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Collection Information

Abstract: Bottomly, Wright Collection consists of legal documents and correspondence pertaining to land in Leicester, MA.

Finding Aid: Finding Aid in print form available at the Worcester Historical Museum Library and Archives.

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Historical/Biographical Notes

Wright Bottomly was a close relative of Thomas Bottomly, who is considered by some to be the founder of Cherry Valley, MA. Cherry Valley was originally located in Leicester, MA before Thomas Bottomly opened what is now known as the Olney Mill. Thomas Bottomly's land became the center of a manufacturing village. Wright Bottomly and Homer E. Sargent were the recipients of most of the Bottomly land.

Scope and Content

The Wright Bottomly collection consists mainly of legal documents concerning land in Leicester, MA belonging to the Bottomly family and correspondence concerning the land. Most of the properties are located in what is now known as Cherry Valley and includes the Olney Mill, built by Thomas Bottomly.

Series Description

Series 1: Correspondence

Series 2: Deeds and Land Surveys

Series 3: Miscellaneous

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Series 1, Correspondence

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1993.96.1.1	Letter dated March 27, 1848 to Laura S. Bottomley from her sister.
1	1	1993.96.1.2	Letter dated May 17, 1844 from H.E. Sargent to his brother.
1	1	1993.96.1.3	Letter dated May 16, 1864 to Wright Bottomly concerning sums paid.
1	1	1993.96.1.4	Copy of a letter dated November 4, 1868 to H.E. Sargent Esq. from Silas Gleason appraising the homestead of the late Thomas Bottomly at the request of Wright Bottomly.
1	1	1993.96.1.5	Letter dated August 31, 1881 from H.E. Sargent to his brother.
1	1	1993.96.1.6	Letter and envelope dated August 8, 1884 from H.E. Sargent to his brother, Wright Bottomly.
1	1	1993.96.1.7	A four page letter dated April 11, 1888 from H.E. Sargent to his brother.
1	1	1993.96.1.8	Letter and envelope dated April 8, 1889 from H.E. Sargent to his brother Wright Bottomly loaning him Maria's picture to hang with father's.
1	1	1993.96.1.9	Letter dated March 12, 1890 from H.E. Sargent to Wright Bottomly, Esq. requesting the deed to the Homestead property.
1	1	1993.96.1.10	Letter and envelope dated March 29, 1890 from H.E. Sargent to Wright Bottomly discussing making Lucien the trustee of the Homestead while Wright and his wife continue to live there.

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1	1	1993.96.1.11	A two page letter dated March 31, 1890 from H.E. Sargent to his brother concerning the deed of the Homestead.
1	1	1993.96.1.12	A two page letter dated August 11, 1892 from H.E. Sargent to Wright Bottomly concerning Parsons sketch of a washout and stone removal.
1	1	1993.96.1.13	Letter dated July 22, 1893 from H.E. Sargent to his brother Wright Bottomly concerning the flood from last year and a letter he received from A.B. Davidson.
1	1	1993.96.1.14	A two page letter dated January 30, 1894 from H.E. Sargent to his brother concerning people taking up residence in one of his properties.
1	1	1993.96.1.15	Letter and envelope dated February 22, 1895 from H.E. Sargent to his brother Wright Bottomly discussing Bottomly's health.
1	1	1993.96.1.16	Undated and unaddressed letter giving a status update on some cutting being done.
1	1	1993.96.1.17	Undated and unaddressed letter requesting a response and describing the paper a letter (likely 1993.96.1.15) was written on.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1993.96.2.1	Deed for land sold by Thomas and Samuel Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated May 7, 1823.
1	2	1993.96.2.2	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly from Samuel Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated August 4, 1824.
1	2	1993.96.2.3	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated March 9, 1826.
1	2	1993.96.2.4	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated May 3, 1826.
1	2	1993.96.2.5	Deed for land purchase by Thomas Bottomly from Samuel Watson in Leicester, MA date August 30, 1826.
1	2	1993.96.2.6	Deed for half ownership of a pew in the congregational meeting hall in Leicester, MA purchased by Thomas Bottomly from Samuel Bottomly dated December 7, 1829.
1	2	1993.96.2.7	Land Survey of Wood Lot dated July 11, 1832.
1	2	1993.96.2.8	Land Survey made by Thomas Bottomly dated August, 1832.
1	2	1993.96.2.9	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated April 13, 1833.
1	2	1993.96.2.10	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly from Joseph D. Sargent in Leicester, MA dated March 20, 1834.
1	2	1993.96.2.11	Release of Damages from Robert Young to Thomas Bottomly for plowing dated August 25, 1837.

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1	2	1993.96.2.12	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly from Robert and Loring Young in Leicester, MA dated August 25, 1837.
1	2	1993.96.2.13	Agreement between Thomas Bottomly and Robert and Loring Young dated September 8, 1837.
1	2	1993.96.2.14	Lease Agreement from Thomas Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated January 4, 1838.
1	2	1993.96.2.15	Deed for land purchased by Thomas Bottomly from Samuel Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated May 1, 1838.
1	2	1993.96.2.16	Deed for land sold by Thomas Bottomly to Rejoice Newton and resold to Daniel McFarland in Leicester, MA dated April 2, 1839.
1	2	1993.96.2.17	Deed for land purchased by Samuel Bottomly from Thomas Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated October 1, 1839.
1	2	1993.96.2.18	Deed for land sold by Thomas Bottomly to Daniel McFarland in Leicester, MA dated February 1, 1840 with conditions on the back.
1	2	1993.96.2.19	Articles of Agreement between Daniel Denny, Henry A. Rice, and Henry J. Gardner, co-partners, and Thomas and Booth Bottomly, co-partners for services at the Booths' Mill dated May 2, 1840.
1	2	1993.96.2.20	Documents requesting and granting permission for Thomas and Booth Bottomly and associates to form a cemetery at Cherry Valley, MA dated May 4, 1842.
1	2	1993.96.2.21	Deed for land sold by Booth Bottomly to Joseph Bottomly in Leicester, MA dated March 28, 1856.

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1	2	1993.96.2.22	Deed for land sold by John Matthews to Mary O'Brien in Worcester known as Valley Falls dated August 9, 1859.
1	2	1993.96.2.23	Deed for land sold by Esther Woodworth to Stephen Upton located in Battle Creek Michigan dated January 29, 1863.
1	2	1993.96.2.24	Deed for land sold by Homer E. Sargent to Mary O'Brien located in Cherry Valley, MA dated May 30, 1868.
1	2	1993.96.2.25	Deed for land sold by Samuel Bottomly to Wright Bottomly located in Cherry Valley, MA dated January 3, 1870.
1	2	1993.96.2.26	Lease agreement between Albert Curtis and Wright Bottomly granting Bottomly the right to use Curtis' cotton and wool mills in Worcester, dated May 15, 1871.
1	2	1993.96.2.27	Land Survey done by S.B. Parsons of Wright Bottomly's wood lot in Leicester, MA dated April 20, 1888.
1	2	1993.96.2.28	Undated land survey.
1	2	1993.96.2.29	Undated land survey.

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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	3	1993.96.3.1	March 4, 1847: Thomas Bottomly bills.
1	3	1993.96.3.2	1849: List of bills.
1	3	1993.96.3.3	July 30, 1850: list of bills.
1	3	1993.96.3.4	April 25, 1859: Receipt for payment.
1	3	1993.96.3.5	July 1859: Accounts rendered against Bottomly by Wright Bottomly for land purchased April 1, 1849.
1	3	1993.96.3.6	1860: Copies of pages from a book entitled "Historical Sketches of the Town of Leicester, Massachusetts."
1	3	1993.96.3.7	February 27, 1865, Thomas Bottomly's itemized attorney's bill.
1	3	1993.96.3.8	December 1, 1865: Promise of payment in one year between Sargent and Sutton.
1	3	1993.96.3.9	November 1889: Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company bill for Homer E. Sargent.
1	3	1993.96.3.10	October 20, 1892: Receipt for renewal of policy by Wright Bottomly from Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
1	3	1993.96.3.11	November 1 1982: Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Co. policy for Homer E. Sargent on his home in Cherry Valley, MA occupied by Wright Bottomly.
1	3	1993.96.3.12	1900: Copies of pages from a book entitled "Handbook of Historical Data Concerning Leicester, Massachusetts."
1	3	1993.96.3.13	Handwritten, undated notes.