AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY
MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

***NAME OF COLLECTION*:**

Brown Family, Papers, 1762-1965

***LOCATION(S)*:**

Mss. boxes "B"
Mss. octavo vols. "B"
Mss. oversize boxes "B"

***SIZE OF COLLECTION*:**

1 manuscript box, 2 octavo volumes, 1 oversize folder

***SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION*:**

See accompanying sheet(s) for additional information.

***SOURCE OF COLLECTION*:**

Gift of Martha Brown, 1974. Frederick Douglass letter gift of John Goldsberry, Jr., Dorista Goldsberry, and family, 2019.

***COLLECTION DESCRIPTION*:**

John Moore (1751-1836) was born a free Black man in New York City. As a young man he moved to Boston, Massachusetts, and fought in the Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1776. About 1781, after being granted a seaman's certificate, he sailed from Boston to Nova Scotia and then to Spain. Due to ill health, he retired from seafaring in 1784 and owned a store near Boston Harbor. In 1791, he married Alice Miles (1769-), of Watertown, Mass. In 1831 Moore became a guardian of Frederick Brown and William Brown (1824-1892), sons of Moore's sister Alice Brown (1793-1866). William Brown was an upholsterer and carpet maker in Worcester, Mass. A detailed family genealogy may be found in this collection's finding aid.

This collection contains correspondence, documents, receipts, and other material generated by members of the Moore and Brown families. The correspondence contains many letters (some written from Civil War camps) written to William. These letters are personal in nature, although there are several business letters as well. There are also several personal letters addressed to William Brown's wife, Martha A. Brown (d. 1889). The correspondence also contains many letters written to Emma B.G. Brown (1869?-1961), especially by her son, Lemuel F. Brown (1899-1932). Lemuel's letters were written while he served in France during World War I.

The documents consist of certificates, deeds, and various other papers. The majority of certificates belong to John Moore (1751-1836), most of which record services rendered by Moore. The deeds record land transactions in Worcester and mostly concern William Brown. Some of the deeds, however, concern Martha A. Brown and her son, Charles F. Brown (1853-1932), an upholsterer and drapery expert in Worcester. Other documents include power of attorney documents, a bond, inventory and appraisal documents, a building contract, mortgage documents, a lease, articles of co-partnership, patents, and

several others. There is also a will of Charles F. Brown; a military discharge of Lemuel F. Brown; a legal notice concerning Charles F. Brown; Lemuel F. Brown's driver's license; and a contract for work done on property belonging to Emma B. G. Brown. The receipts belong almost entirely to William Brown and Martha A. Brown. One botanical album kept by Martha Ann Lewey Brown is cataloged separately.

The collection also contains photographs of William Brown and Martha A. Brown, Charles F. Brown; trade cards of William Brown and Charles F. Brown; newspaper clippings regarding Lemuel F. Brown and Charles F. Brown; advertisements; a blueprint of an invention of Charles F. Brown; knitting instructions of Emma H. Brown; sketches of draperies; a draft of Lemuel F. Brown's World War I experience in France; a program of centennial exercises; a church calendar; a Pocket Testament membership card; an electrostatic copy of a newspaper article re: The Ladies Benevolent Society and First Unitarian Church of Worcester; and a few manuscript fragments. Also included in the collection are a small French picture book on draperies; genealogical notes regarding the Tulip and Moore families; a mutilated family Bible, 1762; a letter from Frederick Douglass to William Brown, 1889. There is also a vital records page of the Brown family.

John Brown (1791-1829) m. 26 December 1813, Alice Moore (1792 -).

They had: James Freeman Brown (1815-1817)
Alice Moore Brown (1820-1829)
John Bowers Brown (1822-1829)
William Brown (1824-1892)
Frederick A. Brown (1826-1866)
Susan Pembleton Brown (1829-1831)

William Brown (1824-1892) m. 1 August 1850, Martha Ann Lewey Brown (1818 -1889)

They had: Charles Frederick Brown (1853-1932)

Frederick A. Brown (1826-1866) m. Emma H. Gardner (-)

They had: James Gardner Brown (-)
William Dalton Brown (1857-1893)

Charles Frederick Brown (1853-1932) m. 13 Octobter 1896, Emma B. Griffin (1889-1961)

They had: Martha Janet Brown (1897-)
Lemuel Frederick Brown (1899-1932)
Bernice C. Brown (1900-)

Bernice C. Brown (1900-) m. 5 August 1927, Dr. John J. Goldsberry (-)

They had: Patricia A. Goldsberry (1929-1972)
John J. Goldsberry, Jr. (1930-)

Patricia A. Goldsberry (1929-1972) m. 27 May 1951, Bertram B. Walker (-)

They had: Braithe A. Walker (1955-)

John J. Goldsberry, Jr. (1930-) m. 8 June 1857, Dr. Dorista Jones (-)

They had: John Coakey Goldsberry (1959-)
Yvonne P. Goldsberry (1961-)
James E. Goldsberry (1964-)
Carol Bernice Goldsberry (1965-)

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Oversize Folder			
	1		William Brown patents and family genealogy