

Haverhill Public Library Genealogical Vertical File collection, approximately 1670-1995, bulk approximately 1800-1910

Collection Summary

Reference Code:	31479006370190, MRQ, US.
Repository:	Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
Call Number:	HG2 Genealogical Vertical Files
Creator:	Haverhill Public Library
Title:	Haverhill Public Library Genealogical Vertical File collection
Dates:	Approximately 1670-1995, bulk approximately 1800-1910
Size:	7.92 linear feet (11 full sized document boxes and 3 oversize boxes)
Language(s):	Collection materials are in English
Abstract:	This collection contains materials that range in date from the 17 th century to the 20 th century, with the bulk of the material originating from the 19 th and 20 th centuries. The material mostly consists of biographical and genealogical information, property records, receipts, correspondence, legal documents, tax records, and newspaper clippings relating to individuals and families.

Organizational History

The Haverhill Public Library was established in 1873 in an agreement between wealthy industrialist E.J.M. Hale and the City of Haverhill. The agreement stipulated that Mr. Hale would donate land for a building site and half the money necessary to build and furnish a library if the people of Haverhill would donate the other half. He further stipulated that the City, in accepting this gift, would establish a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees and assume responsibility for the annual operating expenses of the library. The original library building opened November 18, 1875. In 1965 the Trustees decided to build a new library facility to replace the original building. With pledges from the community, proceeds from the sale of the original building, a federal library construction grant, and the fundraising efforts of the Trustees, construction began in 1966 and the new library opened in June of 1969. A subsequent renovation project, completed in 1997, increased space for materials, seating, and overall size from 30,500 to 44,000 square feet.

Scope and Content Note

Nearly 300 individual and familial records are represented in this collection. Ranging in dates from the 17th century to the 20th century, most of the materials originate from the 19th and 20th centuries. Included in the collection are biographical and genealogical information, legal documents, property records, tax records, correspondence, various receipts, and newspaper clippings. Some of the materials are on permanent loan from the Haverhill Historic Society. Materials are arranged in alphabetical order by personal or family name.

Administrative Information

- Preferred Citation:** [Item Identification], Haverhill Public Library Genealogical Vertical File Collection, 31479006370190, Special Collections, Haverhill Public Library, Haverhill, Massachusetts.
- Custodial History:** Some material in this collection are on permanent loan to the Haverhill Public Library from the Haverhill Historic Society. The documents will be housed in the Haverhill Public Library, but ownership is still maintained by the Haverhill Historic Society.
- Acquisition Information:** On permanent loan from the Haverhill Historic Society, Loan date unknown.
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- Separated Material:** Books and photographs were separated from the collection and cataloged separately. The "Poore Collection" was separated from the collection and cataloged separately.
- Conservation Notes:** Newspaper clippings have been photocopied on archival quality paper to preserve their recorded information.
- Subjects:** Haverhill (Mass.)
Haverhill Historical Society (Haverhill, Mass.)
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