

American Antiquarian Society

Manuscript Collections

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Name of collection:

Hudson, Charles, Political Biographies, 1864-1880

Location:

Octavo volumes "H"  
Misc. mss. boxes "H"

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Size of collection:

6 octavo volumes; 1 folder (4 items)

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Sources of information on collection:

See the *Dictionary of American Biography*, vol. IX, p. 336-337.

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Source of collection:

Gifts of Charles Hudson, 1864-1880

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Collection description:

Charles Hudson (1795-1881) was born in Marlborough, Mass., and died in Lexington, Mass. He was ordained in 1821, and served as pastor of the First Universalist Church in Westminster, Mass., from 1824 to 1842. He later broke this affiliation and helped found the Massachusetts Society of Universal Restorationists. While still an active minister, Hudson held many political offices: Massachusetts House of Representatives, 1828-1833; Massachusetts Senate, 1833-1839; Whig member of Congress, 1841-1849; naval officer of the port of Boston, 1849-1853; and others. His publications include: History of the Town of Lexington ... (Boston, 1868); History of the Town of Westminster ... (Mendon, Mass., 1832); Life and Character of Major Pitcairn ([Boston, 1880]); and many others.

These political biographies, written between 1864 and 1880, include the following unpublished, bound manuscripts: "The Character of the Late Hon. John Davis of Worcester, Mass.," 1864; "Levi Lincoln: Life, Services and Character," 1870; "Character of George Nixon Briggs of Pittsfield, Mass.," 1873; "The Character of Governor Emory Washburn," 1878; "The Life and Character of Edward Everett and Marcus Morton ... Contrasted," 1880; "The American Trio: Or the Relative Character of Clay, Webster and Calhoun," 1880. At the beginning of each volume is a letter from Hudson to Samuel Foster Haven (1806-1881) briefly describing the manuscript and offering it as a gift to the AAS.

This collection also includes a folder of miscellaneous correspondence, from 1844 to 1877, including two Hudson letters concerning the annexation of Texas.

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