Sturgis Library Archives

Allen, Doane, Taylor & Thacher Family Papers
MS. 124

Extent: 1 box

Scope and Content Note: The collection includes correspondence, receipts, deeds, probate and legal records, and other documents pertaining to the Allen, Doane, Taylor and Thacher families. Among the prominent names represented are Sarah Allen, David Allen, Edson Allen, Edward Allen, Henry Thacher, Martha Thacher, and Thomas Thacher.

Historical and Biographical Information:

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Contents:

Fldr 1 **Sara L. Allen papers – 1840s to 1920s.**
Correspondence, receipts, legal papers, estate papers, etc. Much of the correspondence has to do with the disposition of real estate that Mrs. Allen left to her daughter (also named Sarah L. Allen), upon Mrs. Allen's death.

Fldr 2 **Doane family papers – 1850s to 1910.**

Fldr 3 **Allen and Doane deeds and probate records – 1822 to 1932.**

Fldr 4 **Atkins Taylor deeds and legal papers – 1826 to 1843.**

Fldr 5 **Thacher family deeds – 1811 to 1840.**

Fldr 6 **Thacher family papers, primarily Henry C., Martha, and Thomas – 1826 to 1918.**
Daughter Mary owned the Col. John Thacher home in Yarmouth Port and was instrumental in making arrangements for the Winslow Crocker and John Thacher houses to become museums.

Fldr 7 **Miscellaneous deeds, probate and legal papers** 1804 to 1867.
Family names Bassett, Burgess, Cahoon, Chase, Eldridge, George, Howes, Kendrick, Mayo, Phillips, Sears, and Small.

Fldr 8 **Miscellaneous documents 1848 to 1865.**
Includes an account of summoning the police to a revival meeting because of a disturbance by "conscious-less young ruffians."

Fldr 9 **Recipes for health and medicinal cures – Undated.**