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Collection Information

Abstract : Correspondence between Milton Prince Higgins and his wife Katherine, and children, with children's letters and writings during late 19th century.

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Higgins, Milton Prince, 1842-1912 – Correspondence.

Higgins Family – Correspondence.

Letters. (lsh)

Printed ephemera. (lsh)

Industrialists – Massachusetts – Worcester.

Historical/Biographical Notes

Milton Prince Higgins, 1842-1912, was one of the founders of the Norton Company and Superintendent of the Washburn Shops at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, as well as being involved in many other Worcester industries. Higgins married Katherine E. Chapin and had two sons, Aldus Chapin Higgins and John Woodman Higgins, and two daughters, Katherine Elizabeth Higgins and Olive Chapin Higgins. Higgins was also a director of Mechanics National Bank, and member of the Worcester Club. He was also one of the founders of Worcester Boys Trade School. Higgins died in Worcester in 1912.

Scope and Content

The collection comprises correspondence between members of the Higgins family from ca. 1870s to ca. 1900, as well as youthful writings by Aldus Higgins and some of his siblings. The collection also includes a wedding invitation, calling and business cards, and clippings of funerals and the opening of the New York Subway system.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Letters. Correspondence between Higgins family members, and some writings by Higgins children. (3 folders)

Series 2: Ephemera. Includes wedding invitation, calling cards, etc. (1 folder)

Series 3: Clippings. (1 folder)

Series 1, Letters

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	1	2001.22.1.1	Letter from C. A. Coolidge to "Dear Friend", Saturday November 7 : manuscript.
1	1	2001.22.1.2	Letter from "A. B. M." (?) to "My very dear Kittie", September 24, Lowell : manuscript, 2 p.
1	1	2001.22.1.3	Letter from Milton to "My Darling", Sunday evening 9:30 : manuscript; on reverse of form letter soliciting stocks from Kinnicutt & DeWitt, Bankers and Brokers, Worcester, Mass., March 19, 1886.
1	2	2001.22.1.4	Letter from "M" (Milton P. Higgins) to "My Dear Wife", September 14, 1871 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.5	Letter from Lizzie R. Smith, Springfield, Mass., to Mrs. Higgins, November 17, 1883 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.6	Letter from "Mattie" (?), Lowell, Mass., to "My very dear Kittie", October 13, 1884 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.7	Letter from Kathie Higgins to "My dear mama", March 22, 1885 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.8	Letter from Thomas Snell Smith, Winchester, N.H., to Mrs. Higgins, July 18, 1885, relating to Yesuthasan, an Asian boy : typescript.
1	2	2001.22.1.9	Letter from "HH" (?), care of L. S. Ward, Esq., Boston, to Mrs. Higgins, July 26, 1886 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.10	Letter from "Katie", Dubuque, Iowa, to Papa (Milton P. Higgins), May 14, 1886 (?) : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.11	Letter from Allie C. Higgins to "Mama", December 7, 1886 : manuscript.

Series 1, continued

1	2	2001.22.1.12	Letter from John W. Higgins to "Papa", December
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			14, 1886 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.13	Letter fragment, to “My Darling Kitten”, from Washington, D.C., June 4, 1887 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.14	Letter from “MP”, Baltimore, Md., to “My Darling Kitten”, July 14, 1887 : manuscript. 2 p.
1	2	2001.22.1.15	Letter from Milton, Baltimore, Md., to “Dearest Kitten”, July 15, 1887 : manuscript.
1	2	2001.22.1.16	Letter from Ed’d F. Higgins, Manchester, N.H., to Milton P. Higgins (brother), January 17, 1905 : typescript.
1	2	2001.22.1.17	Postcard from Serg. T. S. Bates, to Commanding Officer Co. C 19 th Inf’y, M. S. G., relating to anniversary of Worcester Light Infantry, June 4, 1918.
1	3	2001.22.1.18	“Worcester News”, writings by John Higgins as a child in newspaper format. 4 p.
1	3	2001.22.1.19	Notice “Cleaned by Olive and John for Papa and Mama”, decorated, by J. H. Manuscript writing (students notes?) on reverse.
1	3	2001.22.1.20	“Post Office Review”, writings by John W. Higgins as a child in newsletter format.

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Series 2, Ephemera

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	4	2001.22.2.1	Calling card, Mrs. J. Wyeth Coolidge.
1	4	2001.22.2.2	Card "Reception immediately after the ceremony" (possible part of 2001.22.2.4)
1	4	2001.22.2.3	Business card, Prof. T. P. Pemberton, Engineer and Draughtsman, also Assoc. Editor of the Industrial Monthly, New York City.
1	4	2001.22.2.4	Wedding invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Milton P. Higgins, Worcester, for wedding of daughter Katharine Elizabeth to Robert Sanford Riley, April 26, 1904.

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Series 3, Clippings

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	5	2001.22.3.1	“New York subway mad on the opening night”, relating to opening of New York City subway : [S.l., s.n., n.d.] Aqp
1	5	2001.22.3.2	Obituary of Annie Sawyer Downs : Boston Transcript, December 24, 1901. Aqp
1	5	2001.22.3.3	Obituary of Mrs. Olive Light Crosby : [S.l., s.n., n.d.] Aqp