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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Bacon, Peter Child, Papers, 1833-1884</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. Mss. Boxes "B" Folio volumes "B"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 78 items; 1 folio volume, 237 leaves</p>	<p>N.U.C. number:</p> <p>MS 75-1885</p>
<p>Finding Aids: None. For biographical information on Bacon, see Lincoln and Hersey, <u>History of Worcester, Mass.</u> (Worcester, 1862)p.340, and F.P.Rice, <u>Worcester of 1898</u> (Worcester, 1899), p.23. See also the Charles Allen Collection and the Richard Olney Collection.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Probably from the estate of Peter Child Bacon</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Xerox and microfilm, subject to limitation.</p>
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>Peter C. Bacon(1804-1886) was born in Dudley, Mass., the son of Jephthah and Joanna Child Bacon. He graduated from Brown University in 1827, read law at the New Haven Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1830. He practiced law in Oxford until 1842, then transferred his practice to Worcester. He was a partner first with Ira Moore Barton (1844-1851), later with P. Emory Aldrich (1854-1873), and finally with S.B.Hopkins and Bacon's son, Henry. He was mayor of Worcester for two terms (1851-52) and also served a term (1848-49) in the state House of Representatives.</p> <p>This collection of manuscript material includes some forty-seven letters addressed to Bacon. Most of the letters deal with legal affairs, though there are some interesting letters from his son, Henry, written in 1867 from Salt Lake City, Fort Boise, Idaho, San Francisco, and Camp C. F. Smith, Oregon. There are also some legal documents, checks, a few miscellaneous pieces and an 1845 catalog of Peter Child Bacon's law library.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(cont'd.)</p>	

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Finally, there is a folio account book of 237 leaves which reflects Bacon's legal affairs in the period February 19, 1841-June, 1860. Among his more active client accounts were those of the Oxford Woolen Manufacturing Co., Samuel Slater and Sons, William Sigourney and Co., the estate of Richard Olney, the Elisha Olney Trust Fund, the Laura Paine Trust Fund, and the estate of his father, Jephthah Bacon.

LIST OF WRITERS FOR THE PETER C. BACON PAPERS, 1833-1884

Aldrich, P. Emory, 2 documents  
Allen, Charles  
Amidown, Holmes, 4 documents  
Anthony, Charles  
Anzell, Charles A.  
Bacon, Frank  
Bacon, Henry, 8 documents  
Bacon, Hopkins & Bacon  
Bacon, John  
Bacon, Peter C., 4 documents  
Bangs, Edward. See Massachusetts,  
Commonwealth of.  
Barton, Ira Moore  
Child, Linus  
Cornell, W.M.  
Custer, Edward L.  
Davis, W.L.  
Denny, Edward  
Fisher, Maturin L., 2 documents  
Foster, Alfred Dwight  
Gasldin, F.P.  
Harlow, William T.  
Hoar, George F. (1826-1904), 8 documents  
Hopkins, W.S.B., 2 documents  
Hubbard, Samuel  
Jennison, W. See Massachusetts, Worcester,  
Supreme Judicial Court, Office of the  
Clerk.  
Joslin, Asher  
Lincoln, D.W.  
Lincoln, Levi  
Lowell, J.  
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of.  
Massachusetts, Commonwealth of, Executive  
Department.  
Massachusetts, Worcester, Free Public  
Library, Board of Directors,  
2 documents.  
Massachusetts, Worcester, Supreme  
Judicial Court, Office of the  
Clerk.  
Metcalf, Theron  
Newton, Rejoice  
Paine, Nathaniel. See Massachusetts,  
Worcester, Free Public Library,  
Board of Directors.  
Paine, Royal, 2 documents  
Power, John H., 2 documents  
Slater, H.N.  
Slater, Samuel and Sons  
Smith, Charles E.  
Stevens, Hy H.  
Storrs, R.O.  
Strutford, Richard O.  
Towne, Waldo Company  
Ware, Henry. See Massachusetts,  
Commonwealth of.  
Washburn, I., 2 documents  
Washburn, Mrs. I. See Washburn, I.