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<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Wallcut, Thomas, Papers, 1640-1833</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. Boxes "W"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>3 boxes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>62-3008</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>The correspondence has been cataloged. For biographical information on Wallcut, see Massachusetts Historical Society <u>Proceedings</u>, vol. II (Boston: University Press, 1880), pp.193-208; and Arthur Stuart Walcott, <u>The Walcott Book</u>, (Salem, Mass.: Record Publishing Co., 1925), pp.81-82.</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Gift of Thomas Wallcut, 1834</p>	<p>Copies available:</p> <p>Electrostatic <u> X </u></p> <p>Microfilm <u> X </u></p> <p>No copies <u> </u></p>
<p>Collection description:</p> <p>Thomas Wallcut (1758-1840), son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Marshall Wallcut, was educated to become an Indian missionary at the Indian Charity School in Hanover, N.H. In 1774, he passed the exams for Dartmouth College, but instead went to live with the St. Francis Indians near Montreal. During the Revolution, he worked in hospitals at Albany and Boston. Wallcut was devoted to antiquarian research and the collecting of books and pamphlets. He was one of the ten original members of the Massachusetts Historical Society and its first Recording Secretary. In 1812, he was a corporator of AAS. He earned his living for almost forty years as a clerk at the State House in Boston.</p> <p>This collection of papers contains: correspondence between 1777-1833 which reveals Wallcut's life as a historical researcher and collector in addition to his personal, familial and professional affairs; documents and petitions relating to Wallcut's hospital service during the Revolution; records, notes and lists pertaining to the various societies Wallcut belonged to; manuscripts urging various public improvements; petitions, acts, resolutions and documents concerning the Massachusetts General Court; tables, lists, records, charts and other data relating to Massachusetts; lists and</p>	

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charts pertaining to Nantucket; charts concerning Martha's Vineyard; historical, statistical, political and descriptive material on Maine; records and deeds of the Proprietors of the Kennebeck Purchase; material on the Penobscot Indians; blank forms for historical notes; data concerning the U.S. Congress, state constitutional provisions, division of U.S. into cantons, and counties within various states; and a great amount of other miscellaneous material (lists, notes, records, tables, histories, documents, accounts, essays, observations, reports, etc.), dated and undated, on a myriad of subjects.

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Thomas Wallcut Papers, 1640-1833
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Box 1: Essays, Reports

- Folders 1-3 Essays, reports, studies on a wide variety of topics, e.g., slavery, Yale College, American Indians, genealogies, lists of eminent men, American nomenclature
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Box 2: Correspondence, Petitions, Associations' Records

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- Folder 5 Mass. Historical Society, e.g., donations, meeting notes, 1791-1792; Mass. Peace Society, list of members, 1819; and Mass. Philanthropic Society, constitution and meeting notes, 1789-1790
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Box 3: Records of the Kennebeck Purchase, 1796-97, and Miscellaneous Papers

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