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Box 1

1. Valentine with locket of hair from Miss Lucretia J. Prentice to Miss Lucinda Johnson. Ca. 1825?
   17 x 20 cm.
   a. Has note from C.S. Brigham, 1946 “Lucinda John born 1809 m. Omer Tousey, 1825, lived in Kentucky. Lucretia Prentice was her cousin.” (Information from Mrs. Charles Albert Read, born Lucy Tousey Burkham, of Salem, Mass.)

2. Valentine on embossed paper with drawing of two men trying to court a woman. Includes four stanzas of verse. Ca. 1830s. 25 x 20 cm. BIB 520872.
   a. The gift of George Fox, 2015.
   b. Addressed to “Henry and Wm. Delafield (brothers) written by Mrs. Dr. Delafield.” The Delafields were from New York City.

3. Folded valentine. Similar to a puzzle purse. Folded as a “salt cellar, cootie catcher, fortune teller.” Folded to 7 x 7 cm.

4. Valentine with poem. 1839. 21 x 13 cm.
   a. Addressed to “Miss Fanny, Miss Elizabeth and Miss Malvina, a valentine.” Signed “R.W. February 14th, 1839.”
   b. Found in the Cheever manuscript collection, 1953.

5. Engraved, colored valentine with Cupid on cover, with cherubs and children in the border. With handwritten poem. 1840. Folded to 23 x 19 cm.
   a. Addressed to “Miss Elizabeth Wetrueva(?) McDougal, corner of Eighth Street, New York City” and dated “N. York Feb. 14th 1840.”

6. Engraved valentine with pasted cut-outs of comic figures. Includes one stanza of verse. 1841. Folded to 20 x 13 cm.

7. Handwritten poem with original envelope. 1844. Poem 18 x 24 cm. Envelope 5 x 13 cm.
   a. Poem dated “St. Valentine’s day 1844” and signed “Washington College 76(?)”
   b. Envelope postmarked “Hartford C. Feb. 12” and addressed to Miss Frances T. Crocker, Taunton, Mass.” Frances (1829-1874) was the great-granddaughter of AAS founder Isaiah Thomas and married William Russell Paine of Worcester in 1855.
8. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. 1845. 20 x 25 cm.
   a. To “Olivia” from “Colin” and dated “Feb. 14th, 45.”
   b. Addressed to “Miss Olivia P. Eastman, Lowell.” Olivia Persis Eastman was born in 1821 and died 1874. Married Elisha Stone.

9. Handwritten valentine poem on silver and blue bordered paper. 1847. 20 x 26 cm.
   b. Dated “St. Valentine’s Day 1847.”

10. Handwritten valentine poem on floral bordered paper. 1847. Folded to 20 x 13 cm.
    a. Dated “St. Valentine’s Day 1847.”

11. Handwritten valentine poem on silver and blue floral-bordered paper. 1847. 20 x 26 cm.
    b. Dated “St. Valentine’s Day 1847.”

    a. Addressed to Miss Frances T. Crocker, present.
    b. Has label “Chacun a son gout.”


14. Handwritten valentine poem on embossed paper. 1848. 14 x 19 cm.

15. Handwritten valentine with drawing of shaking hands, on embossed paper. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
    a. Dated “New Orleans Feby. 1848.”

16. Handwritten valentine poem on embossed paper. 1848. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
    a. Dated “Feb. 14th 1848.”

17. Handwritten valentine poem on embossed paper pasted to pink paper. 1849. 19 x 15 cm.
    a. Signed “Adieu. 1849.”

18. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with watercolor flowers. 1849. With original embossed envelope. 1849. Folded to 15 x 10 cm. Envelope 10 x 16 cm.
    a. Dated “New Market Feb. 19th 1849.”
    b. Envelope addressed to “Miss Fannie S. Stevens, Greenfield, Masstts.”

19. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. 185? Folded to 18 x 12 cm.

20. Handwritten valentine on paper with watercolor nosegay. Mounted on red board. 1850. 19 x 13 cm.
    b. Signed “Lucy Feb. 14th 1850.”
21. Handmade valentine with handwritten verse on embossed paper. Has floral and verse stickers pasted on. 1850. 21 x 32 cm.

22. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with paper and painted flowers. With a metal case with mirror inside pasted to paper. 1851. Folded to 19 x 12 cm.
   a. Dated “Lisbon, February 14th, 1851.”

23. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. With original envelope. 1852. 14 x 18 cm. Envelope 6 x 10 cm.
   a. Dated “Feb. 14th 1852.”

24. Handwritten valentine on paper with silver embossed design. Includes original embossed envelope in green and silver. 1852. 14 x 19 cm. Envelope 7 x 10 cm.
   a. Mss. Note “Valentine received by Amanda M. Bennett Cosgrove 1852. Gift from her daughter in law Harriet S. Cosgrove, 1959.”
   b. Signed “Clarence.”

25. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper, with small, knit mitten holding a ribbon. 1853. Folded to 14 x 10 cm.
   a. Addressed to “Patience Augustine, Sanbornton Bridge, Feb. 12th, 1853.”

26. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with pink tissue paper and envelope. 1853. Folded to 12 x 18 cm. Envelope 13 x 19 cm.
   a. Signed “Jemima Sprigs Feby. 14th, 1853.” Possibly a pseudonym? Jemima Sprigs was a character in a story that appeared in Punch magazine in the 1840s.

27. Handwritten, homemade valentine on embossed paper with stickers. 1854. 15 x 20 cm.

28. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with gold stickers. 1854. 18 x 24 cm.

29. Handwritten valentine with watercolor flowers. 1855. 13 x 21 cm.

30. Engraved, handwritten valentine with hand-coloring. 1855. 12 x 15 cm.
   a. Addressed to “Miss Phebe Jane Burns” and dated “A valentine for Feb. the 14th 1855.”
   b. Engraved image of a girl wearing a crown of flowers, with a bird perched on her shoulder. Below is poem “The wreath.”

31. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with colored sticker decoration. 1863. 18 x 12 cm.
   b. Sticker features two birds on branches with a nest holding two eggs between them.
32. Handmade valentine on decorative paper. A rebus. 1866. 19 x 14 cm.
   b. Dated “Feb. 22nd 1866.”
   c. Rebus partially reads “If you love me as I love thee no knife [?] cut time [?]”

Box 2

1. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with flower sticker detail. Ca. 1855? Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
   a. Addressed to “Sue, Sue little Sue.” Written in mss. note “To Susan Lombard c. 1855.”

2. Handwritten valentine on lined paper with silver sticker. ND. 16 x 10 cm.
   a. Signed “Harry.”

3. Handwritten valentine with two pieces of hairwork. ND 7x7 cm.
   a. Signed “M.B. Hodges.” On verso are initials “M.W.C.”

4. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with paper decorations. ND. 15 x 8 cm.
   a. Decorations include flowers, a bird, and two hearts aflame.

5. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with original envelope. ND. Folded to 10 x 10 cm. Envelope 6 x 10 cm.

6. Handwritten valentine on heart-shaped paper, with ornamental hairwork. ND. 15 x 8 cm.
   a. Signed “Clarissa.”

7. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper, with a locket of hair. ND. 14 x 9 cm.
   a. Addressed to “Mary Ann [Blood]” and signed “From Nannie [or Fannie]”

8. Handwritten valentine on yellow paper with heart cut-out, and ornamental hairwork. After 1834. 17 x 11 cm.
   a. Inscribed “For Miss Martha W. Chapin. Elizabeth R. Comstock.” Martha W. Comstock Chapin (b. 1811, m. Moses S. Chapin, 1834) was the sister of Elizabeth Rowe Comstock (1815-1875), both originally of Smithfield, R.I.

9. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. ND. Folded to 10 x 14 cm.
   a. Inscribed only “Constancy and truth.”

10. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with sticker decoration. ND. 15 x 19 cm.

11. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with printed green detail and a sticker with a cupid. ND. Folded to 14 x 11 cm.

12. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with painted flowers. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
13. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with painted flowers on silk and silver wreath stickers. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
   b. Signed “S.T.”

14. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with silver and paper sticker decorations. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
   a. Signed “Roberta.”

15. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with sticker decorations. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
   a. Written in mss. note on back: No. 32 in Emerson Coll.

16. Handwritten valentine on hand-colored embossed paper with mirror in center. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.

17. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with gold detail and sticker decoration. With original envelope. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm. Envelope 13 x 20 cm.
   a. Signed “Adison Gilmore.”
   b. Envelope postmarked “Paid” and addressed to “Miss Mary Lord, Salisbury, Mass.”

18. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with oval border. ND. 18 x 11 cm.

19. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with sticker decoration, and original embossed envelope. After 1853. Folded to 18 x 12 cm. Envelope 13 x 20 cm.
   a. Envelope stamped: Mansell.

20. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with blue watercolor and silver sticker decoration. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.

21. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with silver and gold sticker decoration and watercolor flowers. Includes original printed envelope. ND. Folded to 20 x 13 cm. Envelope 14 x 21 cm.

22. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with printed design and gold sticker decoration. Includes embossed envelope. ND. 19 x 12 cm. Envelope 13 x 20 cm.

23. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with gold and floral sticker decoration. With embossed envelope. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm. Envelope 13 x 20 cm.
24. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. With printed envelope. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm. Envelope 13 x 21 cm.
   a. Paper embossed “Meek.” Verse written in ink, inscription in pencil “Susan Austin.”
   b. Envelope addressed to “Lafiette Henry, 124 North Forth St. Williamsburg, Long, I.”

25. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with ink and paper decoration. ND. Folded to 14 x 10 cm.
   b. Signed “To my dear Angeline” from “Rollo Willis.”

26. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with watercolor and sticker decoration. ND. Folded to 19 x 13 cm.

27. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with thread, silk and mother-of-pearl decoration. N.D. 17 x 11 cm.
   b. Writing in French, and signed “Arthur.”

28. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with mirror and paper and painted flowers. With embossed envelope. ND. Folded to 19 x 12 cm. Envelope 13 x 20 cm.
   a. Envelope has 3 cent stamp of George Washington, in green. Addressed to “Miss Emma B. Bartlett Nashua, N.H. Care of Horris C. Bartlett.” Emma Bell Peaslee Bartlett Fairbanks (1860-1901) was the adopted daughter of Horace C. Bartlett and Mary Jane Peaslee Bartlett of Nashua, N.H.

29. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
   b. Paper embossed “Kershaw.”

30. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. With embossed envelope. ND. 16 x 21 cm. Envelope 8 x 12 cm.
   a. Signed “Billy Whitefoot.”
   b. Envelope addressed to “Miss Mary Ann Blood.”

31. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper, with heart cut-out. ND. Folded to 14 x 10 cm.

32. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. ND. 16 x 11 cm.
   a. Verse written in ink. In pencil: “To Clara Vaughan” and “Please return this to me.”

33. Handwritten card on embossed paper. ND. Folded to 16 x 11 cm.
   a. Possibly wedding vows. In verse.

34. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with silk and paper flowers. ND. 16 x 21 cm.

35. Handwritten valentine with printed design in blue and silver. ND. 16 x 21 cm.
36. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with gold paint, and metal and ribbon floral decorations. Includes embossed envelope. ND. Folded to 14 x 9 cm. Envelope 11 x 16 cm.
   a. Valentine signed “M.K.M.” and written below in pencil “Genevieve Garvey.”
   b. Envelope addressed to “Mr. John P. Alexander, Amherst, N.H.” [Possibly John P. Alexander, 1840-1863, who died in the Civil War at Mattoon, IL]

37. Handwritten valentine on embossed, printed paper. ND. Folded to 16 x 11 cm.
   a. Has hand-colored printed image of a couple kissing with a stanza of verse.
   b. Signed “Jack Sprybug, Kentucky.”

38. Handwritten valentine on printed paper. ND. Folded to 16 x 11 cm.
   a. Signed “To Willie” from “Esilu.”
   b. Printed in blue and gold, with hand-colored birds.
   c. Note in pencil on verso to “Dorcas” from “Anna Chase” and mentions Dorcas’ brother “Obadiah.” Dorcas was Barcas Hadwen Lee and Obadiah Hadwen of Worcester. (Information from Rosamond L. Stone, 1940.)

Box 3

1. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. Includes printed envelope. ND. Folded to 18 x 12 cm. Envelope 14 x 21 cm.
   a. Valentine written to “Lydia.” Decorated with paper stickers and ribbon.
   b. Envelope addressed to Miss Lydia Haskell, Troy, N.H. [Likely Lydia Haskell Marshall Congdon, 1832-1911]

2. Handwritten valentine on yellow paper with cutouts. ND. 22 x 23 cm.
   a. Cut outs in the shapes of figures and hearts. Eight numbered hearts, each with a stanza written on it.

3. Blank valentine on embossed paper with image of a rose. ND. 18 x 23 cm.
   a. Has mss. note “Emerson Coll. No. 20 about 1880. Gift of Miss Edna Collamore.”

4. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with silk, and paper flowers. 1870s? Folded to 18 x 12 cm.

5. Valentine on embossed paper with gold heart and book decoration. ND. Folded to 15 x 10 cm.
   a. Blank inside with locket of hair tied with blue ribbon.

6. Valentine on embossed paper. ND. Folded to 14 x 12 cm.
   a. Embossing design in heart shape. Has text printed and hand written “You wanted a sweet valentine.”

7. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with stenciled flower design. ND. 20 x 32 cm.

8. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with stenciled flower design and stickers. Ca. 1863? Folded to 18 x 12 cm.
   a. Has curled locket of hair pasted to front.
b. Has typed note on verso “Civil War tome 1863? Mrs. Harriet Nutting Boise... the little curl went all through the war with a Union soldier. No name of sender of the valentine. No. 15.”

9. Handwritten valentine on lined paper, with hairwork decoration. ND. Folded to 25 x 20 cm.

10. Handwritten valentine with pencil portrait of a woman sitting at a table. ND. 25 x 16 cm.

11. Handwritten puzzle-purse valentine with verse on each folded section. ND. 20 x 20 cm.
   a. Was once folded into an origami shape.

12. Handwritten valentine with text written in geometric design. ND. 31 x 20 cm.
   a. Signed by “Jahaziah Shaw.”
   b. Removed from the Shaw-Webb papers.

13. Handwritten puzzle-purse valentine with text written on each folded section. ND. 25 x 25 cm.
   a. Signed multiple times “H.K. Shaw.”
   b. Addressed to “Alexnd. Spalding Salisbury.”
   c. Removed from the “Cheever-Wheeler Papers.”

14. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with printed design and sticker. ND. Folded to 26 x 21 cm.
   a. Signed “MSB”

15. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with stenciled flowers and floral stickers. ND. Folded to 21 x 17 cm.
   a. Letter on separate paper with embossed stamp “Bath.” Addressed “To Mary.”

16. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with floral stickers. ND. Folded to 25 x 20 cm.
   a. Paper embossed “Mansell.”

17. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with floral and decorative stickers. Folded to 26 x 20 cm.
   a. Paper embossed “Mansell.”
   b. In pencil on verso: “Mary Robinson 1883.”

18. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with gold harp design. ND. Folded to 26 x 21 cm.

19. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with floral stickers. ND. Folded to 26 x 21 cm.
   a. Paper embossed “Mansell.”

20. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with floral and dove stickers. ND. Folded to 25 x 20 cm.
21. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with stenciled flowers and sticker decorations. Envelope pasted to card. Has calling card and separate embossed paper. ND. Items 26 x 21 cm or smaller.
   a. Small piece of embossed paper stamped “Mansell.”
   b. Calling card of “Henry B. Cunningham[?]”

22. Handwritten printed valentine on embossed paper, hand colored. ND. Folded to 24 x 19 cm.
   a. Front has ivy design with verse about seasons. Engraved by “Rock & Co. London.”
   b. Pencil text inside addressed “Dear mother” from “affectionate son Frank.”

23. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with stenciled flower. With hand coloring. ND. Folded to 25 x 20 cm.

24. Handmade valentine in the shape of a harp, with floral designs and doves. ND. 25 x 17 cm.
   a. Signed “M.F. Andrews, Millbury.”
   b. Likely “Mary F. Andrews, died in Millbury Feb. 20, 1896 aged 81 years.”—on verso.

25. Handmade valentine in the shape of a harp, with floral designs and doves. With ribbon. ND. 25 x 17 cm.

26. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper with printed floral design. ND. Folded to 22 x 14 cm.

27. Handwritten valentine on embossed paper. Has printed envelope pasted on a separate piece of embossed paper. ND. 14 x 18 cm. Envelope 12 x 19 cm.

28. Handmade handwritten valentine on green paper with embossed paper details. 20th century. 14 x 28 cm.
   a. Signed “From Dorothy Dickinson.”
   b. Paper embossed “Roylace.”

29. Handmade handwritten valentine on heart-shaped paper with sticker decorations. ND. 24 x 12 cm.
   a. “To M.W.T. from Gertrude M.”

30. Handmade valentine with sticker decorations. ND. 14 x 19 cm.

Box 4

1. Handmade valentine on lined paper with sticker decorations. 1889?. Folded to 9 x 12 cm.
   a. Signed “Auntie.”
   b. Has typed note “Homemade valentine, from family of Helen Hamill, fern pattern, well done. About 1889.”

2. Three handmade valentines mounted on red cardboard, all by Ralph Bartlett. ND. Measure 14 x 14 cm., 11 x 8 cm., and 9 x 6 cm.
   a. Largest valentine is made with lined paper, embossed paper and a floral sticker. Has verse on lined paper on back, and signed “Ralph Bartlett.”
b. Second valentine on lined paper with gold painted flower decoration. Has verse written inside.
c. Third valentine is on cut paper with blue and yellow dots and a dove holding an envelope. Signed on back “Ralph Bartlett.”

3. Two handmade valentines. ND. 9 x 9 cm. and 12 x 9 cm.
   a. Heart shaped valentine with sticker decorations.
   b. Printed valentine with sticker decorations and scene of a girl handing a card to a boy. Signed “Belle.”

4. Two printed valentines. ND. 17 x 14 cm. and 17 x 13 cm.
   a. Hand-cut iris card in pink and green.

5. Two handmade valentines with sticker decorations. 13 x 11 cm. and 15 x 12 cm.
   a. Valentine with floral and fan stickers on cut envelope. Signed on back “Miss Chapin” and “Grace Hastings.”
   b. Valentine with floral stickers and image of a girl dancing which opens to a Cupid sticker.

6. Two handmade valentines with sticker decorations. 18 x 13 cm. and 18 x 12 cm.
   a. Valentine on embossed paper with three sticker decorations.
   b. Valentine on pink paper with four sticker decorations and a heart cut-out. Also embossed stamp “London superfine.”

7. Two partially handmade valentines. 16 x 16 cm., and 13 x 10 cm.
   b. Valentine on blue printed paper, decorated with paperlace, a sticker and crayon coloring.

8. Three handmade valentines. 9 x 7 cm., 11 x 7 cm. and 11 x 7 cm.
   a. Small folded valentine on embossed paper with sticker of a woman in gold. Paper stamped “MEEK”
   b. Small folded valentine with floral and butterfly stickers. Signed “Jamie [or Jennie] Belle Bartlett from…”

9. Two handmade valentines with sticker and embossed paperlace decorations. 10 x 9 cm. and 14 x 11 cm.
   a. Embossed gold paper and landscape sticker on tan paper.

10. Two handmade valentine cards. 11 x 10 cm. and 14 x 10 cm.
    a. Embossed paper and flower basket sticker on cardstock.
    b. Hand-cut card with embossed paper, floral stickers and sticker of a woman. Signed “Laura 1884” and “Hanna[?] 1885”
11. Two handmade valentines with sticker decorations. 14 x 10 cm. and 13 x 10 cm.
   a. Card on embossed paper with hand-drawn girl and sticker decorations.
   b. Card on lined paper with sticker details. Signed “Aunt Marie from Lillie.”

12. Two handmade valentine cards on embossed paper. 14 x 10 cm. and 13 x 8 cm.
   b. Card with sticker details. Signed “Miss Root.”

13. Two handmade valentine cards with sticker decorations. 15 x 10 cm. and 14 x 10 cm.
   a. Hand-cut card with floral stickers. Signed “Stella Chapin present.”
   b. Card with paperlace and stickers of children.

14. Two handmade cards, each with the same sticker of a girl. 13 x 10 cm. and 13 x 8 cm.
   a. Card on lined paper with gold border and sticker of girl wearing a hat. Signed “Jamie [or Jennie] Belle Barrett” and “Bertha Gleason 1888.”
   b. Card on lined paper with sticker of a girl wearing a hat. Piece of paper is wrapped around as if a shawl on the girl.

15. Handmade valentine cards. 11 x 7 cm. and 16 x 16 cm.
   a. Handmade card with floral sticker signed “Ralph.” Likely Ralph Bartlett.
   b. Heart shaped valentine with watercolor flowers and sticker of cupids. Signed “Mrs. Savitelle” and “Mamma—from Florence Feb. 1902.”

16. Two valentine cards mounted on red board. 11 x 8 cm. and 14 x 11 cm.
   a. Card on yellow paper with stickers.

17. Two valentine cards on red board. 13 x 11 cm. and 15 x 11 cm.
   a. Card on lined paper with gold sticker details.
   b. Card on lined paper with floral sticker details.

18. Two valentine cards on red board. 13 x 10 cm. and 20 x 14 cm.
   a. Card on lined paper with lizard, flower and bird stickers. Signed on back “Belle Bartlett.”
   b. Printed cut outs of a cupid holding a sign and a woman greeting a man.

19. Two valentine cards on red board. 15 x 11 cm. and 12 x 9 cm.
   a. Valentine with paperlace and floral stickers. With floral cut out on other side.
   b. Valentine on lined paper with sticker of a man holding a shield with a camel on it. Has label on back: Homemade. Knight in armor, about 1888. From family of Helen Hamill. No. 44.

20. Valentine card on paper. Folded to 13 x 10 cm.
   a. Has five stickers. Three are caricatures, one is of a squirrel and the other shows a mother hitting a naughty boy with a wooden stick. Inside is written in ink: “For my valentine.”