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<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Burnside, Samuel M'Gregore, Papers, 1808-1848</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Misc. Mss. Boxes "B" Octavo vols. "B"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>1 folder, 19 items; 19 octavo volumes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p> <p>RLIN id: MARY-A26</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For a biography of Burnside, see Levi Lincoln, <u>Reminiscences of the Worcester Fire Society</u> (Worcester: Edward R. Fiske, 1862), April 1874, pp. 6-7</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Several diaries the gift of Dwight Foster, 1977; 1808 letter purchased from Craig W. Ross, 1983.</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u> Microfilm <u> X </u> No copies <u> </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Samuel M'Gregore Burnside (1783-1850), son of Thomas Burnside, was born in Northumberland, New Hampshire. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1805, after which he took charge of a Female Academy in Andover, Mass. for two years. He read law with Artemus Ward (1762-1847) and was admitted to the bar in 1810. Burnside took a deep interest in public schools. He was a trustee of Leicester Academy, and for many years was a member of the Worcester School Committee. He represented Worcester in the Massachusetts General Court in 1826. He was a member of the Council of the American Antiquarian Society at the time of his death, and for several years was a member of the Worcester Fire Society.</p> <p>This collection of papers contains nine addresses by Burnside, most of which were given during the 1830's. The majority of them concern public education in general and public education in Worcester. One of the addresses contrasts the European and American systems of education and another presents the necessity of establishing public schools in the West. Included are: a speech urging opposition to the spread of Catholicism, a 4th of July oration, and an address on temperance. The papers also contain a small amount of correspondence concerning legal matters and Burnside's educational involvement. Burnside wrote one letter, 1808, while</p> <p style="text-align: right;">continued</p>	

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Collection Description (con't.) Burnside, Samuel M'Gregore
a student at Harvard, concerning Professor John Quincy Adams (1767-1848) and his oratorical ability.

In addition to the above, the papers contain: a docket book for the Court of Common Pleas of Worcester County, 1810-1817; six interleaved diaries in the Massachusetts Register, 1810, 1814, 1815, 1818, 1822, 1845, which are basically records of correspondence and monetary matters; and eleven other, more extensive diaries, July 19, 1826 - December 31, 1848, which give a general account of his personal, familial and professional activities as well as a record of the weather. The entries include details of his duties as a member of the Worcester School Committee in periodic examinations of various schools, his attendance at meetings of historical societies, Leicester Academy trustees, and the board of directors of a local bank. Burnside also described his travels to nearby towns, New York City, Washington, D.C., and a trip which he took with his family to several Southern states in 1847. There are also occasional comments on economic troubles in the country during the 1830s as well as autobiographical entries.

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Samuel Burnside Diaries

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