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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Howe Family Papers, 1775-1845</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Octavo volumes "H" Misc. mss. boxes "H"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>4 octavo volumes; 1 folder, 7 items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p> <p>RLIN id: MAAR91-A196</p>
<p>Finding aids: See Daniel Wait Howe, <u>Howe Genealogies</u> (Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1929), pp. 304, 325; For information on Solomon Howe's music see Frank J. Metcalf, <u>American Writers and Compilers of Sacred Music</u> (N.Y.: Abingdon Press, 1925), pp. 79-81; For a list of books printed by John Howe see "Publications of the Howes of Enfield and Greenwich," <u>Proceedings of the AAS</u>, vol. 60, pt. 2, pp. 217-23, (October, 1950). See accompanying sheet(s) for additional information.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>John Howe papers gift of Donald W. Howe, 1950; Solomon Howe papers gift of Edward F. Coffin, 1932.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u></p> <p>Microfilm <u> X </u></p> <p>No copies <u> — </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Solomon Howe (1750-1835) was born in North Brookfield, Mass. and died in New Salem, Mass. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1777, and was preacher, teacher, printer and farmer simultaneously. His published works include music and poetry: <u>The Farmer's Evening Entertainment...</u> (Northampton, Mass., 1804); <u>Divine Hymns on the Sufferings of Christ...</u> (Greenwich, Mass., 1805); and others.</p> <p>His son, John Howe (1783-1845), was a printer and publisher of almanacs at Greenwich, Mass. and Enfield, Mass. He published <u>The Christian's Pocket-Companion...</u> (Enfield, 1826). His brother, Solomon Howe (1787-1870), helped him in the printing business.</p> <p>This collection of Howe Family Papers from 1775 to 1845, includes four account books and a folder of miscellaneous papers from 1775 to 1822, including: a notebook of poems and addresses, patriotic and religious in nature, written and read by Solomon Howe at Dartmouth from 1775 to 1777; Solomon Howe's 1778 notebook containing a few personal accounts, and notations about printing matters; and a 1777 letter written by Solomon Howe to the Continental Congress suggesting greater use of the country's natural resources.</p> <p>The account books include a volume of personal accounts and printing accounts, including the sale of almanacs, kept by John Howe, 1819-1835; farm accounts kept by John Howe, 1832-1844; printing accounts kept by John Howe, 1832-1845; and an account book of the estate of Jonah Howe (1789-1834), 1834-1838, kept by his brothers, John and Solomon Howe, who were the executors of his will.</p> <p>See Contents List</p>	

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Octavo Volumes

- Vol. 1: Account Book of John Howe, including sale of almanacs, 1819-1835.
- Vol. 2: Printing Account Book of John Howe, 1832-1845.
- Vol. 3: Farming Account Book of John Howe, 1832-1844.
- Vol. 4: Account Book of the Esatate of Jonah Howe, 1834-1838.

Miscellaneous Box "B"

- Folder 3: Miscellaneous Papers, 1775-1822, includes a notebook of poems, addresses, notebook and letter written by Solomon Howe.

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Publications of material in this collection:

Philip F. Gura, "Early Nineteenth-Century Printing in Rural Massachusetts:
John Howe of Greenwich and Enfield, ca. 1803-45 with a Transcription
of His 'Printer's Book,' ca. 1832," PAAS, 101 (1991), pp. 25-62.