

John W. Higgins, 1935-1961.....	\$6,538
Milton P. Higgins, 1957-1964.....	4,200
Samuel V. Hoffman, 1921-1924.....	2,000
Esther Forbes Hoskins, 1942-1964.....	11,589
Parkman D. Howe, 1958-1963.....	900
James M. Hunnewell, 1938-1954.....	2,418
Archer M. Huntington, 1935-1953.....	3,675
James Hazen Hyde, 1954-1957.....	500
John Jeppson, 2nd, 1963-1964.....	1,000
Alden P. Johnson, 1959-1964.....	2,380
Matt B. Jones, 1926-1940.....	1,210
William V. Kellen, 1924-1942.....	2,595
Henry P. Kendall, 1952-1959.....	950
John T. Lee, 1946-1952.....	900
Lilly Endowment, Inc., 1946-1953.....	30,000
Daniel W. Lincoln, 1949-1963.....	1,433
Waldo Lincoln, 1910-1917.....	2,285
Herbert E. Lombard, 1918-1939.....	1,275
Augustus P. Loring, 1941-1964.....	1,825
Tracy W. McGregor, 1936-1937.....	5,000
William S. Mason, 1927-1928.....	1,000
William G. Mather, 1924-1950.....	4,700
John M. Merriam, 1923-1958.....	4,600
J. William Middendorf, 1958-1963.....	800
Stewart Mitchell, 1935-1956.....	825
Paul B. Morgan, 1927-1952.....	7,690
Samuel E. Morison, 1935-1963.....	1,925
Samuel L. Munson, 1923-1927.....	2,100
Charles L. Nichols, 1923-1927.....	2,750
Grenville H. Norcross, 1919-1935.....	4,840
Irving S. Olds, 1954-1962.....	950
Andrew Oliver, 1962-1964.....	1,400
Russell S. Paine, 1927-1958.....	2,150
J. Duncan Phillips, 1944-1954.....	725
Stephen W. Phillips, 1935-1954.....	16,770
George A. Plimpton, 1921-1929.....	2,000
Albert W. Rice, 1941-1964.....	51,315
Carleton R. Richmond, 1953-1964.....	3,900
Fred N. Robinson, 1964.....	500
George I. Rockwood, 1925-1935.....	2,000
A. S. W. Rosenbach, 1931.....	500
Arthur P. Rugg, 1923-1935.....	800
John H. Scheide, 1939-1941.....	1,085
Clifford K. Shipton, 1941-1964.....	695
Emily E. F. Skeel, 1925-1951.....	4,350
Foster Stearns, 1937-1955.....	524
George R. Stobbs, 1946-1964.....	725

Harry G. Stoddard, 1935-1964.....	\$13,800
Thomas W. Streeter, 1935-1964.....	18,240
Charles H. Taylor, 1923-1941.....	10,895
Forrest W. Taylor, 1924.....	1,000
Edward L. Tinker, 1951-1961.....	1,650
Henry R. Viets, 1947-1962.....	500
Charles G. Washburn, 1921-1927.....	2,600
d'Alté A. Welch, 1964.....	1,046
Lemuel A. Welles, 1929-1935.....	600
Leonard Wheeler, 1921-1935.....	1,100
Nathaniel Wheeler, 1960-1964.....	1,200
James Russell Wiggins, 1963.....	2,500
James B. Wilbur, 1921-1927.....	8,000
Lucile K. Wilkin, 1952-1954.....	1,355
Roger Wolcott, 1946-1963.....	525
John Woodbury, 1922-1935.....	550
Samuel B. Woodward, 1921-1941.....	1,750
George A. Zabriskie, 1940-1953.....	850

Report of the Librarian

1963-1964

THIS has been a profitable year for the collections of the Society and an exciting one for your librarian. The books and newspapers have seemingly poured into the Society. Much of the increase made this past year was due to the generosity and good will of friends, both personal and institutional, for of 3,659 titles added to our collections, gifts accounted for 2,048 of the total. In addition, a large number of newspapers were gathered in, nearly all of which were gifts. In this report I shall deal with the books in categories roughly corresponding to the way in which our collections are arranged.

IMPRINTS

This past year we accessioned 176 books, pamphlets, and broadsides printed before 1821. Of these, 55 were unrecorded or unique. Gifts from the Worcester Free Public Library and the New England Historic Genealogical Society were responsible for some of the more significant additions and will be mentioned in due course. Our 1963-1964 lot of scarce or "Not in Evans" titles included some fine books.

The earliest and only seventeenth century imprint, which we obtained this year, was *An Historical Discourse Concerning the Prevalency of Prayer* by Increase Mather (Boston: John Foster, 1677), Holmes 63-A. It was the gift of Mrs. James M. Hunnewell of Boston who presented, in addition, a considerable number of other Boston imprints, several of which we substituted for our own poorer copies. The *Historical Discourse* was published with Mather's *Relation of the Troubles which have hapned in New-England, By*

reason of the Indians there. From the year 1614. to the Year 1675, Holmes 110-A. In it, Mather proves that the "Deliverance from the Rage of the Heathen, is an eminent Answer of Prayer."

We purchased two Boston editions of Dr. Deuel Pead's *The Door of Salvation Opened. Or, a Voice from Heaven to Unregenerate Sinners*. The earlier was printed in 1734 for Alford Butler and is unrecorded in Evans. It appears to be the first American edition of this work. The second copy was that of 1741 edition, which Evans located only at the Massachusetts Historical Society.

A poem entitled *The Widowed Mourner* (Boston: 1791) from the pen of that grand eccentric, John Gardiner, was received from the Worcester Free Public Library. It is an edition other than that which has been on our shelves for many years. Our new copy is the second printing, in as much as its text follows the manuscript corrections present in our copy of the first edition. Both pamphlets consist of eight pages, with an "Advertisement" on either the first page of the first edition and on the last page of the later edition. The poem is an expression of Gardiner's grief over the death of his wife, Margaret Harries. Although greatly saddened by the event, Gardiner could not forebear an allusion to and a long footnote on some bitter litigation over the will of his father-in-law, which had taken place nearly thirty years earlier.

Evans 23999 and 24000 list the first and second American editions of John Whitehead's *Discourse delivered at the New Chapel in the City-Road, on the Ninth of March 1791, at the funeral of the late Rev. Mr. John Wesley*. With other libraries we owned a copy of the second edition, (Philadelphia: Crukshank for John Dickins, 1791). Mr. Shipton had not located the first edition when he was preparing the micro-print edition of Evans. The pamphlet consists of

two parts: Whitehead's *Discourse*; and *Some Account of the Last Sickness and Death of the Rev. John Wesley*, which has a separate title page but is paged continuously. We received from the Worcester Free Public Library the second portion of what appears to be the first edition with the imprint, "Printed by P. Hall, No. 149, Chestnut Street, and sold by John Dickins, No. 182 in Race Street near Sixth Street. MDCCXCI." The formats of the two editions are the same, but they are set in different types.

Neither Miss Tapley in her list of Salem imprints, nor Evans in his work included *Some Principles and Precepts of the Christian Religion Explained*, by James Kendall (Salem: Cushing for W. Carlton, 1793). This little catechism for children has the wrappers present, embellished with a hunting scene and with the name of Phebe Noyes of Andover inscribed thereon.

Among the pamphlets packed into four large cartons from the New England Historic Genealogical Society was *Rules and Orders of the Dorchester Library with a Catalogue of the Books, September, MDCCCI*. It was printed by Thomas and Andrews at Faust's Statue in Newbury Street in 1801. Imagine our chagrin when we learned that it had not been previously noticed by bibliographers. Of the twelve pages in the pamphlet, six are given over to the catalogue, a generous touch when one considers how important rules are to libraries. The title page is decorated with a delicate, floral wood cut.

As you are all well aware from R. W. G. Vail's *Voice of the Old Frontier*, there were an impressive number of frontier narratives published at a relatively early date. Many were fictitious and all are desirable. Among those imaginary ones is the narrative of James Dolphin who purports to have traveled to New Mexico where he was captured in January, 1791. He was then taken to Mexico City and there ransomed

by a beautiful Spanish lady whose brother happened to be an old friend of Dolphin's, as well as the Governor. This fanciful narrative has been known by a Montpelier, Vermont, edition of 1812, a copy of which is here. This year we purchased an 1802 edition, the text of which, compared to the 1812 copy, is somewhat abridged, thus indicating still another and unknown edition from which the 1802 and 1812 printings were taken. The 1802 title page reads in part: *A Narrative of the Travels of James Dolphin, who was born in Liverpool, containing His Voyages and Travels through a great part of America, being taken by the Indian Savages, and redeemed by a Spanish Lady in the City of Old Mexico* (Printed for the Purchasers, 1802).

Another rarity of 1802 purchased this year was the Lexington, Kentucky, edition of Adam Rankin's *Review of the Noted Revival in Kentucky, Commenced in the Year of our Lord, 1801*. (Lexington: John Bradford for the author, 1802). Shaw and Shoemaker locate a copy at the Historical Foundation of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches in Montreat, North Carolina. Wright Howes sold a copy so there are at least two other copies in existence. We also have the 1803 edition which is relatively common. Rankin's purpose in publishing his book was to review the doctrinal arguments used at the revival, to prevent excesses and backsliding among the converted, and to defend the revival against charges of delusion.

In December, 1801, Thomas Lewis, a graduate of the class of 1798 at Yale College, arrived at Sunbury Academy, Georgia, to take the position of principal, one of a number of northerners who went south to recoup health and serve in the educational institutions of that area. Unfortunately, Mr. Lewis died in March, 1804. Among the large number of pamphlets received from the local public library was what seems to be an unrecorded memorial oration delivered by

John Elliott, and printed in Savannah, by Seymour, Woolhopper & Stebbins.

We are constantly searching for writing books, as are many of the libraries in the country. We do turn up one from time to time. This year we obtained *Merchantile Running Hand* by Eleazer Huntington (New York: Mahlon Day, April, 1820). Ray Nash located a copy at Dartmouth. It goes nicely with three other works by Huntington here.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

We accessioned several unusual children's books this year. Among them was *Love Preferred to Fortune: or the History of Colin & Mira* (Portsmouth, N. H., 1798). It is an unrecorded title so far as we have been able to learn. We added four unrecorded editions of well-known titles: *The History of Insects* (New York: S. Wood, 1810) by the kindness of the Vermont Historical Society; *Mother Goose's Melody* (Windham, Conn., Samuel Webb, 1813); *The Little Gypsy-Girl, or Universal Fortune-Teller* by the Queen of the Gypsies, Margaret Finch (Printed for the Travelling Book-Sellers, 1814); and *Winter* (New York: S. Wood, 1815).

An Interesting Narrative of Two Pious Twin Children (Hillsborough, Ohio, Moses Caruthers, 1820) is our only example of printing from that town or printer, as well as being a unique copy of this edition. The text is a reprint of Welch 342. Caruthers was from Martinsburg, West Virginia, and established himself in Hillsborough in 1817, where he published a newspaper. He gave up the press for the plough in 1827, served in the Ohio senate, and died in 1843.

DRAMA

The number of printed plays acquired was not as great this year as last, but we did purchase two rare examples.

The earlier was *Sethona*, possibly by Alexander Dow (Philadelphia: James Humphreys for John Sparhawk, 1774). It is, of course, a reprint of an English drama.

The Yorker's Strategem; or, Banana's Wedding by J. Robinson (New York: T. & J. Swords, 1792) is an American play and copies are located only in three other libraries. The author, a comedian, played the lead who was a New Yorker masquerading as a Yankee. There was a Negro character in this play, the first such, according to Hill.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Among several New Hampshire items gathered in this year, the following, in addition to *Love Preferred to Fortune* already mentioned, were unrecorded: *Weatherwise's Genuine Almanack, for the Year of our Lord, 1792*. Keene: James D. Griffith. *Plain and Easy Catechisms for Children* by Isaac Watts (Portsmouth: N.S. & W. Pierce, 1803). *A Collection of the Most Fashionable Cotillions and Contra Dances*, by F. C. Schaffer (Portsmouth, S. Whidden, 1810), this important dance book is also at the Harris Collection; William Burkitts' *Guide and Help to Christian Families* (Concord: George Hough, 1815). *Practical Language Interpreted, in a Dialogue between a Believer and an Unbeliever*, by Eunice Smith (New Ipswich, Salmon Wilder, 1816).

VERMONT IMPRINTS

Publishing a book, especially a bibliography, invites trouble. One book of which I have intimate knowledge has been out something over a year and already the additions are piling up. In short, we have bought several pieces of Vermontiana this year. The most important lot involved the purchase of six early and very scarce state documents, all safely entered in *Vermont Imprints*, nos. 44, 83, 88, 107, 126, and 127. All exist in not more than four copies and

one is unique: *Acts and Laws, . . . October 1786*. (Bennington: Haswell & Russell, 1786).

However, there was also Isaac Watts' *Remarkable Dream Respecting Eternal Things* (Bennington: Haswell, ca. 1790), with the title page mutilated; and *The Vermont Almanack, for the Year of our Lord 1793* (Bennington and Rutland: Haswell) neither of which were in the checklist. We also picked up a few recorded rarities, such as: Lyon's *Vermont Calendar: Or, a Planetary Diary, for the year of our Lord, 1794* (Rutland: J. Lyon). *A Song, Composed on the Cause and Progress of the late American War* (Weathersfield, 1816), previously known only by an imperfect copy at the Watkinson Library. Our copy is complete in 24 pages. In a volume containing Pope's *Essay on Man* (Fairhaven: J. P. Spooner, 1797), we also found a copy of James Kelly's *Christian Hymns* (Fairhaven, 1796) which was entered in *Vermont Imprints* on the basis of an advertisement. It was a good year for Vermontiana.

CARRIERS' ADDRESSES

We purchased only three carriers' addresses this year: The New York *Weekly Museum*, 1800; *Bangor Daily Whig and Courier*, 1860; Davenport, Iowa, *Daily Gazette*, 1867. They seem to be getting more and more expensive, but perhaps you have noticed that Americana in general seems to be rising in price at a rather alarming rate.

NEWSPAPERS

The Dartmouth College Library gave us a ton or more of miscellaneous, individual, and short runs of newspapers when that institution concluded that such an accumulation when held in Hanover did no one good. As a result, we added hundreds of single issues by interfiling Dartmouth copies into our files. I must confess that we did not stop to count

them. Among longer runs we used to very good advantage files of the Newburyport *Merrimac Gazette* of 1803-1804; Baltimore *Federal Republican*, 1808-1813; Washington, D. C., *Universal Gazette*, 1811-1814; Lancaster, N. H., *Coos County Democrat*, 1848-1849, and the *Coos Republican*, 1860-1865; Chicago *Daily Democratic Press*, 1856-1857. With the Dartmouth file we were able to make our own run of the *Connecticut Courant* complete from 1783-1789, 1791-1794, and 1799-1820. The Dartmouth gift was easily the most important addition to the newspaper collection since the Harvard papers arrived two years ago. We also bought some newspapers. Among these were fifteen issues of Ranlett's Exeter, N. H., *Federal Miscellany*, 1799-1800. Of the fifteen issues in the lot, eleven were unique, and the last two, January 7, and 14, 1800, extended the known life of the newspaper by two weeks. The Norwalk, Ohio, *Experiment*, 1835-1836, 1838-1840, was purchased as was the *Genius of Liberty*, Jamestown, N.Y., 1831-1833. Goodspeed's Book Shop gave us volume two of the Greenfield, Massachusetts, *Franklin Freeman*, 1832-1833 and Harvard improved on its gift with a two-year run of the Hudson, Ohio *Observer*, 1846-1847.

LITERATURE, ETC.

We obtained some fine later nineteenth century books also. A nice, little handful of rarities might read like this: *Life and Confessions of Henry Wyatt, who was Executed at Auburn* (Auburn, N. Y.: Merrell, 1846). Mr. Wyatt, before ending his days in upstate New York, traveled extensively and larcenously from South Carolina to the Rocky Mountains, and his narration is highly prized as an "item" of Western Americana.

The Life and Adventures of John A. Murrell, the Great Western Land Pirate [by H. R. Howard] (New York: Long,

1847). This pamphlet, unfortunately lacking the wrappers, came in a gift from the Paine estate, about which more later. The fine rarity is known by three copies and is fictitious account of a real bad man.

The Life and Adventures of the Accomplished Forger and Swindler, Col. Monroe Edwards (New York: Long, 1848), also was a gift of the Paine estate. The Colonel went to a fittingly dreadful end, but before he died, he cut a wide swath through a large part of the United States (including Texas).

The Arch Fiend: or the Life, Confession and Execution of Green H. Long (Little Rock, Ark.: A. R. Orton, 1852). This was actually published in Buffalo, N. Y., but the yellow wrappers present on our copy give the place of publication as Little Rock, the scene of Long's demise. It is the gift of the Worcester Free Public Library.

In the area of local history, certainly one of our larger areas of concentration, we purchased three notable mid-western items. The earliest was a copy of John Delafield's *Brief Topographical [sic] Description of the Country of Washington in the State of Ohio* (New York: J. M. Elliott, 1834). This copy, which contains the lithographic plate of Campus Martius at Marietta was inscribed by the author to the Marietta Lyceum. Delafield is better known as the author of *An Inquiry into the Origin of the Antiquities of America* (N. Y., 1859). The work at hand is the first Ohio local history and of considerable scarcity.

Historical and Statistical Sketches, of Lake County, State of Illinois (Waukegan, Ill.: E. G. Howe, 1852). This, the first history of the county immediately north of Chicago, has a fine wood-engraved view of Waukegan.

Moving west and three years later, we come to *Dubuque: Its History, Mines, Indian Legends, etc., in Two Lectures, delivered before the Dubuque Literary Institute, December*

18th, 1854, and February 26th, 1855. By Lucius H. Langworthy (Dubuque, Iowa: [1855]). Curiously enough, I had been canvassing Iowa sources for a copy of this book a few months before we spotted it in a catalogue.

Going still farther west we come to Yankton, South Dakota. Joseph Ward was the first minister of the Congregational Church in Yankton, and the first president of Yankton College, the pioneer institution of higher learning on the northern high plains. When Ward resigned as pastor of the church, he preached a sermon which contained a history of the church and was entitled, *Sermon by the Rev. Joseph Ward, on Retiring from the Pastorate of the First Cong'l Church, Yankton, Dakota, Sunday, May 13th, A.D. 1883* (n.p., n.d.). This pamphlet is not in the South Dakota imprint checklist by Allen, even though it was most certainly printed in Yankton. The sermon is the gift of J. L. McCorison, Jr., a successor of Dr. Ward at the college.

The executors of the Paine estate concluded that it was time to disperse more of the personal chattels under their charge. To that end Mr. Shipton and myself spent a very pleasant morning rummaging around in a library which was formed in the mid-nineteenth century. It is a curious thing to observe in so dramatic a way how our policies of collecting have changed. Fifty-three years ago Brigham went through the same library, and he removed all of the Evans period American books, as well as other desirable titles, but he spurned a large number of mid-nineteenth century books; for example, nearly one hundred volumes of bound up novels. The great majority of them were English works reprinted in this country. We added 244 titles of this sort including the first American edition of *Villette* by Charlotte Bronte. Also present were eighteen volumes of the novels of George W. M. Reynolds and nineteen volumes of Alexandre Dumas, all printed in New York or Phila-

delphia. There were only few American novels scattered amongst the English counterparts, an interesting commentary on the reading habits of an upper-middle-class home of that period, and we had nearly all of them. There were a few that caused us some joy and I have already alluded to the Murrell and Edwards books. Also present were *Remarkable Apparitions and Ghost-Stories* collected by Clarence S. Day (New York: Wilson, 1848); *Tales of the Spanish Seas* by Henry William Herbert (New York: Burgess, Stringer, 1847) I Wright 1179; the 1851 edition of T. A. Shays' *Cecilia Howard*; and Edward Maturin's, *Benjamin the Jew of Granada* (N. Y., 1847), I Wright 1839, no locations. In 1911, one of the books which Brigham selected was volume two of *Errata* by John Neal (N. Y., 1823) in the original boards. We had never picked up a copy of volume one, but happily, we found volume one on the 1964 hunting trip and the two volumes stand side by side again after a separation of half a century.

FRENCH CANADIANA

Dr. Gabriel Nadeau, of Rutland, Massachusetts, presented to the society 1,363 works amounting to more than 3,000 volumes on French Canada. From this impressive collection, we added 807 titles, or about 1,500 volumes to our own substantial collection which has been gathered over the years. Through Dr. Nadeau's generosity we will be permitted to dispose of the duplicates to the advantage of the Society. It is difficult to select from such a list the books which are most notable, but I submit the following in an effort to demonstrate the scope of the collection.

Dr. Nadeau, in addition to standard bibliographical works, such as Gagnon, McCoy, Fateaux, and Tremain possessed the printed catalogues of the Library of Parliament, 1857 and 1867; the Institut Canadien de Quebec,

1852; the legislative library of Quebec, 1905, and the first report of the Societe des Bon Livres of Quebec, 1843.

We were able to add a few titles from his complete run of the publication of the Quebec Archives, such as, *Pieces et Documents relatifs a la Tenure Seigneuriale*, 1852, 2 vols. From among the Canadian Archives publications, we extracted the first reports of the Archivist, 1881 to 1883; *Documents concernant l'Histoire Constitutionnelle du Canada, 1759-1818*, 1911-1915, 2 vols.; and the results of the census of 1860-1, 1870-1, 1880-1, and 1911.

Dr. Nadeau collected the publications of historical societies. His runs of such periodicals as the Canadian Historical Association were complete, but so is ours. On the other hand, we were pleased to fill out our set of the *Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada* (Toronto, 1905-1918) 13 vols. plus two indices. On the local level, for example, we added publications of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec and the Archaeological and Numismatic Society of Montreal.

Nadeau's collection contained a great many monographs, and it was in this area where we added the largest number of books. Some important ones were M. J. and George Ahern, *Notes pour Servir a l'Histoire de la Medicine dans le Bas-Canada* (Quebec, 1923); C. E. Brasseur de Bourbourg *Histoire du Canada* (Paris, 1859) and J. B. A. Ferland's criticism of that work, *Observations sur un Ouvrage Intitule Histoire du Canada* (Paris, 1854); H. R. Casgrain, *Guerre du Canada, 1756-1760, Montcalm et Levis* (Quebec, 1891) 2 vols.; Pierre Margry, *Relations et Memoires In edits pour Servir a l-Histoire de la France dans les Pays d'Outre-Mer* (Paris, 1867); *Journal du Marquis de Montcalm* (Quebec, 1895); Pierre Pouchot, *Memoir upon the Late War in North America, 1755-1760* (Roxbury, 1866) 2 vols., 50 copies; C. de Rochemonteix, *Les Jesuites et la Nouvelle-France en*

XVIIe and XVIIIe Siecle (Paris, 1895-1906), 5 vols.; of the many works of J. E. Roy his *Histoire de la Seigneurie de Lauzon* (Levis, 1899-1902), 4 vols. is noteworthy; and, finally, for this listing, Cyprien Tanguay, *Dictionnaire Genealogique des Familles Canadiennes* (Quebec, 1871-1880) 7 vols.

Thomas W. Streeter, once again, figures prominently among our donors. He sent on 386 pamphlets and books relating to railroads, Indian treaties, and the West.

Among the railroad reports were a series of pamphlets relating to the building of the Canadian Pacific dating from the mid 1870's and an 1868 broadside printing of the *Song of the Union Pacific Railroad*. Mr. Streeter also sent us a large number of government documents concerned with the building of canals in states from Maine to Missouri. Among the Texas material was a lot of thirty-two speeches by members of Congress on the admission into the Union of Texas. In one large number of miscellaneous local materials were books and pamphlets on such divers places and subjects as Florida, Shakers, Alaska, Colorado, and Illinois; others were listed in the Wagner-Camp or Zamorano 80 lists.

MANUSCRIPTS

Although we do not collect manuscripts actively, with the exception of printers' records, we were presented with the manuscript journal of Joseph Hastings of Boston, who left for the gold fields of California on March 1, 1849, in the barque *Thames*. The details of his journey up the Pacific coast are fascinating, as he and a group of fellow passengers were forced to abandon ship when food and water ran out. His description of life at the mines is somewhat abbreviated, although he spent thirteen months in the area. He returned to Boston on January 25, 1851. The donor was Miss Lois Clark.

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