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Chandler Smith Lee
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Collection Information

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

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Historical/Biographical Notes

Chandler Smith Lee (1832-1905) was a native of Princeton, MA. He became a teacher in that town's Select School, and in Westminster Academy. He was the son of Paris William Lee (1806-1871) and Freelope Fales Lee (1809-1862). In 1856, Chandler Lee married Lizzie S. Brown (1836-) in Sterling MA. She was the daughter of Joseph B. Brown and Lydia J. Brown of Nantucket, MA. The couple lived in Harvard, Hubbardston, West Boylston, and Worcester, MA. Both worked as teachers, although later Chandler Lee was listed as a clerk and a merchant. It appears they did not have children. As an instructor, he wrote and presented several declamations for school exhibition days in the 1850s, thirteen of which are in this collection. He was an abolitionist and also supported temperance and equality for women. Lee served in the Massachusetts militia for a time, remaining in the state during the Civil War. He lived in Worcester during the 1870s, acquired a passport in 1875, and died in Washington DC in 1905. During the 1870s-90s, he was listed as married, but it appears that for a time he boarded with other tenants in Worcester while his wife lived with her parents in that city. He sold a large house at 19 Clinton Street in the latter part of the 19th century, due to family health issues.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of photographs of Chandler and Lizzie Lee, letters of reference as teachers, literary writings, and miscellaneous material. The collection spans the period, 1850-1905.

Series Description

The collection consists of Series 1, photographs ; Series 2, letters of reference; Series 3, literary writings, primarily declamations; Series 4, miscellaneous papers, including receipts, passport, and news clippings.

Chandler Smith Lee Collection
Series 1, photographs
2015.FIA.04

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2015.FIA.04.01.01-03	Three photographs of Chandler & Lizzie Lee

Chandler Smith Lee Collection
Series 2, letters of reference
2015.FIA.04

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2015.FIA.04.02.01-04	C. Lee's teaching certificates, 1850-52
1	2	2015.FIA.04.02.05-10	C. Lee's letters of reference, 1851-54
1	2	2015.FIA.04.02.11-15	Lizzie Lee's letters of reference, 1858

Chandler Smith Lee Collection
Series 3, literary material
2015.FIA.04

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	2015.FIA.04.03.01	Preamble re: Harvard Literary Assoc. for women, undated
1	3	2015.FIA.04.03.02-04	Lizzie Lee's description of trip from Nantucket to Connecticut, c1850
1	3	2015.FIA.04.03.05-16	C. Lee's declamations, including abolitionism, women's rights, temperance, 1850s.

Chandler Smith Lee Collection
Series 4, miscellaneous
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.01	List of household items, undated
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.02-05	Newsclippings, 1856-c1890s
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.06	Calling cards, undated
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.07	Printed school program of exercises, Princeton MA, 1851
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.08	Thank-you note, 1904
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.09	Letter of condolence, 1905, re: C. Lee's death
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.10	Bank receipt, 1905
1	4	2015.FIA.04.04.11	C. Lee's passport, 1875