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<p>Name of collection: Sweetser, Seth, Papers, 1826-1878</p>	<p>Location: Octavo volumes "S" Misc. mss. boxes "S"</p>
<p>Size of collection: 4 octavo volumes; 1 folder, 14 items</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number: 62-3183</p>
<p>Finding aids: For biographical information on Sweetser see: <u>AAS Proceedings</u> (April 1878), pp. 11-13 and 38-42</p>	
<p>Source of collection: Gift of Miss Frances Sweetser, 1915; material in folder the gift of Worcester, Mass. Central Church, 1981</p>	
<p>Collection Description: Seth Sweetser (1807-1878) was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard College in 1827 and became a minister after three years of study at the Andover Theological Seminary. In 1838 he was installed as minister of the Central Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. Among his accomplishments, Sweetser was President of the Theological Seminary and Phillips Academy at Andover, trustee of Leicester Academy, President of the American Education Society, member of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and of the Board of Overseers at Harvard University, trustee of Memorial Hospital, and a member of AAS. His papers consist of 30 sermons and addresses prepared by Sweetser from 1834 to 1868 and 8 small notebooks containing daily records of the weather conditions with two temperature readings, from 1863 until his death. Sermon topics include: "The Holiness of God's House," "Living to be Good," "Congregationalism," "The Trial of Jesus," "The Religious Character and Influence of Colleges," and "Atonement Gives Peace of Conscience." There are also two temperance addresses. The folder contains eleven family photographs, two Sweetser family letters, 1878, and a small volume of notes pertaining to Modern European history kept by Seth Sweetser, 1826. See Contents List</p>	

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Folder

Folder 1: 11 Family Photographs, 2 Sweetser Family Letters and a Small Volume of Notes of Modern European History by Seth Sweetser, 1826.