1837; a second volume lists, together with some miscellaneous accounts, the title and author of more than twelve hundred volumes in his personal library in 1815, together with a list of books bought principally at auction after 1814; a third volume contains manuscript poetry written by Brown (largely under the pen-name Aureus Fuscus) and intended chiefly for children or for religious uplift; a fourth volume contains volume II of his Grammatical Collections (started around 1825) which later was incorporated into The Grammar of English Grammars; and a fifth volume also contains Grammatical Collections (volume III) later incorporated into his great work, along with Rules of Cliff Street School, New York, 1820.

The remaining seven volumes are heavily annotated copies of Brown's First Lines of English Grammar, duplicate of his 1854 revision; the Institutes of English Grammar, duplicate of his 1854 revision; a memorandum of errors discovered in the stereotype proof-sheets of The Grammar of English Grammars, 1856-1857; the last proof-sheets of his Grammar of English Grammars (1851); proof-sheets of the Institutes of English Grammar (1832) that were used to prepare The Grammar of English Grammars; proof-sheets of the Institutes of English Grammar (1830), fourth edition; and the last proof-sheets of his Grammar of English Grammars printed in Boston in 1850 and 1851, first part.

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