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Inman Family
Collection

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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection contains the journals and one account book of the Harris Inman Family. It also includes some miscellaneous

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

Francis Henry Inman (1817-1898) was born in Burrillville, Rhode Island, a son of James and Nancy Inman. He married Hannah Marsh in 1840 and moved to Worcester in 1849. He began work in Worcester as a clerk for the firm of J. Pratt & Co. and in 1853 became a partner in that company renamed Pratt & Inman. The company dealt in wholesale iron and steel customers throughout New England from its offices at 265 Front Street in Worcester. Francis H. Inman continued with the business until his death in 1898 and was succeeded by his sons, Herbert and Albert H. Inman.

Scope and Content

The Inman Family Collection includes two diaries, an account book, and a folder with nine items removed from the volumes.

The first volume is an account book of personal and household expenses, August 1840 – December 1856, kept by Francis Henry Inman. The first entries in this volume record his purchase of furniture, carpets, glassware, dishes and other items necessary for starting a household. Later entries record the purchase of food, liquor, wood and other daily necessities.

Volume two is a diary of Francis Henry Inman, 10 August 1840 – 29 May 1844. Entries in the diaries mention Inman's work making scythes, metal bands and other metal products; business and social trips, visitors; politics; weather; and miscellaneous daily activities. The third volume continues the diary of Francis Henry Inman 30 May 1844 – 26 March 1848. This volume also contains the diary of Hannah Inman, 1 September 1854 – 31 December 1855. Entries for her diary mention her health, her children's health, cleaning chores, baking and cooking, and the religious services that she attended. The manuscript folder contains five items including an autobiography of Francis Henry Inman, 1837, three undated handwritten notes and a printed visiting card, 1867.

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Journals

Series 2: Miscellaneous items

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Series 1, Journals

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1		1982.70.1.1	Account book of Francis Henry Inman, 1840-1856
1		1982.70.1.2	Diary of Francis Henry Inman, 1840-1844
1		1982.70.1.3	Diary of Francis Henry Inman, 1844-1848, and Hannah Inman, 1854-1855
1		1982.70.1.3a	Hannah Marsh Inman Diary, typed transcribed
1	1	1982.70.1.4	Loose journal entry of Francis Henry Inman, 1937?
1	1	1982.70.1.4a	Photocopy of above
1	1	1982.70.1.5	Loose journal entry of Francis Henry Inman, 1840
1	1	1982.70.1.5a	Photocopy of above

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Series 2 , Miscellaneous items

<u>Box #</u>	<u>Folder #</u>	<u>Accession #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	2	1982.70.2.1	Invitation from Inman Family, 1867
1	2	1982.70.2.1a	Photocopy of above
1	2	1982.70.2.2	Invitation from Henry Washburn, 1856
1	2	1982.70.2.2a -b	Photocopy of above
1	2	1982.70.2.3	Loose account list, 66.50
1	2	1982.70.2.4	Request for appearance, 1838?
1	2	1982.70.2.4a	Photocopy of above
1	2	1982.70.2.5	Writing Practice
1	2	1982.70.2.5a-b	Photocopy of above
1	2	1982.70.2.6	Writing Practice
1	2	1982.70.2.6a-b	Photocopy of above
1	2	1982.70.2.7	Invitation? Sept, 2 1771
1	2	1982.70.2.7a-b	Photocopy of above