### Name of collection:
Sanborn, Franklin Benjamin, Papers, 1847-1915

### Location:
Mss. Boxes "S"

### Size of collection:
2 mss. boxes

### N.U.C.M.C. number:
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### Finding aids:
For biography of Sanborn, see *DAH*, vol. 16, pp. 326-27

### Source of collection:
Source unknown

### Collection Description:
Franklin Benjamin Sanborn (1831-1917), author, journalist, and philanthropist, graduated from Harvard in 1855 and opened a school in Concord, Massachusetts. An active abolitionist, Sanborn was secretary of the Massachusetts Free Soil Association and a supporter of John Brown (1800-1859). He was also an editor of *Boston Commonwealth* and the *Springfield Republican*, the first secretary of the State Board of Charities, founder of many philanthropic societies, and biographer of Concord's leading literary figures.

This collection contains mostly typescript originals and copies of Franklin Benjamin Sanborn's correspondence, writings, and miscellaneous papers, 1847-1915. Included are two registers of Sanborn's school in Concord, 1859-1860, and a register for the Concord School of Philosophy, 1879-1882. The manuscript box consists of correspondence with his wife Ariana Walker Sanborn (1832-1851), and letters concerning John Brown, "Bleeding Kansas," and Kansas politics; poetry written largely by Sanborn to his wife; his addresses and lectures before various philanthropic societies, on topics like the Balkan War against Turkey in 1910; Sanborn's writings on Greece, American poetry, and various literary figures. There are also writings for his newspaper columns, and a miscellany of typescript fragments, including a copy of the journal of Samuel Gridley Howe (1801-1876) concerning his part in the Greek War for Independence in 1825.

29 April 1977
Franklin Benjamin Sanborn
Contents List
Two manuscript boxes

Manuscript Box #1

Folder 1: Receipts and Expenditures of the Concord Society for Educating the Refugees of Port Royal and elsewhere. Kept by Sanborn as treasurer, 1862-1863

Folder 2: Correspondence, 1847-1915

a. Ariana Walker Sanborn (1832-1854) letters to Sanborn re: her inner feelings; description of her death by Sanborn
b. Notes introducing John Brown (1800-1859) to abolitionists; his drafts on supporters; letters re: his personality
c. Samuel Gridley Howe (1801-1876) from Greece re: political upheavals there
d. Frederick Howard Wines (1838-1912) concerning the career of his father, prison reformer Enoch Cobb Wines (1806-1879)
e. William Elsey Connelley (1855-1930) concerning "Bleeding Kansas" era and Kansas politics in 1912

Folder 3: Poetry, 1850-1878

a. Sanborn on Summer, "Renunciation," etc.
b. Love poems written to Ariana Walker

Folder 4: Addresses and Lectures, 1882-1913

a. Sanborn on "Whittier and Longfellow as Poets of New England"
b. "Lincoln's Edict of Conciliation"
c. "Cuba in the Days of the Slave Trade"
d. "Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)" "Samuel Gridley Howe"

Folder 5: Writings I

a. Ariana Walker's friendship with Ednah Dow Littlehale Cheney (1824-1904)
b. Life of Harriet Tubman (1820?-1913)
c. Life of Enoch Cobb Wines
d. Early history of Kansas, 1854-1861
e. Copies of five Kansas documents, 1855-1866
f. Preface to "Life of Henry David Thoreau" (1817-1862)

Folder 6: Sanborn's Writings II

a. Lectures on Modern Greece and Spread of Protestantism in Macedonian Greece
b. "American Poetry"
Manuscript Box #2

Folder 1: Relating to Faneuil Hall Meeting to Support Greeks fighting the Turks, 10 November 1912
   a. Sanborn's address
   b. Letters from supporters of the meeting
   c. Draft of support message sent to heads of Balkan states fighting the Turks
   d. Letter on reasons for Albania siding with Turkey

Folder 2: Sanborn's writings for "Our Boston Literary Letter" in Springfield Republican
   a. St. Paul's Dogma
   b. Modernity of Roman History
   c. Political commentaries on the early 1900s

Folder 3: Newsclippings
   a. Faneuil Hall Meeting in Support of Balkan States
   b. "Reminiscences of 70 Years" by Sanborn

Folder 4: Miscellaneous writings—fragments
   a. Copy of Journal of Samuel Gridley Howe while in Greece during War for Independence, 1825, concerning battles, conditions of armies, etc.
   b. Passages written by Ariana Walker Sanborn

Folder 5: Registers
   a. Two registers of Sanborn's students in his Concord, Massachusetts, school, 1859-1860
   b. One register of the Concord, Massachusetts, School of Philosophy, 1879-1882