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Isaiah Thomas House Collection
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Collection Information

Abstract : Collection contains drawings and notes concerning the Isaiah Thomas home which

was built c. 1782 at Court Hill. It was moved to 25 Court Street in 1830 and torn down in 1923.

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

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Provenance : Found in archives December 2011. Old number associated with the records is 1934 -30

MARC Access : Collection is cataloged in MARC under the following subject headings (lcs, at, tgm, gmgcp)

Historical/Biographical Notes

Isaiah Thomas, a well recognized patriot, a printer, publisher and author built a home at Court Hill in Worcester in 1782. Thomas was also the first to read the Declaration of Independence to a New England audience. The home, in its original form, seems to have been a representative mansion of the time, simple and dignified and stable in construction. The house was enlarged several times during Mr. Thomas's lifetime. After he died in 1831, the home was moved back and behind the courthouse. Rejoice Newton was the second owner of the home and in April 1851, sold it to Moses T. Breck. Who lived in it till 1866. The house fell into disrepair and despite an attempt by the Worcester Historical Society to save the home, it was torn down in 1923.

Scope and Content

Collection contains drawings and notes concerning the Isaiah Thomas home which was built c. 1782 at Court Hill. It was moved to 25 Court Street in 1831 and torn down in 1923. Although this can not be confirmed, these notes and drawings could be the work of Charles H. Lincoln who was hired by Worcester Historical Society to do a study of the home before it was torn down in 1923.

Series Description

Series 1: Records related to Isaiah Thomas Estate

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1	1	2011.FIA.08.1.3 and 3a	Hand drawn map of the location of Thomas's printing office. Aqp.
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1	1	2011.FIA.08.1.5 and 5a	Land Transfers (1741 – 1843). Aqp.
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