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Charles A. Ballou  
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## **Collection Information**

Abstract : Collection of correspondences, diary account books, wallpaper samples, magazines and pamphlets belonging to Charles A. Ballou.

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

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MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings

### **Historical/Biographical Notes**

Born about 1850 in Rhode Island, Charles A. Ballou moved to Worcester, MA where he lived with his wife Eva L. Ballou, as well as his children Herbert A., Charles E., Lucy, and Willard as well as a young woman named Hattie Ross. He was the owner of a paint and wallpaper store at 143 Main St, but also was a great poultry enthusiast. Breeding and showing chickens for over eleven years, he was elected to the committee and later as president of the Bay State Poultry Association. An honest citizen, he was also elected member of the Mechanics Association in 1889.

### **Scope and Content**

Collection contains magazines and pamphlets relating to poultry and agricultural fairs, as well as the diary account books of Charles A. Ballou. It also contains correspondences (personal, wallpaper business, and poultry business related), premiums won at fairs, wallpaper ledgers, wallpaper samples, and receipts of transaction for his wallpaper business as well as his personal life. Collection also contains school papers and diaries of his son, Charles E. Ballou, as well as a personal ledger of another one of his sons, Herbert A. Ballou. The dates of the collection range from 1860-1898.

## Series Descriptions

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Charles A. Ballou  
 1990.30  
 Series 1, Poultry Business  
 Subseries 1, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1	1	1990.30.1.1.1 A+B	letter from James Wheelock	May 22, 1892
1	1	1990.30.1.1.2 A-C	letter from John Bowker	Dec 9, 1892
1	1	1990.30.1.1.3 A+B	letter from Rathbone	Dec 26, 1886
1	1	1990.30.1.1.4 A+B	letter from Frank Miller	Sept 13, 1892
1	1	1990.30.1.1.5 A+B	letter from H. H. Myers	May 26, 1892
1	1	1990.30.1.1.6 A+B	letter from John Bowker	Nov 2, 1882
1	1	1990.30.1.1.7 A+B	letter from A. E. Smith	Nov 3, 1885
1	1	1990.30.1.1.8 A+B	letter from R. F. Britton	Sept 22, 1883
1	1	1990.30.1.1.9 A+B	letter from John H. Benton	Jan 12, 1889
1	1	1990.30.1.1.10 A+B	letter from Geo. C. Bucknam	Oct 10, 1891
1	1	1990.30.1.1.11 A+B	letter from W. W. Clough	Sept 28, 1893
1	1	1990.30.1.1.12 A+B	letter from A. S. Hodd	Jan 16, 1889
1	1	1990.30.1.1.13 A+B	letter from W. H. Rathbone	Dec 28, 1888
1	1	1990.30.1.1.14 A+B	letter from E. E. Saunders	Dec 16, 1891
1	1	1990.30.1.1.15 A+B	letter from Geo. Davis	Dec 4, 1883
1	2	1990.30.1.1.16 A+B	letter from Ella Humes	Nov 4, 1886
1	2	1990.30.1.1.17 A+B	letter from C. W. Felton	Oct 7, 1885
1	2	1990.30.1.1.18 A-C	letter from Rame?	Jun 26, 1891
1	2	1990.30.1.1.19 A+B	letter from Rathbone	May 25, 1884
1	2	1990.30.1.1.20 A+B	letter from Ella Humes	Jan 1, 1887
1	2	1990.30.1.1.21 A+B	letter from Wm. H. Congdon	Oct 26, 1888
1	2	1990.30.1.1.22 A+B	letter from Norcross	Sept 10, 1892
1	2	1990.30.1.1.23 A+B	letter from Geo. C. Bucknam	Jan 5, 1889
1	2	1990.30.1.1.24 A+B	letter from Ella Humes	Dec 17, 1884
1	2	1990.30.1.1.25 A-C	letter from George R. Mclean	April 11, 1892
1	2	1990.30.1.1.26 A+B	letter from A. K. Bissell	Feb 17, 1887
1	3	1990.30.1.1.27 A+B	letter from W. S. Krake	Feb 6, 1886
1	3	1990.30.1.1.28 A+B	letter from A. K. Bissell	Jan 17, 1888
1	3	1990.30.1.1.29 A+B	letter from Ella Humes	Feb 14, 1889
1	3	1990.30.1.1.30 A-C	letter from C. B. Hodge	Dec 14, 1886
1	3	1990.30.1.1.31 A-D	letter from H. L. Todd	Dec, 1888
1	3	1990.30.1.1.32	letter from B. N. Gooding?	Jan 31, 18??
1	3	1990.30.1.1.33 A+B	letter from C. A. Moulton	May 5, 1891
1	3	1990.30.1.1.34 A+B	letter from E. E. Saunders	May 4, 1891
1	3	1990.30.1.1.35 A+B	letter from F. H. Chamberlain	???
1	3	1990.30.1.1.36 A+B	letter from L. P. Tenney	May 15, 1892

Series 1, Poultry Business  
Subseries 2, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	1990.30.1.2.1	exhibitioner's ticket, Bay State Poultry Assoc. Dec 17-20, 1890
1	4	1990.30.1.2.2	first premium award – hen Jan, 1891
1	4	1990.30.1.2.3	first premium award - stag Jan, 1891
1	4	1990.30.1.2.4	special premium award, Western Mass Poultry Assoc. Dec 17-20, 1890

Series 2, Wallpaper Business  
Subseries 1, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	1990.30.2.1.1 A+B	letter from John P. Monroe March 27, 1892
1	5	1990.30.2.1.2	letter from Edward Pierce May 1, 1892
1	5	1990.30.2.1.3	letter from R. James Tatman May 21, 1884
1	5	1990.30.2.1.4 A+B	letter from R. James Tatman Nov 14, 1885

Series 2, Wallpaper Business  
Subseries 2, Ledgers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	6	1990.30.2.2.1	Oct 17 +23, 18??
1	6	1990.30.2.2.2	Oct 24-27, 18??
1	6	1990.30.2.2.3 A+B	Oct 29, 18??
1	6	1990.30.2.2.4	ledger, date unknown
1	6	1990.30.2.2.5	ledger, date unknown
1	6	1990.30.2.2.6	ledger, date unknown
2	1	1990.30.2.2.7	ledger (BV)

Series 2, Wallpaper Business  
Subseries 3, Wallpaper Samples

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	7	1990.30.2.3.1-29	single wallpaper samples
1	7	1990.30.2.3.30-38	glued wallpaper sample booklets

Series 3, Personal  
Subseries 1, Correspondences

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	2	1990.30.3.1.1 A+B	letter from Horace Swan      Jan 7, 1889
2	2	1990.30.3.1.2 A-C	letter from L. May Wheeler      Jan 23, 1884
2	2	1990.30.3.1.3 A-D	telegram from "SECRET"      Oct 2, 1883
2	2	1990.30.3.1.4 A-D	letter from CJ?      July 7, 1891
2	2	1990.30.3.1.5 A+B	letter from M. C. Maynard      Oct 10, 1890
1	8	1990.30.3.1.6 A-C	letter from Luther?      June 28, 1891
1	8	1990.30.3.1.7 A+B	letter from Will      June 24, 1891
1	8	1990.30.3.1.8 A+B	letter from H. W. Wood      Jan 1, 1889
1	8	1990.30.3.1.9	letter from Shillaber      May 28, 1884
1	8	1990.30.3.1.10 A+B	letter from Horace Swan      Nov 26, 1888
1	8	1990.30.3.1.11 A-C	letter from L. May Wheeler      Feb 9, 1894
1	8	1990.30.3.1.12 A+B	letter from A. Choquet      Nov 17, 1888
1	8	1990.30.3.1.13	letter from Susan      Oct 27, 1888



Series 3, Personal  
Subseries 2, Family

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	9	1990.30.3.2.1	wedding invite for Hattie Reynolds
1	9	1990.30.3.2.2 A+B	letter from Hattie to Sarah Ballou Nov 12, 1867
1	9	1990.30.3.2.3 A-C	letter to Sarah Ballou from Aria Peckham and Mary Young Nov 12, 1860
1	10	1990.30.3.2.4 A-D	Charles E. Ballou school papers, 40 pages
1	10	1990.30.3.2.5 A+B	inside of school book cover (photocopy)
2	PMF	1990.30.3.2.6	Charles E. Ballou diary 1890
2	PMF	1990.30.3.2.7	Charles E. Ballou diary 1895
1	10	1990.30.3.2.8	Herbert Ballou journal
1	10	1990.30.3.2.9	Ballou algebra book 1898

Series 3, Personal  
Subseries 3, Miscellaneous

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	11	1990.30.3.3.1	Hart Worcester Safe Deposit and Trust \$10 check
1	11	1990.30.3.3.2	J. K. Churchill business card
1	11	1990.30.3.3.3	Avery Bros. business card
1	11	1990.30.3.3.4	Railway coupon pass book
1	11	1990.30.3.3.5	Old Fellow's Mutual Relief Assoc. card
1	11	1990.30.3.3.6	Samuel Todd business card
1	11	1990.30.3.3.7 A+B	Boston + Albany Railway Time Table
1	11	1990.30.3.3.8	handmade acct book
1	11	1990.30.3.3.9	check book
1	11	1990.30.3.3.10	Worcester Safe Deposit & Trust company acct. book 1883

Series 4, Receipts

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	12	1990.30.4.1 A-C	receipt from E. G. Higgins Aug 8+9, 1893
1	12	1990.30.4.2	receipt from Estabrook Bros. Sept 9, 1891
1	12	1990.30.4.3	cardboard receipt
1	12	1990.30.4.4	receipt from Clark, Sawyer & Co. Jan 1, 1881
1	12	1990.30.4.5	receipt from Smith & Adams Jan 27, 1891
1	12	1990.30.4.6	receipt from A. F. Ballou May 1, 1890
1	12	1990.30.4.7	receipt from Henry Dennis' Sons 1889
1	12	1990.30.4.8	receipt from W. H. Sawyer Sept 12, 1888
1	12	1990.30.4.9	receipt from Telegram Newspaper Co. April 6, 1890
1	12	1990.30.4.10	receipt from William Ross Dec 17, 1888
1	12	1990.30.4.11	receipt from Worcester Wallpaper Co. Dec 30, 1890
1	12	1990.30.4.12	receipt from E. G. Higgins May 1, 1891
1	12	1990.30.4.13	receipt from Worcester Electric Light Co. Jan 31, 1891
1	12	1990.30.4.14	receipt from New York Hat House July 15, 1884
1	12	1990.30.4.15	receipt from J. W. Sargent & Son June 10, 1887
1	12	1990.30.4.16	receipt from Buffington & Goodell 1888
1	13	1990.30.4.17	receipt from C. W. Claflin & Co Oct, 1891
1	13	1990.30.4.18 A+B	receipt from Charles H. Doe & Co. 1879-80
1	13	1990.30.4.19 A+B	receipt from E. G. Higgins Feb 28, 1885
1	13	1990.30.4.20	receipt from Bernard, Sumner & Co Dec 1, 1891
1	13	1990.30.4.21	receipt from E. G. Higgins Dec 31, 1885
1	13	1990.30.4.22	receipt from E. G. Higgins Jan 31, 1886
1	13	1990.30.4.23	receipt from E. G. Higgins Dec 1, 1885
1	13	1990.30.4.24 A+B	receipt from E. G. Higgins April 1, 1884
1	13	1990.30.4.25	receipt from L. L. Russell Jan 30, 1890
1	13	1990.30.4.26	receipt from L. L. Russell Jan 30, 1890
1	13	1990.30.4.27	receipt from Mann & Knight Aug 27, 1883
1	13	1990.30.4.28	receipt from J. E. Smith April 11, 1893
1	13	1990.30.4.29	receipt from Clark, Sawyer & Co Nov 24, 1884
1	13	1990.30.4.30	receipt from Buffington & Goodell May, 1884
1	13	1990.30.4.31	receipt from C. L. Jenkins Jan 10, 1890
1	13	1990.30.4.32	receipt from C. L. Jenkins Feb-Oct, 1890

1	13	1990.30.4.33	receipt from Chas. A. Bartlett	Nov 28, 1890
2	3	1990.30.4.34	receipt from Houghton & Whittemore	Sept 1, 1890
2	3	1990.30.4.35	receipt from A. C. King Wallpapers	June 9, 1890
2	3	1990.30.4.36	receipt from Worcester Red Star ? Co.	Oct 5, 1888
2	3	1990.30.4.37	receipt from E. G. Higgins	Aug 12, 1893
2	3	1990.30.4.38	receipt from Worcester Wallpaper Co.	Feb 6, 1891
2	3	1990.30.4.39	receipt from Star Clothing Co.	Dec 1, 1892
2	3	1990.30.4.40 A+B	receipt from E. G. Higgins	June 13, 1893
2	3	1990.30.4.41 A+B	receipt from E. G. Higgins	July 24, 1893
2	3	1990.30.4.42 A+B	receipt from E. G. Higgins	July 27, 1893
2	3	1990.30.4.43	receipt from Worcester Wallpaper Co.	Oct 27, 1888
2	3	1990.30.4.44	receipt from I. N. Keyes & Co.	Jan 1, 1881
2	3	1990.30.4.45	receipt from A. C. King Wallpapers	Mar 27, 1890
2	3	1990.30.4.46	Eva Ballou tax receipt	1888
2	3	1990.30.4.47	Charles Ballou tax receipt	1888
2	3	1990.30.4.48	water use receipt	1888
2	3	1990.30.4.49	Abel Paine tax receipt	1885
2	3	1990.30.4.50	Charles Ballou tax receipt	1885

#### Series 5, Trade Diaries

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	PMF	1990.30.5.1	trade diary, 1885
2	PMF	1990.30.5.2A	trade diary, 1881
1	14	1990.30.5.2B	9 pieces, misc cards from inside trade diary
2	PMF	1990.30.5.3	trade diary, 1884
2	PMF	1990.30.5.4	trade diary, 1882
2	PMF	1990.30.5.5	trade diary, 1888

Series 6, Magazines

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	4	1990.30.6.1	The Poultry World v. 15 no 5 May 1884
2	4	1990.30.6.2	American Poultry Journal v.15 no. 7 May 1884
2	4	1990.30.6.3	New England Fancier v.4 no. 3 March 1889
2	4	1990.30.6.4	New England Fancier v.4 no. 8 Aug 1889
2	4	1990.30.6.5	American Stock-Keeper v.3 no. 4 July 1892
2	5	1990.30.6.6	New England Fancier v.3 no. 4 April 1888
2	5	1990.30.6.7	New England Fancier v.5 no. 12 Dec 1890
2	5	1990.30.6.8	The Youth's Companion Sept 6, 1894
2	5	1990.30.6.9	The House Wife v.4 no. 4 Aug 1888
2	5	1990.30.6.10	New England Fancier v.3 no. 7 July 1888

Series 7, Pamphlets

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	15	1990.30.7.1	Elm Park Poultry Yards pamphlet
1	15	1990.30.7.2	Premium list of the annual exhibition of the Central Massachusetts Poultry Club pamphlet Jan 29-31 1884
1	15	1990.30.7.3	Fifteenth annual report of the Old Fellows' Mutual Relief Assoc. pamphlet 1885
1	15	1990.30.7.4	New England Fair premium list pamphlet Sept 4-8, 1893
1	15	1990.30.7.5	6 <sup>th</sup> annual fair of the Blackstone Valley Agricultural Society pamphlet Sept 24-25, 1884
1	15	1990.30.7.6	Worcester Agricultural Society 68 <sup>th</sup> annual cattle show and exhibition of horses and fruits, flowers, vegetables, and manufactured articles pamphlet Sept 23-24, 1886
1	15	1990.30.7.7	Worcester County Mechanics Assoc. annual reports for 1889 with the by-laws and a list of members and officers to April 1889
1	15	1990.30.7.8	Worcester County Mechanics Assoc. proceedings of the annual and adjourned meetings pamphlet April 1892

1	15	1990.30.7.9	courses of study in the Worcester English High School pamphlet June 1893
1	15	1990.30.7.10	1 <sup>st</sup> annual exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Pet Stock, and Cats of the Bay State Poultry Assoc. pamphlet Jan 22-29, 1889
1	16	1990.30.7.11	2 <sup>nd</sup> annual exhibition of Poultry, Pigeons, Pet Stock, and Cats of the Bay State Poultry Assoc. pamphlet Jan 28-Feb 1, 1890
1	16	1990.30.7.12	72 <sup>nd</sup> annual report of the transactions of the Worcester Agricultural Society for the year 1890
1	16	1990.30.7.13	26 <sup>th</sup> annual fair of the New England Agricultural Society in assoc. with the Worcester Agricultural Society pamphlet Sept 3-6, 1889
1	16	1990.30.7.14	report on the committee on new grounds to the Worcester Agricultural Society, 1886
1	16	1990.30.7.15	Premium List of the Annual Exhibition of the Central Massachusetts Poultry Club Jan 4-6, 1887