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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Haven Family Papers, 1747-1908</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. boxes "H" Octavo volumes "H" Folio volumes "H"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>7 mss. boxes; 6 octavo volumes; 4 folio volumes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>62-3168</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>Contents list available in the repository. See also Josiah Adams, <u>The Genealogy of the Descendants of Richard Haven</u> (Boston: Elias Howe, 1849); and Clifford K. Shipton, <u>Sibley's Harvard Graduates</u> (Boston: Mass. Historical Society) XII and XIII.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gifts of Frederick Haven Pratt, December 1, 1933; and Frances Williams Allen Haven.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u> Microfilm <u> X </u> No copies <u> </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>This collection encompasses primarily the family documents and correspondence of three generations of Havens: Samuel Haven (1771-1847), Samuel Foster Haven (1806-1881), and Samuel Foster Haven, Jr. (1831-1862). The eldest Haven was Chief Justice of the Norfolk County Court of Common Pleas and was Registrar of Probate for approximately 40 years. His son, Samuel Foster Haven, attended Harvard College and graduated from Amherst College in 1826. For a brief time he practiced law in Lowell and Dedham, retiring from the legal profession when he was appointed Librarian of the American Antiquarian Society in 1837. Until shortly before his death in 1881 he was closely identified with the work and growth of the Society. An archaeologist by inclination, he was the author of many monographs, papers, and reports, and was an active member of important learned societies. His son, Samuel Foster Haven, Jr., graduated from Harvard in 1852 and Boston Medical College in 1855. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 15th Massachusetts as an assistant surgeon and was killed at the Battle of Fredericksburg in 1862.</p> <p>Much of the collection concerns land investments in Vermont, Massachusetts, and the Andrew Craigie estate in Genesee County, New York. There are some court records from Judge Haven's work in Dedham as well as his account book and bank book. The boxes of Samuel Foster Haven materials consist primarily of notes on archaeological subjects and manuscript copies of <u>Archaeology of the United States</u>;</p>	

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A Brief Passage at Arms...; and The History of the Grants of the Great Council of Massachusetts Bay. Samuel Foster Haven, Jr. is represented by his war correspondence and papers relating to his death. There are three folio volumes of medical notes and records of his training at Massachusetts General Hospital, 1854-1855.

This collection also includes a letter, 1747, of Joseph Haven of Hopkinton, Mass. concerning a church matter; two sermons, 1760-1795, and two money orders, 1785-1787, of Samuel Haven (1727-1806), minister of the South Congregational Church of Portsmouth, New Hampshire from 1752 to 1804; four diaries, 1769-1796, and a book of religious notes and extracts, 1753-1772, of Jason Haven (1733-1803), minister of the First Congregational Church of Dedham, Mass. from 1756 to 1803; an indenture, 1790, re: New York lands purchased by Nathaniel Gorham and Oliver Phelps from the Indians; two probate documents, 1807 and 1811, of Samuel Haven (1771-1847); two letters, 1842, of Franklin Haven (1804-1893), president of the Merchants' Bank of Boston, to Samuel Jennison, treasurer of the Worcester County Institution for Savings; a letter, 1874, of Erastus Otis Haven (1820-1881) to Charles B. Brooks of Boston; an account book of household and personal expenses, 1904-1908, of Frances Williams Allen Haven (1824-1908), second wife of Samuel Foster Haven (1806-1881). The diaries of Jason Haven provide a record of the weather, religious and farm activity, travel about New England, personal and family matters, social visits, personal accounts, deaths, and miscellaneous events.

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HAVEN FAMILY PAPERS

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- Box II Haven Family Correspondence, 1843-1881.
 A.) Primarily concerned with land investments.
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- Box III Haven Family Documents.
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- Box IV Samuel Foster Haven Papers.
 Notes on archaeological subjects; includes manuscript of Haven's Archaeology of the United States.
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