

**American Antiquarian Society  
Manuscript Collections**

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**NAME OF COLLECTION:**

Lambert Family, Papers, 1821-1887

**LOCATION(S):**

Mss. boxes "L"

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**SIZE OF COLLECTION:**

one box (13 folders, 59 items)

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**SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:**

For mention of marriages and births, see *Newburyport Vital Records to 1850*, 2 vols. (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1911). For information on Henry Lambert's ministry in Cambridge, see L. R. Paige, *History of Cambridge, Mass.* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1877).

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**SOURCE OF COLLECTION:**

Gift of Richard D. Lambert, 1950

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**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:**

Among the children of Luke Lambert ( -1824), Lieutenant Colonel of the 77<sup>th</sup> Fusiliers of Chatham, England, and Celia Maria Jeakins (1787- ) were John (1805- ), Edward (1807-c. 1842), George Moore (1809- ), Henry Calvert (1812-1899), Robert Bamsay (1816- ), Charles (1820- ), and Celia Maria (1824- ). They immigrated to America in the 1820s, settling in Newburyport and East Cambridge, Mass. The sons became involved in a wide variety of occupations; Henry became a minister of the Third Unitarian Church of Cambridge from 1841 to 1846, George went into the manufacture and sale of sperm, whale, elephant, and fish oils, John and Robert became mariners, and Edward traveled to various parts of South America as a land speculator.

The collection, which includes genealogical notations on folders made in 1950 by Corinne T. Lambert ( - ), contains family correspondence and business papers mostly written by family members and friends to each other and to their mother in Winchelsea, England. The letters are valuable for their highly descriptive accounts of society and impressions of American life, comments on internal improvements, and steam ships. Included also are descriptions of rural villages, houses, and furnishings, and travel to California and Washington, D.C. The women's letters include random comments on well-known contemporary figures in literature and education, and on the growing abolitionist and temperance movement.

An important part of the collection is a commentary plus official papers of George's participation in a sealing expedition in December 1831 to the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. These documents detail storms, trouble with competitors, confinement for piracy, and other hardships. His personal and business account book/diary is also a good source of information on life in Newburyport in the 1850s.

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LAMBERT FAMILY, PAPERS, 1821-1887  
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| <b>FOLDER</b> | <b>CONTENTS</b>  | <b># OF ITEMS</b>          |
|---------------|--|----------------------------|
|               | Correspondence, n.d.; 1808-1852; 1884-1886   |                            |
| 1             | n.d.   | 4 letters                  |
| 2             | 1808-1836  | 7 letters                  |
| 3             | 1838-1849 June   | 7 letters                  |
| 4             | 1849 July-1852   | 4 letters                  |
| 5             | 1884-1886<br>--letters from Henry Lambert to his brother George Lambert                  | 11 letters,<br>2 envelopes |
| 6             | Miscellaneous Papers, n.d.; 1846-1887<br>--poem; settlement; receipt; memorandum; letter | 5 items;<br>1 envelope     |
| 7             | Fourth of July Address, n.d.   | 1 item (7 p.)              |
|               | George Lambert, Papers, 1831-1852  |                            |
| 8             | Falkland Islands Expedition Papers, 1831-1837  | 7 items                    |
| 9             | Falkland Islands Expedition Commentary   | 1 item (22 p.)             |
| 10            | Falkland Islands Expedition Commentary   | 1 item (12 p.)             |
| 11            | Account Book and Diary, 1851-1852  | 1 item (20 l.)             |
| 12            | Genealogical Notes by Corinne T. Lambert   | 5 items                    |
| 13            | Miscellaneous Notes re: the collection   | 2 items                    |

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ITEMS W/SCOTCH TAPE

| <b>FOLDER</b> | <b>DATE</b>                     | <b>ITEM</b>                      |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1             | n.d.                            | partial letter from Celia Tayler |
|               | East Cambridge 16 <sup>th</sup> | letter from Maria to Sarah       |
| 2             | 1808 March 17                   | letter                           |
|               | 1821 October 26                 | letter                           |
|               | 1830 May 26                     | letter                           |
|               | 1831 March 20                   | letter                           |
|               | 1834 May 14                     | letter                           |
|               | 1836 October 6                  | letter                           |
| 3             | 1839 May 16                     | letter                           |
|               | 1840 December 1                 | letter                           |
|               | 1849 June 17                    | letter                           |
| 4             | 1849 July 4                     | letter                           |
|               | 1850 May                        | letter                           |
|               | 1850 July 23                    | letter                           |
| 7             | n.d.                            | address                          |
| 8             | 1831 January 1                  | receipt                          |
|               | 1834 December 12                | certificate                      |
| 9             | n.d.                            | account                          |