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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection:

Gilmore, William H., Account Books, 1846-1861

Location:

Folio volumes "G"

Size of collection:

7 folio volumes

N.U.C.M.C. number:

RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

See accompanying sheet(s) for additional information.

Source of collection:

volumes 2, 4, 5, and 6 purchased from Steven Finer, 1995
volumes 1, 3, and 7 purchased from Carmen Valentino, 1997

Collection description:

William Harrison Gilmore (1823-1878) was born in Warner, New Hampshire, one of seven children of David (-1852) and Martha Ward Gilmore (-). The family moved to Henniker, New Hampshire, when William was a youth. He learned the printing trade in the office of the Nashua Gazette, and by October, 1845 he was listed on the paper's masthead as its printer. In March, 1847, Gilmore and Israel P. Chase (1827-1890) purchased the Manchester, N.H. Saturday Messenger from J.E. Davis, Jr. and E.D. Davis. Gilmore and Chase continued the Saturday Messenger until 1849, when Gilmore entered into a partnership with John H. Goodale (1816-1890) to publish the Manchester Democrat, with Goodale as editor. The partnership was dissolved in 1851, and Goodale continued the Democrat, while Gilmore began to produce another weekly newspaper called the Manchester Union Democrat. James M. Campbell (1817-1883) joined Gilmore as a partner in 1852, and Campbell continued to conduct the paper after Gilmore's departure in 1855. Starting in 1852, Campbell and Gilmore also published the Manchester Daily Union. Between about 1856 and 1860, Gilmore's partner was Warren Martin (-). Starting in 1858, Gilmore and Martin published a newspaper called The New Hampshire Journal of Agriculture. Gilmore sold the paper to Francis B. Eaton in 1861. Afterwards, he moved to Henniker, N.H. and operated the printing office of the Concord, N.H. newspaper The People. Gilmore married twice and died in 1878.

This collection contains accounts for Gilmore's activities as a printer between 1847 and 1861. Included are accounts for newspaper and job printing work, advertising, and subscriptions.

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Folio volume 1:

list of newspaper exchanges and subscribers for Saturday Messenger, n.d.; daybook accounts of the Messenger office, March 10, 1846 to March 13, 1847, for job printing, advertising, etc. [apparently kept by one of Gilmore's predecessors]; W.H. Gilmore's accounts with Messenger office, March 16, 1847-August, 1848; list of subscribers, [probably to the Democrat], January 1, 1851; Gilmore's accounts for job work done at the Messenger office, March 16, 1847-April 5, 1848.

Folio volume 2:

Gilmore's monthly accounts with the Manchester Democrat office, September, 1848-January, 1851; payments for subscriptions, job work, and advertisements (monthly) January 1850 - December, 1850.

Folio volume 3:

Gilmore's accounts with the Manchester Union Democrat, January, 1851- March, 1854.

Folio volume 4:

Gilmore's accounts with the Manchester Union Democrat, April, 1854 - December, 1855; "All accounts on this book settled to June 1, 1856."

Folio volume 5:

"Press Room Account Book for 1853 & 1854;" weekly accounts with Campbell & Gilmore, and with Abbott, Jenks & Co., Jan 11, 1853-September, 1854. This volume records work done for at least 5 different newspapers published in Manchester.

Folio volume 6:

"Gilmore & Martin, July 30, 1857" accounts, July 27, 1857 - 1860, for printing work for John B. Clarke, Mirror, Goodale & Farnsworth, American, Fisk & Gage, J. M. Campbell, J.C. Merriam & Co., and C.F. Livingston; lists of books ordered; receipts and expenses, New Hampshire Journal of Agriculture office, Feb. 9, 1861-June 29, 1861; accounts for wood, July 1857-March, 1858; subscriptions to Genesee Farmer, 1861; list of miscellaneous magazine subscriptions, 1861.

Folio volume 7:

Ledger, 1858-1861 of accounts for advertising, etc. New Hampshire Journal of Agriculture. Volume also contains unrelated household accounts, accounts for farm work etc. ca. 1885-1888.

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Sources of Information on the Collection:

Howard A. Chamberlen, The First Ten Years of Printing and Publishing in Manchester, New Hampshire (Manchester: 1948)

Leander W. Cogswell, History of the Town of Henniker (Concord, N.H.: 1880), pp. 587-588.

John W. Moore, Moore's Historical, Biographical, and Miscellaneous Gatherings...relative to Printers, Printing, Publishing and Editing (Concord, N.H.: 1886) p. 323

Edward E. Parker, History of the City of Nashua, N.H. (Nashua, N.H.: 1897) pp. 497

E. S. Stearns, Genealogy and Family History of the State of New Hampshire (N.Y., 1908) v. 4, p. 1593 (information on Israel P. Chase)

Subject headings (Gilmore)
Manchester, N.H.
Newspapers
Newspaper publishing
Printing, practical
Advertising, newspaper
Democrat (Manchester, N.H.)
Saturday Messenger ("")
Union Democrat ("")
New Hampshire Journal of Agriculture

(possible:
Mirror
American
Genesee Farmer)

Genre headings:
business records
Subscribers' lists--19th century
account books--19th century

Born Feb. 22, 1823 in Henniker, N.H. (M323)

"December 6, 1846, Mr. [William H.] Hewes, on account of failing health, sold out to William H. Butterfield of Gilmanton, N.H. formerly of the Lowell Advertiser and Patriot; and the imprint contained the name of William H. Gilmore as printer (Hist. of Nashua, 497[the gazette was owned 1839-1845 by Charles P. Danforth, and 1845-6 by Hewes])

[I would guess that it was during Danforth's time that Gilmore learned to print in Nashua. Owners of the Nashua Gazette, acc. M516, which disagrees with the above:

1831-2 Andrew E. Thayer

Feb. 24, 1832- Feb. 16, 1838 Israel Hunt, Jr.

Feb. 16, 1838-April 12, 1839 Paul Morrill and William H. Dinsmore

April 12-1839-Aug. 23, 1839 Paul Morrill

Aug. 23, 1839-Aug. 28, 1845 Charles P. Danforth

Aug 28, 1845-April 23, 1846 William H. Hewes

April 23, 1846-Nov. 25, 1846 William Butterfield [Gilmore printer

AAS has scattered issues, but:

9/11/46 Hewes alone

10/2/45-2/5/46 Hewes prop, Gilmore printer

9/16/47 Whittemore

"Aug. 15, 1847, it [Manchester Saturday Messenger] was sold to William H. Gilmore and Israel P. Chase. Joseph Kidder was its editor from its commencement until Nov. 20, 1847, when Mr. Chase became its editor until June 24, 1848; then Francis F. Forsaith took charge of that department. On Nov. 24, 1849, the paper was published by Gage and Forsaith..." (M389) I think these dates are incorrect.

1847-8 John K. Seaver employed by Gilmore and Chase in the Messenger office (M363)

"In 1848 Mr. G. [Henry Augustus Gage] purchased a half interest of William H. Gilmore in the Manchester Messenger, and, in connection with Israel P. Chase, commenced the publication of that paper as an independent journal, with a fair degree of success." (M366)

"In August, 1848, in partnership with William H. Gilmore, he [John H. Goodale] bought of Chandler E. Potter the Manchester Democrat, at that time the organ of the Democratic party in the city." [more on political activities in 1850] (M367)

"The paper [Democrat] appeared August 2, 1849, published by John H. Goodale and William H. Gilmore. Mr. Gilmore retired January, 1851, and in 1857 he bought the Daily American and the American and Messenger, and became publisher of the united papers under the name of Democrat and American." (M364)

"In January, 1851, Mr. Goodale purchased the interest [in the Democrat] of his partner, Mr. Gilmore, and became sole proprietor." (M367)

"Union Democrat was commenced on the 31st of January, 1851, by William H. Gilmore & Co., of Manchester, Mr. Gilmore being the general manager, and the proprietors being an association of gentlemen in favor of the union and constitution of the states. (M435)

The New Hampshire Journal of Agriculture "originated from the Granite Farmer and Visitor. It was commenced Dec. 11, 1858, by William H. Gilmore and Warren Martin....It was published at rooms over Perry's drug store, in the Merchants' Exchange building....In 1861 this paper passed into the hands of Francis B. Eaton..." (M398)

1859 with Warren Martin purchased the Granite Farmer office and renamed the paper the New Hampshire Journal of Agriculture (M347)

"On April 21, 1877, the Dispatch was conducted by M.S. Hunt, Frank H. Challis, and Will E. Gilmore. September 8, 1877, Mr. Hunt is again sole proprietor..." (M431)

Died Mar 2. 1878 in Henniker, N.H. (M323)

from serials database:

1847-8 Northern Advocate Gilmore and Chase

1849-1851 Democrat Goodale & Gilmore

1851-1852 Union Democrat (w), William H. Gilmore and Co.

1852-1855 Union Democrat, (w) Campbell & Gilmore

1852 Daily Union (d) Campbell and Gilmore

1877 Saturday Night Dispatch, Hunt, Challis, Gilmore

Manchester directories:

0 1844

0 1846 Messenger published by Davis and Davis

1848 G. & Chase, publisher Saturday Messenger, b. J Ferren's

Saturday Messenger Published every Saturday, at Barnes & Putney's Building, by Gilmore & Chase, editors and Proprietors.

1850 Goodale & Gilmore Printers, b. Joseph Ferren's

Manchester Democrat, Published at No. 2, Union Building, by Goodale & Gilmore, Publishers and Proprietors

1852 (Campbell & G.), boards Forest House

Union Democrat 3 Pattens' B[uilding]

- (also ad)
- 1854 (Campbell & G.) house Walnut near Lowell
Union Democrat, Campbell & Gilmore, Editors and Proprietors, 3 Pattens'
Building, Elm St.
(also ad)
- 1856 printer, Pattens' block, h. Beach, n. Amherst
(ad for Campbell alone resembles Gilmore and Campbell ad in 1854)
none of the newspapers listed on p. 50 lists Gilmore
- 1858 Gilmore & Martin (Warren), steam printers, Elliott Building, house 3
Birch, near Lowell
printers: Gilmore & Martin, Eliott building, Manchester
G. not included in list of newspapers
- 1860 Gilmore & Martin (Warren), printers and publishers "Journal of
Agriculture," Elliott building, house 13 Birch, near Lowell
(ad p. 60 for NHJA)
- 1864 not listed in directory or in index to ads
- 1866 " "
- 1869 " "
- 1871 " " [p.224 S.C. Forsaith is listed as a manufacturer of patent newspaper
folding machines. cf. ad p. 334
- 1873 not listed
- 1875 William **E.** Gilmore, printer, boards 41 Stark corporation (no ad)