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Manuscript Collections

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Page Family, Notebooks, 1823-1864

LOCATION:

Octavo vols. "P"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

4 octavo volumes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For records of family members, see *Danvers, Mass. Vital Records to 1850*. For biographical information, see Eben Putnam, *The Putnam Lineage* (Salem, Mass.: Salem Press, Co., 1907), p. 322-323.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Purchased from A. R. Blanchard, 1933

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Mary Page (1806-1894) and her sister Martha Crosby Page (1808-1832) lived in Danvers, Mass., and attended the Saugus Seminary in Saugus, Mass., and the Adams Female Academy in Derry, N.H. Mary married Alfred Putnam (1804-1835) of Danvers in 1831.

This collection consists of four commonplace books, for the period 1823 to 1864. They contain remembrance verses written on the occasion of graduation and signed by school friends, verses written by relatives and friends in later years, and poetry written by Martha Crosby Page on such topics as "The Sky" and "The Lover's Serenade," in addition to quotations from Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) and other poets. Mary Page included several color-sketches of flowers and birds, and her sister Martha wrote brief stanzas concerning each monarch of England beginning with William the Conqueror.

The collection also includes a commonplace book, for the year 1853, kept by one Martha Page (-), probably a relative, while she was a student at Bradford Female Seminary in Bradford, Mass.

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- 1 Mary Page Putnam, Commonplace Book, 1823-1864
- 2 Martha Crosby Page, Commonplace Book, 1826-1828
- 3 Martha Crosby Page, Notebook (of monarchs of England), ca. 1828
- 4 Martha Page, Commonplace Book, 1853