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Collection Information

Abstract : Dr. Thomas Hovey Gage, his sons Dr. Homer Gage and Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr., Esq. were prominent Worcester professionals and civic leaders. The wife of Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr., was Alice Chase Gage.

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Provenance : Found in archives; some accession numbers on items (1975.58 and 1978.2)

Source: Gift of Mary Hovey Gage Rice

Historical/Biographical Notes

Dr. Homer Gage (1861-1938) a successful Worcester physician, philanthropist, and industrialist, was the son of Dr. Thomas Hovey Gage (1826-1909), a Worcester physician. Homer Gage graduated cum laude from Harvard University in 1882 and acquired his Harvard MD in 1887. He became a general practitioner and later a surgeon. Gage married Mabel Reynolds Knowles (1869-1948) in 1893. Their only child was Homer Gage, Jr. (1895-1925). In 1923, Dr. Gage gave up medicine to assume the presidency of his brother-in-law's firm, Crompton & Knowles of Worcester. He became a civic leader and served on many Boards of various city institutions and organizations.

Dr. Homer Gage's brother, Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr. (1865-1938), was a successful Worcester attorney and civic leader. He graduated cum laude from Harvard in 1886 and earned a Harvard law degree in 1889. He worked for one year as secretary to Senator George Frisbie Hoar. He married Alice Chase (1865-1940) in 1898. Her papers are also included in this collection. They had one child, Mary Hovey Gage Rice. Thomas Hovey Gage also served with the U.S. Food Administration in Washington D.C. during World War I.

Scope and Content

This collection, 1861-1930, includes a letter to their father, Dr. Thomas Hovey Gage, in 1861 from Samuel Foster Haven (1806-1881) offering reimbursement for a trip to Washington, and many letters from colleagues and family concerning a possible offer to Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr., of a judgeship on the state Superior Court in 1909, as well as many letters relating to the ordering of a portrait of Chief Justice Arthur Prentice Rugg (1862-1938). There is a letter, 1914, from William Howard Taft (1857-1930) declining a request for a lecture. The collection also contains school report cards, bachelor, law, and medical degrees, Homer Gage's autograph book, 1874-75, and Alice Chase Gage's school essays and book of quotations. There are also letters of Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr., during his service as a counselor with the U.S. Food Administration during World War I, and many appointment certificates to institutional boards and law and medical commissions. There is also a letter from Harvard University granting a leave of absence to Homer Gage, Jr., in 1918, when he joined the army, and appointments to the French Legion of Honor.

Series Description

Series 1: Miscellaneous family papers

Series 2: Papers of Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr.

Series 3: Papers of Alice Chase Gage

Series 4: ovs folder : Thomas Hovey Gage certificates

Series 5: ovs folder : Thomas Hovey Gage certificates

Series 6: ovs folder : Thomas Hovey Gage certificates

Series 7: ovs folder : Thomas Hovey Gage certificates

Series 8: ovs folder: Homer Gage certificates

Series 9: book in box: Homer Gage's autograph book, 1874-75

Series 10: book in box: Alice Chase Gage's book of quotations, 1880.

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1	1	2015.FIA.05.01.01	letter of Samuel Foster Haven to T.H.Gage, 1861
1	1	2015.FIA.05.01.02	water bill, 1861, of T.H.Gage, 1861 (old #1975.58.19)
1	1	2015.FIA.05.01.03	school certificate of sister Mabel C. Gage, 1880 (old #1975.58.5)
1	1	2015.FIA.05.01.04	response to condolences on death of Homer Gage, Jr., 1925
1	1	2015.FIA.05.01.05	letter of George H.Haynes re: his book on Washburn, 1931
1	1	2015.FIA.05.01.06	trade card, n.d.

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Series 2, Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr., Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.01AB	Book plate design and description (old #1978.2.181)
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.02AB	Worcester High School report card, 1878 (old #1978.2.171)
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.03-.06	Letters to parents/brother while at Harvard, c1887.
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.07	Letter to Annie, Willard Hotel, n.d.
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.08-10	Certificates of legal appointments, 1889-99
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.11-.14	Water and tax bills, 1893 (old # 1976.80)
1	2	2015.FIA.05.02.15	Gage's typed history of Worcester, 2pp.
1	3	2015.FIA.05.02.16-33	letters from colleagues and family re: possible appointment to state Superior Court, 1909
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.34-40	letters from colleagues re: possible appointment to state Superior Court, 1909
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.41	letter of William Howard Taft declining invitation to speak, 1914

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1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.42	AAS membership certificate, 1914
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.43	appointment to U.S. Fuel Admin. Committee, 1918
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.44	Worcester Fire Society invitation, 1900
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.45	letter of George P.Baker, 1923
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.46	invitation, Mrs. James B.Blake, n.d. (old #1982.48)
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.47-57	correspondence re: portrait of Justice Arthur Prentice Rugg
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.58	letter from Supreme Court Justice Edward T. Sanford re: class reunion
1	4	2015.FIA.05.02.59	letter of appointment to Judicial Council., 1930

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Series 3, Alice Chase Gage Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2015.FIA.05.03.01-25	School report cards
1	5	2015.FIA.05.03. 26-27	Worcester High School graduation day
1	5	2015.FIA.05.03.28-29	School award
1	5	2015.FIA.05.03.30	Class song
1	5	2015.FIA.05.03.31-44	School essays
1	6	2015.FIA.05.03.45	Congratulations on engagement
1	6	2015.FIA.05.03.46-49	letters re: her portrait (old #1978.2.86-87)
1	6	2015.FIA.05.03.50-68	letters from T.H. Gage while counselor with US Food Administration, 1918
1	6	2015.FIA.05.03.69	plot plan of estate of Alice C. Gage (old #1978.2)

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Series 4-8, Thomas Hovey Gage, Jr., Papers

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
OVS	1	2015.FIA.05.04.01-04	Gage's school and university degrees
OVS	2	2015.FIA.05.05.01-08	Gage's appointments to Board of Worcester Lunatic Hospital
OVS	3	2015.FIA.05.06.01-06	Gage's appointments as Justice of the Peace
OVS	4	2015.FIA.05.07.01-08	Gage's judicial and institutional appointments
OVS	5	2015.FIA.05.08.02-05	Gage Family medical and military appointments

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Series 9-10, Autograph and Quotations Volumes

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Volume #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2015.FIA.05.09.01	Homer Gage's autograph book, 1874-75
1	2	2015.FIA.05.10.01	Alice Chase Gage's school book of quotations, 1880