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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:	Location:
Lee & Shepard, Papers, 1860s-1906	Mss. boxes "L"
Size of collection:	N.U.C.M.C. number:
12 mss. boxes	62-3059
Finding aids:	
All items indexed in 1949--see old catalog. For information on the firm and on Charles A.B. Shepard and William Lee, see the essay by A.G. Waite filed in Box 12 of the Lee & Shepard Papers.	
Source of collection:	Copies available:
Gift of Charles H. Taylor, 1924	Electrostatic <u> X </u> Microfilm <u> X </u> No copies <u> — </u>

Collection description.

The Boston publishing firm Lee & Shepard was established in 1861 by William Lee (1826-1906) and Charles Augustus Billings Shepard (1829-1889). The firm published much well known general literature but was especially noted for its juvenile literature and school books.

This collection of correspondence, book orders, and receipts encompasses the firm's business from the 1860s until its incorporation with the Boston publishing house of Lothrop & Company in 1906. Letters from Lee & Shepard's most important authors were evidently removed from this collection prior to its purchase by Charles H. Taylor, but the remaining correspondence includes letters from published authors and from people submitting unsolicited manuscripts. In addition to this correspondence, there are book orders from libraries and literary institutions, book orders from individuals, and business correspondence from book dealers and other publishers. There is also scattered correspondence to Frank E. Wetherell in Woburn, Mass. and to Mrs. Isabel W. Littlefield (representing the Woburn Woman's Club). These letters are unrelated to the rest of the collection.

Principal figures in the Lee & Shepard correspondence include: William Taylor Adams ("Oliver Optic"), author; George Melville Baker, who wrote amateur dramas and was employed by the firm; Rebecca Sophia Clarke ("Sophie May"), author of juvenile literature; William Carey Richards, author; and Francis Henry Underwood, author and U.S. Consul to Edinburgh. All the correspondence is arranged in alphabetical order by writer. See Contents List. Contents List Added 3/15/91.

Lee and Shepard Papers, 1860's-1906

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- Folder 4: Receipts for articles printed in Oliver Optic's Magazine.