

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Gough, John Bartholomew, Papers, 1827; 1843-1886

LOCATION:

Mss. boxes "G"
Oversize mss. boxes "G"
Octavo vols. "G"
Folio vols. "G"
Oversize vols. "G"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

2 manuscript boxes; 1 oversize manuscript box (scrolls); 25 octavo volumes; 19 folio volumes; 2 oversize volumes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For biographical information on Gough, see the *Dictionary of American Biography*.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

The bulk of the collection was a gift of Mrs. Charles G. Reed and Misses Fanny M. and Mary G. Whitcomb, 1901; diaries and letters, a gift of Mrs. Arthur W. Knight and Walter D. Allen; the first folder of lectures, a gift of Harold B. French, Boylston (Mass.) town clerk, 1952 (from the papers of George L. Wright).

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

John Bartholomew Gough (1817-1886) was a reformed drunkard who became an ardent and very successful temperance lecturer in the United States and Great Britain. He lived in Boylston, Mass., with his second wife, Mary Whitcomb Gough, who survived him. Although his principal lecturing topic was temperance, he gradually incorporated other subjects in his repertory and spoke before lyceums and social organizations.

Almost all the materials in this collection were generated by Gough's career as a temperance lecturer. The journals, diaries, and engagement books record his lecturing schedules, numbers of converts, amount of compensation, etc. The information in the diaries was probably recopied into the three volumes of journals. The volume entitled "Record J.B.G.," is the only volume that has much personal reflection and recollection. There are elaborately bound memorials volumes presented to Gough by grateful temperance workers and books of signatures of those who were converted by Gough to total abstinence. The folders of lectures include some of his addresses on topics other than temperance.

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Manuscript Box

- 1 Journals, Diaries, Appointment Books, 1843-1885 (37 volumes)
Vol. 1, 1843-1844; vol. 2, 1845; vol. 3, 1845-1846; vol. 4, 1847-1848; vol. 5, 1849-1850; vol. 6, 1852-1853; vol. 7; 1852; vol. 8, 1853; vol. 9, 1854; vol. 10, 1855; vol. 11, 1856; vol. 12, 1857; vol. 13, 1858; vol. 14, 1859; vol. 15, 1860; vol. 16, 1861; vol. 17, 1862; vol. 18, 1863; vol. 19, 1864; vol. 20, 1865; vol. 21, 1866; vol. 22, 1867; vol. 23, 1868; vol. 24, 1869; vol. 25, 1870; vol. 26, 1871; vol. 27, 1872; vol. 28, 1873; vol. 29, 1874; vol. 30, 1875; vol. 31, 1876; vol. 32, 1877; vol. 33, 1878; vol. 34, 1881; vol. 35, 1883; vol. 36, 1884; vol. 37, 1885
- 2 Correspondence, Resolutions, Documents, Newsclippings
- Folder 1 Letters received by J. B. Gough
--includes list of books in J.B.G.'s library
- Folder 2 Resolutions on the death of J. B. Gough
- Folder 3 Letters from friends in Worcester after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 4 Letters from friends in Boston after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 5 Letters from friends in Massachusetts (except Boston and Worcester) after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 6 Letters from friends in Connecticut after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 7 Letters from friends in New England (except Connecticut and Massachusetts) after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 8 Letters from friends in New York after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 9 Letters from friends in the United States (except New England and New York) after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 10 Letters from friends abroad (chiefly England) after the death of J. B. Gough to Mrs. Gough
- Folder 11 Miscellaneous Documents; Newsclippings

Oversize Manuscript Box

- 1 Scrolls
- Item 1 Address, East Somerset District Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, n.d.
- Item 2 Address, Manchester and Salford Temperance Society, 1855
- Item 3 Address, London Temperance League, 1855 July 30
- Item 4 Honorary degree, Amherst College, 1863 (in metal tube)
- Item 5 Address, North Staffordshire District Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, 1878
- Item 6 Address, Aberdeen Temperance Society, 1879 (in leather-covered tube)
- Item 7 Scroll of Total Abstinners, Huntingdon County, England (along with a testimonial), 1879 July

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Octavo Volume

- 1 Lectures
--delivered in Great Britain, most of them untitled and undated
- 2 Lectures
--some dated and titled
- 3 Lectures
--most of them delivered in London, some dated and titled
- 4 Lectures
--some dated and titled
- 5 Arithmetic School Book, 1827
- 6 "Journal J.B.G.," 1843-1858
--daily schedule of travels, lectures, compensation, with yearly totals of his work (information probably copied from his diaries)
- 7 "Journal J.B.G.," 1859-1881
--same as #6
- 8 "Journal J.B.G.," 1882-1884
--same as #6
- 9 Account Book, Roxbury, Mass., 1843-1844
--includes book lists
- 10 "Record J.B.G.," 1846; 1847; 1848 January 1-26; 1848 September 5-January 24
--personal recollections
- 11 Record of lecturing engagements
--United States and Great Britain; also entries for Canada, Ireland, France (arranged alphabetically by cities)
- 12 Record of lectures, 1860-1885
--arranged by lecture topic with the dates and places of delivery noted
- 13 "Signatures to the Pledge of Total Abstinence, John B. Gough, 1850"
- 14 "Teetotal Pledge and Signers' Names," 1851
--includes shelf list of books
- 15 "Signatures to the Pledge Total Abstinence, John B. Gough, 1851"
- 16 Testimonial letters, 1854-1855
--England
- 17 "Testimonials Etc.," 1858
--Americans witnessing to the character of Gough, sent to friends of temperance in Great Britain
- 18 "The Welcome of the Ministry of Massachusetts to John B. Gough on his return from England, in August 1860"
- 19 "Presented to J. B. Gough, Esq. by the Local Board of Health, Sandgate, England (His Native Town) on the Occasion of his Laying the Foundation Stone of a Coffee Tavern, June 2nd, 1879"
- 20 "Presented to John B. Gough by the Working Men of the Blue Ribbon Army, Hoxton Music Hall, on the Eve of his Departure for America, October 4th, 1879"
--signatures and photographs of London
- 21 "Address to John B. Gough, October 11th, 1879"
--memorial presented to Gough at Liverpool, England by the National Temperance League
- 22 "Autograph Letters, 'Silver Wedding' John B. & Mary C. Gough.," 1868
- 23 "Silver Wedding. Nov. 24. 1868. John B. Gough. Mary C. Gough."
--autographs of visitors
- 24 "Autograph Letters, 'Silver Wedding' John B. & Mary C. Gough.," 1868
--includes epithalamium
- 25 "Autographs"
--most pages blank, some loose items

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Folio Volume

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| 1 | Newsclippings about Gough, 1842-1845 |
| 2 | Newsclippings about Gough, ca. 1845-ca. 1848 |
| 3 | Newsclippings about Gough, 1849-1850 |
| 4 | "Personal, vol. 1" Newsclippings about Gough, 1851-1877 |
| 5 | ["Personal, vol. 2"] Newsclippings about Gough, 1877-1881 |
| 6 | Newsclippings about Gough from British newspapers, 1878-1879
--includes envelope of loose clippings |
| 7 | Newsclippings about Gough from British newspapers, 1879 |
| 8 | "Temperance vol. 1" Newsclippings on temperance, including
some about Gough, ca. 1873-1879 [formerly folio vol. 1]
[AAS does not own a volume labeled "Temperance vol. 2"] |
| 9 | "Temperance vol. 3" Newsclippings on temperance, ca. 1882-
1883 [formerly folio vol. 2] |
| 10 | "Religious, vol. 1" Newsclippings on religious subjects, ca.
1879 |
| 11 | "Religious, vol. 2" Newsclippings on religious subjects, ca.
1878-1882
--includes index to folio vols. 5 and 6 |
| 12 | "Religious, vol. 3" Newsclippings on religious subjects, ca.
1883
--includes index |
| 13 | "Religious, vol. 4" Newsclippings on religious subjects, ca.
1885
--includes index |
| 14 | "Miscellaneous, vol. 1" Newsclippings on various subjects,
ca. 1873-1881 |
| 15 | "Miscellaneous, vol. 2" Newsclippings on various subjects,
ca. 1876-1879 |
| 16 | "Miscellaneous, vol. 3" Newsclippings on various subjects,
ca. 1879-1882
--includes index to folio vols. 10,11, and 12 |
| 17 | "Miscellaneous, vol. 4" Newsclippings on various subjects,
ca. 1879-1883 |
| 18 | "Miscellaneous, vol. 5" Newsclippings on various subjects,
ca. 1883-1884
--includes index |
| 19 | "Miscellaneous, vol. 6" Newsclippings on various subjects,
ca. 1883-1885
--includes index |

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| 1 | Newsclippings about Gough from British newspapers, 1853-1858 |
| 2 | Testimonials and memorials, a permit, and a passport for
Gough |