

**American Antiquarian Society
Manuscript Collections**

NAME OF COLLECTION:

Dodd, Mead and Company, Papers, 1836-1939

LOCATION(S):

Mss. boxes "D"

SIZE OF COLLECTION:

two boxes

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON COLLECTION:

For a history of the company, see: John Tebbel, *A History of Book Publishing in the United States*, New York: Bowker, 1972-1978, vol. 1, pp. 312-315; Edward H. Dodd, Jr., *The First One Hundred Years: a History of the House of Dodd, Mead, 1839-1939*, New York: Dodd, Mead, 1939; and Gregory Ames, "Dodd Mead and Company," *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, vol. 49, Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1986, pp. 126-130.

SOURCE OF COLLECTION:

Purchased from Serendipity Books, 1990, and from Justin G. Schiller, Ltd., 1990.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION:

Moses Woodruff Dodd (1813-1899), the son of Ira and Anna Harrison Dodd, was born on 11 November 1813 in Bloomfield, N.J., and died in New York City on 8 April 1899. Dodd graduated from Princeton in 1837 and afterwards studied in preparation for the Presbyterian ministry, but poor eyesight caused him to quit. Dodd married, on 20 May 1841, Rachel Hoe (1817-1897), the daughter of Robert and Rachel (Smith) Hoe. Moses and Rachel had six children, including Frank Howard Dodd (1844-1916).

Edward Spencer Mead (1847-1894), the son of Enoch Milan and Elizabeth (Hoe) (Mudge) Mead, was born on 10 January 1847 in Brooklyn, N.Y., and died in Southampton, Long Island, N.Y., on 10 January 1894. His parents died when he was an infant and he was raised in the family of his uncle Robert Roe. Mead graduated from Yale (A.B., 1868; A.M., 1871) and was known as an author, as well as a publisher.

In 1839, Moses W. Dodd bought an interest in the publishing house of John S. Taylor. When it became clear, in 1840, that the company was in financial difficulty, Dodd started his own bookselling and publishing business. Many of the books Dodd published reflected his own interests in religious and moral subjects. In 1859, Frank H. Dodd joined the company and became increasingly involved in its operation. When Moses retired on 1 January 1870, Frank

went into partnership with his cousin, Edward S. Mead. The company published an increasing variety of material including children's books and fiction, and had particular commercial success with works by Martha Finley (1828-1909) and Edward Payson Roe (1838-1888).

The collection consists chiefly of copyright certificates, contracts, and memoranda of agreement, although it also includes a small amount of business correspondence. Most of the material is from the period between 1839 and 1900.

The collection is arranged alphabetically by author or company.

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