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Collection Information

Abstract : This collection contains personal and professional correspondence of Charles Adams, Jr. There is also correspondence and notes regarding the history of North Brookfield and genealogies of residents. There is correspondence produced during Charles Adams, Jr's political and community careers. There are also account books belonging to Dr. Charles Adams, Sr. There are books detailing the minutes of meetings and notes regarding Adams, Jr's scholarship of North Brookfield and surrounding areas. The collection also holds many addresses and speeches written by Adams, Jr. The Collection contains three boxes and two oversized account books.

Finding Aid : Finding Aid in print form is available in the Repository.

Preferred Citation : Worcester Historical Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Provenance : Collection was previously organized and given the number 1941.1. No gift agreement could be located. Included in the control folder is a letter from 2001 from the Town of North Brookfield. This letter gives The Worcester Historical Museum custody of this collection.

MARC Access :

Historical/Biographical Note

Charles Adams, Jr. (1810-1886) was born in Antrim, New Hampshire on January 31, 1810. He was town clerk of North Brookfield from 1836-1846, represented that town in the general court from 1850 to 1852, was a senator from the Worcester 4th district 1865-1866 and 1877-1878, executive councilor for the 7th district 1867-1870, state treasurer 1871-1875 and a member of the Republican National Convention at Baltimore in 1864. He had a reputation as a genealogist, historian, and public speaker.

Charles Adams, Sr. (1782-1875) was born in Brookfield, Massachusetts on February 13, 1782. He was the son of Jesse Adams and Meriam (Richardson) Adams. He died on March 6, 1875, having practiced medicine continuously for seventy years.

The Collection contains three boxes and two oversized account books.

Scope and Content

This collection contains over 1,500 items. Many of these items or correspondence sent to Charles Adams, Jr. containing genealogical information regarding the inhabitants of North Brookfield. There are also personal papers of Charles Adams, Jr. There are also several bound volumes of North Brookfield history written by Charles Adams, Jr. and bound account volumes of Charles Adams, Jr. and Charles Adams, Sr. There is little information regarding Worcester. There are correspondences related to Charles Adams, Jr.'s political appointments, including his time as Senator. Most of the collection was generated by Charles Adams, Jr. Information related to Charles Adams, Sr. is limited to his account books and a few family correspondences.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Charles Adams Jr. Personal Papers

Series 2: Charles Adams, Jr. State and Town positions papers

Series 3: Charles Adams, Jr. Records

Series 4: Charles Adams, Jr. Letters of North Brookfield

Series 5: Charles Adams, Jr. Historical and Biographical Notes

Series 6: Charles Adams, Jr. Addresses

Series 7: Charles Adams, Jr. Account Books, 1866-1867

Series 8: Charles Adams, Sr. Account Books, 1807-1853

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 Series 1, Charles Adams, Jr. Personal Papers
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1941.1.1.1-7o	Family genealogy of Charles Adams, Jr. Includes Charles Adams, Jr obituary clippings. Contains AQP of obituary notices.
1	2	1941.1.1.8-33	Personal correspondence including proposal from Charles Adams, Jr, to the father of his future wife, Eliza. Includes a letter regarding the death of a child.
1	3	1941.1.1.34-54	Personal correspondence.
1	4	1941.1.1.55-73	Personal correspondence
1	5	1941.1.1.74-92	Personal correspondence
1	6	1941.1.1.93-111	Personal correspondence
1	7	1941.1.1.112-132	Personal correspondence. Includes letter from The Worcester Society of Antiquity, probate deed, bills, and information regarding the estate of Alice Adams with Charles Adams, Jr. as administrator.
1	8	1941.1.1.133-153	Taxes, bills, shares in companies, information about the estate of Alice Adams.
1	9	1941.1.1.154-170	Includes honorary degree from Dartmouth College, letter of membership for the Presbyterian church, bills and stock information.
1	10	1941.1.1.171-180	Letter of deeds, information regarding the purchase of a clarinet.

Adams Collection
 Series 2, Charles Adams, Jr. State and Town Positions Papers
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	1941.1.2.1-20	Papers generated by Adams, Jr's state and town positions, including his time as senator.
1	12	1941.1.2.21-32	Papers generated by Adams, Jr's state and town positions, including his time as senator.

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 Series 3, Charles Adams, Jr. Records
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	13	1941.1.3.1-5f	Records of Charles Adams, Jr. including plans for a new Town House and Kankakee Bond Trust. Contains AQP.
1	14	1941.1.3.6-20	Records of Charles Adams, Jr. including receipts for purchase of a new town bell and a list of Justices of the Peace or North Brookfield.
1	15	1941.1.3.21-22	Records of Charles Adams, Jr. Burial inscriptions, old graveyard of North Brookfield
1	16	1941.1.3.23-29	Records of Charles Adams, Jr. Board of Rail Road Commissioners Reports, map of the Providence, Pascoag, and Springfield; or Woonasquatucket Railroad. Contains two bound volumes.
1	17	1941.1.3.30a-30m	Jonas Ayres Records
1	18	1941.1.3.31	Record of Deaths in North Brookfield, 1784-1868. Bound Volume.
1	19	1941.1.3.32a-32bn	Copies of marriages and death and published in the North Brookfield in 1879.
1	20	1941.1.3.32	North Brookfield Historical Items; Marriages and deaths 1798-1852.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	21	1941.1.3.33-46	Charles Adams, Jr. Records. Includes list of voters in Brookfield 1808.
1	22	1941.1.3.47	North Brookfield Historical Society Records. Bound volume.
1	23	1941.1.3.48	Deaths in Oakham, 1836-1882. Bound volume
1	24	1941.1.3.49	Minutes of Meetings, North Brookfield Lyceum. Bound Volume.
1	25	1941.1.3.50	Descriptions of stones in old burial Ground, West Brookfield.

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Series 4, Charles Adams, Jr. Letters of North Brookfield
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	26	1941.1.4.1-20	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	27	1941.1.4.21-40	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	28	1941.1.4.41-60	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	29	1941.1.4.61-81	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	30	1941.1.4.82-100b	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	31	1941.1.4.101-120	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	32	1941.1.4.121-141	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	33	1941.1.4.142-161	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	34	1941.1.4.162-182	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	35	1941.1.4.183-200b	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	36	1941.1.4.201-221	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	37	1941.1.4.222-242	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	38	1941.1.4.243-263	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	39	1941.1.4.264-284	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	40	1941.1.4.285-305	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	41	1941.1.4.306-325	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	42	1941.1.4.326-346	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	43	1941.1.4.347-367	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	44	1941.1.4.368-388	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	45	1941.1.4.389-409	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	46	1941.1.4.410-430	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	47	1941.1.4.431-451	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
1	48	1941.1.4.452-472	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	49	1941.1.4.473-493	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	50	1941.1.4.494-514	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	51	1941.1.4.515-535	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	52	1941.1.4.536-556	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	53	1941.1.4.557-577	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	54	1941.1.4.578-598	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	55	1941.1.4.299-619	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	56	1941.1.4.620-640b	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield

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2	57	1941.1.4.641-661	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	58	1941.1.4.662-682	Genealogical letters regarding Antrim, New
2	59	1941.1.4.683-703	Genealogical letters regarding Antrim, New
2	60	1941.1.4.704-724	Genealogical letters regarding Antrim, New
2	61	1941.1.4.725-745	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	62	1941.1.4.746-766	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	63	1941.1.4.767-787	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	64	1941.1.4.788-808	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	65	1941.1.4.809-829	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	66	1941.1.4.830-850	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	67	1941.1.4.851-871b	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	68	1941.1.4.872-892	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	69	1941.1.4.893-913	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield
2	70	1941.1.4.914-932	Genealogical letters regarding North Brookfield

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	71	1941.1.5.1-.20	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	72	1941.1.5.21-.41	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	73	1941.1.5.42-.62	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	74	1941.1.5.63-.83	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	75	1941.1.5.84	Bound volume "Book of notes compiled for North Brookfield Town History"
2	75	1941.1.5.85-.100	Correspondences (1883 -1885) Letters from Henry E. Waite to Charles Adams, Jr. relative to history of North Brookfield.
2	76	1941.1.5.101-.130	Correspondences (1883 -1885) Letters from Henry E. Waite to Charles Adams, Jr. relative to history of North Brookfield
2	77	1941.1.5.131-.140	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	78	1941.1.5.141	Sketch of George C. Lincoln
2	78	1941.1.5.142-.143	North Brookfield Journal (1875)
2	78	1941.1.5.144-.161	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	79	1941.1.5.162-.180	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	80	1941.1.5.181-.196	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	81	1941.1.5.197-.220	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	82	1941.1.5.221-.250	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	83	1941.1.5.251-.280	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes
2	84	1941.1.5.281-.309	Miscellaneous Historical and Biographical Notes

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	85	1941.1.5.310-312	Papers relating to Thomas Gilbert and Ancestors
2	85	1941.1.5.313-317	Commissions held by Eli Forbes
2	85	1941.1.5.318-319	Strong Genealogy
2	85	1941.1.5.320	John S. Gooke War Records
2	85	1941.1.5.321	Ipswich Adams Family (1883)
2	85	1941.1.5.322-323	Luther Poland
2	85	1941.1.5.324	Austis Kittridge
2	85	1941.1.5.325-326	Madame Jumel
2	85	1941.1.5.327-331	Misc

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2	86	1941.1.6.1	Dr. Charles Adams for Worcester Historical Society
2	86	1941.1.6.2	Remarks not made at the 150 th Ann of the settlement of Londonderry (1869)
2	86	1941.1.6.3	Rough sketch of remarks made at Sab. School Celebration – North Brookfield (1868)
2	86	1941.1.6.4	Speech on Thomas Gray (1874)
2	87	1941.1.6.5	Then and Now, North Brookfield 1831 and in 1874
2	87	1941.1.6.6	Centennial Address at Antrim, N.H. (1877)
2	87	1941.1.6.7	North Brookfield Choir (1881)
2	88	1941.1.6.8	Washington's Birthday (1874)
2	88	1941.1.6.9	Oakham Sabbath School (1868)
2	88	1941.1.6.10	Life and Times of Robert Burns
2	89	1941.1.6.11	History of Places of Town Meetings in Brookfield and North Brookfield.
2	89	1941.1.6.12	Oakham
2	89	1941.1.6.13	NorthBrookfield on Return from Europe in 1871
2	90	1941.1.6.14	Former Life and Manners (1883)
2	91	1941.1.6.15	Old Oakham Days (1883)
2	91	1941.1.6.16	North Brookfield (1884)
2	92	1941.1.6.17-.34	Miscellaneous Speeches
2	92	1941.1.6.35	Dedication of Soldier's Monument (1870)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	92	1941.1.6.36-.53	Miscellaneous Speeches

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	BV	1941.1.7.1	Charles Adams, Jr. – Account Book (1866 – 1867)
	BV	1941.1.7.2	Charles Adams, Jr. – Account Book (1866)

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
3	BV	1941.1.8.1	Charles Adams, Sr. – Day Book (1807-1810)
3	BV	1941.1.8.2	Charles Adams, Sr. – Account Book (1829 – 1843)
3	BV	1941.1.8.3	Charles Adams, Sr. – Day Book (1816-1820)
3	BV	1941.1.8.4	Charles Adams, Sr. – Ledger (1817-1825)
3	BV	1941.1.8.5	Charles Adams, Sr. – Ledger (1823 -1825)
3	BV	1941.1.8.6	Charles Adams, Sr. – Day Book (1811-1815)
3	BV	1941.1.8.7	Charles Adams, Sr. – Account Book (1808-1815)
	BV	1941.1.8.8	Charles Adams, Sr. – Day Book (1820-1827)
	BV	1941.1.8.9	Charles Adams, Sr. – Day Books (1835-1853)