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Manuscript Collections

Name of collection: Mixer Family Papers, 1823-1878	Location: Mss. Boxes "M" Folio Volumes "M"
Size of collection: 2 mss. boxes; 1 folio volume	N.U.C.M.C. number: N.A.
Finding aids: For a biography of George Mixer see: <u>Harvard Class of 1863, Fiftieth Anniversary</u> (Cambridge, Mass.: The University Press, 1913) pp. 81-83. For information on the Mixer Family see: <u>Lucius R. Paige, History of Hardwick, Massachusetts</u> (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Company, 1883) p. 423	
Source of collection: Gift of the children of Dorothy Fay Mixer, 1977	
Collection description: <p>William Mixer (1809-1884), son of Jason Mixer (1772-1850) and Susan Cutler Mixer (1777?-1861), was born in Hardwick, Massachusetts. He attended Harvard College, but poor health caused him to withdraw before graduation. He became a merchant in his father's store in Hardwick, Massachusetts, and served in numerous town offices including treasurer, clerk, and selectman. He was a justice of the peace and served three terms as a state representative and one term as a senator. He married Mary Ruggles (-) and had five children by her.</p> <p>George Mixer (1842-1910), the first son of William and Mary Ruggles Mixer, was born in Hardwick, Massachusetts. He attended Phillips Andover Academy and was graduated from Harvard College in 1863. After working in several woolen mills he was appointed agent for the Derry Mills, Goff's Falls, Manchester, New Hampshire. In 1875 he formed a partnership with George Bullens (-) as a banker and mercantile paper distributor in Boston. This partnership was dissolved in 1878, but Mixer continued as a banker for the rest of his life. He also retained his father's farm in Hardwick where he raised a prize winning dairy herd. Mixer never married but was active in hunting and fishing clubs.</p> <p>This collection contains business and family correspondence, legal documents, legislative papers, receipted bills, estate inventories, account books, and a diary. There is family and business correspondence from William Mixer and his sons, George Mixer and Samuel Jason Mixer (1855-). There is also correspondence from various other family members and friends as well as correspondence from Harrison Spooner (1840-), a friend of the family. There are land deeds, estate records, and receipted bills. The collection includes William Mixer's legislative notes and diary for 1867, an inventory of Jason Mixer's store in Hardwick, a subscription, 1851, for the Ware River Railroad Company, and two account books, 1834-1836, of William Mixer's paper mills in Hardwick, Massachusetts.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5 April 1978</p> <p>See Contents List.</p>	

MIXTER FAMILY PAPERS

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Manuscript Box #1 Correspondence 1840-1878

- Folder 1 Correspondence, 1864-1874, from William Mixter (1809-1884) to his sons George Mixter (1842-1910) and Samuel Jason Mixter (1855-)
- Folder 2 Correspondence, 1861-1874, from George Mixter to his brother, Samuel Jason Mixter, especially about hunting
- Folder 3 Correspondence, 1863-1874, from Samuel Jason Mixter to George Mixter and from Fannie Louisa Mixter (1850-) to her brothers, George Mixter and Samuel Jason Mixter
- Folder 4 Correspondence, 1840-1872, from various family members mostly to George Mixter and Samuel Jason Mixter
- Folder 5 Correspondence, 1870-1873, from Harrison Spooner (1840-) to his friends, George Mixter and Samuel Jason Mixter, about hunting, fishing, and the woolen industry
- Folder 6 Correspondence, 1874-1878, from Harrison Spooner to George Mixter and Samuel Jason Mixter
- Folder 7 Correspondence, 1871-1874, from various friends and acquaintances to George Mixter and Samuel Jason Mixter concerning hunting, fishing, and personal activities
- Folder 8 Business Correspondence, 1870 and undated, to George Mixter concerning the woolen industry as well as applications to him for jobs at Derry Mills, Goff's Falls, Manchester, New Hampshire
- Folder 9 Business Correspondence, 1871-1874, to George Mixter concerning the woolen industry and applications for jobs

Manuscript Box #2 Business and Legal Papers 1823-1874

- Folder 1 Business papers, 1851-1873, of William Mixter including a subscription for shares in the Ware River Railroad Company, 1851, and correspondence, 1855-1873, to William Mixter concerning money owned him
- Folder 2 Legislative papers, 1854-1868, of William Mixter including notes and printed reports on legislation
- Folder 3 Legal papers, 1828-1871, including land deeds and estate records
- Folder 4 Receipted bills, 1844-1874, invitations, instructions for processing wool, and miscellaneous documents of the Mixter Family
- Volume 1 Inventory, 1823, of Jason Mixter's (1772-1850) store in Hardwick
- Volume 2 Account book, 1834-1836, of William Mixter's paper mill in Hardwick. Lists goods purchased and sold and includes 1 loose item
- Vols. 3&4 Inventories, c.1858-c.1867, of the estates of Gardner Ruggles (-), Daniel Ruggles (-), and others
- Vols. 5&6 William Mixter's legislative notes, 1857 and 1868, on "Mercantile Affairs and Insurance" and "Railways and Canals"
- Volume 7 Diary, 1867, of William Mixter in Hardwick and Boston, Massachusetts. Includes weather observations and accounts of goods purchased and sold; also several loose items

Audio Volume #1 Account Book, 1834-1836, of William Mixter's Paper Mill, 67 pages of entries Lists daily transactions and includes three loose items