

**Sturgis Library Archives
Town and Local History Collection**

**Cobb Family Papers, 1872, 1894 - 1904
MS 48**

Extent: 2 folders

Historical and Biographical Information:

Elijah (born 1768) and Mary P. Cobb had two sons, Elijah born 1799 and Freeman born 1805. Freeman married Hannah Crosby in 1829; they had a son Freeman. Elijah married Caroline; three of their children were Mary Louise, Annette, and Emily C. Mary Louise resided in Boston and Brewster. She had an interest in local history and genealogy. She was involved in the creation of the Brewster Pilgrim Club. The younger Freeman married his cousin Annette. He was involved in the coaching industry in California, South America, Australia and South Africa.

Scope and Content Note:

The bulk of the collection consists of letters written to Mary Louise Cobb from Charles E Mayo, St Paul, Minnesota and from Josiah Paine, Harwich. These letters are obviously in response to inquiries from Mary Louise and relate to local and family history. All the letters have been transcribed by Walter E. Babbitt. Charles E Mayo compiled and edited the book, *Mortuary Record From the Gravestones in the Old Burial Ground in Brewster, Massachusetts*. Josiah Paine is the author of *A History of Harwich, Barnstable County, Massachusetts, 1620 – 1800* and *The History of the Town of Brewster*.

There is one letter addressed to Emily C. Cobb from Freeman. The letter is written in Graham's Town, South Africa and includes graphic descriptions of Boer living conditions.

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Contents:

Box 1

Folder 1 1872, 1894, Correspondence

- Letter to Emily C. Cobb from Freeman [Cobb], Graham's Town, 1872
- Letters to Mary Louise Cobb from Charles Mayo, 1894 – 1898.

Folder 2 1894 - 1904, Correspondence

- Letters to Miss Cobb from Josiah Paine, 1894, 1895, 1904