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### Collection Information

Abstract : Henry Dwight Simonds, 1850-1946, grew up in Worcester and was employed in local businesses until he left the city to attend Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Mass., ca. 1870, to pursue a career in the Methodist ministry. His memoir describes his family and life to that time.

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Simonds, Henry Dwight, 1850-1946.

Simonds, Henry Dwight, 1850-1946 – Childhood and youth.

Simonds, Henry Dwight, 1850-1946 – Family.

Wesleyan Academy (Wilbraham, Mass.)

Wilbraham Academy (Wilbraham, Mass.)

Reminiscing – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Family – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Worcester (Mass.) – Biography.

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Henry Dwight Simonds was born in 1850, son of Elijah Simonds and Eunice Eliza Walker. The family moved to Worcester in 1853. Henry attended local schools and at an early age began work in the grocery business. He attended business college in Worcester, and stayed in business for some years, before returning to school to complete his education. He was active in the Methodist church, and became a Methodist preacher, filling in for area clergy. He resumed his college preparatory education at Wesleyan Academy (which he called Methodist Academy, presumably a nickname) in Wilbraham, Mass., in preparation for a career as a Methodist minister, a career which he apparently never pursued. Wesleyan Academy later became Wilbraham Academy, today's Monson Wilbraham Academy, a private coeducational boarding school.

### **Scope and Content**

The collection consists of a typescript written by Simonds including personal and family reminiscences, stories of growing up in Worcester, and his memoirs from an early age through his leaving Worcester to attend Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham. The typescript covers the years of his life from ca. 1850 to ca. 1875.

### **Series Description**

The collection is not organized into series.

1941-1942

The following table shows the number of persons who were employed in the various occupations in the United States during the year 1941. The total number of persons employed in all occupations was 57,000,000. The number of persons employed in agriculture, forestry, and fishing was 10,000,000. The number of persons employed in manufacturing and construction was 20,000,000. The number of persons employed in transportation and communication was 5,000,000. The number of persons employed in government and defense was 12,000,000. The number of persons employed in services and other occupations was 10,000,000.

1943-1944

The following table shows the number of persons who were employed in the various occupations in the United States during the year 1943. The total number of persons employed in all occupations was 60,000,000. The number of persons employed in agriculture, forestry, and fishing was 10,000,000. The number of persons employed in manufacturing and construction was 22,000,000. The number of persons employed in transportation and communication was 5,000,000. The number of persons employed in government and defense was 15,000,000. The number of persons employed in services and other occupations was 8,000,000.

1945-1946

The following table shows the number of persons who were employed in the various occupations in the United States during the year 1945. The total number of persons employed in all occupations was 65,000,000. The number of persons employed in agriculture, forestry, and fishing was 10,000,000. The number of persons employed in manufacturing and construction was 25,000,000. The number of persons employed in transportation and communication was 5,000,000. The number of persons employed in government and defense was 18,000,000. The number of persons employed in services and other occupations was 7,000,000.

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1	1	1977.19.1.1	“Out of the past”, memoir of growing up in Worcester ca. 1850-ca. 1875 / by Henry Dwight Simonds. Typescript, 70 p. Memoir and personal reminiscences of growing up in Worcester until he left to attend Wesleyan Academy in Wilbraham, Mass., ca. 1870.
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