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Silas Clapp Collection
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Collection Information

Abstract : The collection contains receipts and bills of sale from Worcester companies, city tax and employment information, personal bills and letters as well as a Civil War era scrapbook created by Silas Clapp.

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

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Historical/Biographical Notes

Silas Clapp (1824-1907) was born October on 20th, the son of Luther J. Clapp and Rebecca Clapp of Spencer, Massachusetts. He served aboard the USS Jamestown and traveled to such

places as Cape Verde while aboard the ship. He later moved to Worcester and held employment at various times as a boottreer and policeman at city hall. Clapp lived on Main Street and married Samantha Crawford and had a daughter, Florence Mabel Clapp (1861-1951). He lived in Worcester for a span of over twenty years. He died on February 26 in St Louis, Missouri.

Scope and Content

The collection contains over one-hundred receipts and bills of sale for such items as food, clothing, coal, building materials, and medical attention, largely from Worcester businesses. The collection also includes receipts for taxes paid, a school bill for Clapp's daughter, a registration fee for a dog, and the payment for church pew rent at the Union Church in Worcester. There is also a letter from Clapp to his parents during his time aboard the USS Jamestown, as well as a scrapbook containing Civil War cartoons and drawings from various magazines, amongst other drawings. There is also included a newspaper clipping and receipts from Clapp's daughter and other, later, relations.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Silas Clapp and Family Personal Papers 1859-1979.
Scrapbook Folder

Series 2: Silas Clapp City, County, State Taxes 1855-1876.

Series 3: Bills of Sale and Receipts

Silas Clapp Collection
Series 1, Silas Clapp and Family Personal Papers
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<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	1982.34.1.1-13	Letter from Silas Clapp to his parents. Receipts for pew rent and school bill for Florence

Mabel Clapp. Papers for Clapp's police route and other material pertaining to Clapp's personal life and information regarding later relatives. Contains AQP.

Separate Folder 1982.34.1.14 Original scrapbook of Civil War era cartoons and magazine clippings. AQP

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Series 2, Silas Clapp City, County, State taxes
1982.34.2

1 2 1982.34.2.1-8 City, county, and state taxes from the City of Worcester, 1855-1876.

Silas Clap Collection
Series 2, Bills of Sale and Receipts
1982.34.3

1 3 1982.34.3.1-17 Bills of sale and receipts, A.G. Mann, Dr- Edson D. Cheney

1 4 1982.34.3.18-37 Bills of sale and receipts, Bemis and Co.- John Gates and Co.

1 5 1982.34.3.38-57 Bills of sale and receipts. J.P. Smith, Dr- O. Martin, Dr.

1 6 1982.34.3.58-73 Bills of sale and receipts, Stowell Maynard- White and Conant

1 7 1982.34.3.74-84 Bills of sale and receipts, William O. Swett

1 8 1982.34.4.85-101 Bills of sale and receipts, personal