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Manuscript Collections

<p>Name of collection:</p> <p>Sanborn, Franklin Benjamin, Papers, 1847-1915</p>	<p>Location:</p> <p>Mss. Boxes "S"</p>
<p>Size of collection:</p> <p>2 mss. boxes</p>	<p>N.U.C.M.C. number:</p> <p>N.A.</p>
<p>Finding aids:</p> <p>For biography of Sanborn, see <u>DAB</u>, vol. 16, pp. 326-27</p>	
<p>Source of collection:</p> <p>Source unknown</p>	
<p>Collection Description:</p> <p>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 <u>Boston Commonwealth</u> and the <u>Springfield Republican</u>, the first secretary of the State Board of Charities, founder of many philanthropic societies, and biographer of Concord's leading literary figures.</p> <p>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 (1832-1854), 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.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">29 April 1977</p>	

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, 1862-1913
- 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