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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Bush, John, Papers, 1809-1848

**LOCATION(S):**

Mss. boxes "B"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

one manuscript box (87 items)

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

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unknown

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

John Bush (1792-1876), the son of Levi and Martha "Patty" (Ball) Bush, was born in Boylston, Mass., on 3 July 1792. He graduated from Bowdoin College in 1814, and was a preceptor of an academy in Wiscasset, Me., around 1816. After 1817, Bush was a physician in Vassalboro, Me., for several years. He married, in October 1819, Anne Wayne (1799- ). She was the daughter of Edward and Anne Wayne, Quakers, of Danvers, Mass., and Vassalboro.

This collection of papers is comprised almost entirely of correspondence from relatives of John Bush. Many of the letters were written by his mother Martha Bush ( - ) of Sterling, Mass., his brother Levi Bush, Jr. of North Brookfield, Mass., his sister Charity Pratt Bush Richardson (1789-1832) and her husband George Partridge Richardson (1785-1868) of Duxbury, Mass., Jotham Bush of Boston, Mass., and Parker Cleaveland (1780-1858) of Brunswick, Me. The correspondence deals with family matters.

There is some correspondence to Anne Bush from her sisters Eliza (1801- ) and Octavia ( - ) Wayne, and Mary (Wayne) Southwick (1797- ), wife of Jacob Southwick ( - ).

Also included in the collection are some poems, themes, and short essays written at the time Bush attended Bowdoin College.

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