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Ebenezer S. Whittemore Diaries, 1866-1890
MS. 66

Extent: 3 boxes.

Biographical Note: Ebenezer S. Whittemore (also referred to as E.S. Whittemore) was born in Rindge, N.H. on September 4, 1828. Moving to Illinois as a young child with his family, he later attended the University of Michigan. After graduation he attended the Dane Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts and was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association in 1857. He opened his first law office in Sandwich, MA in 1858 and also kept a law office in Boston. He spent 30 plus years as a trial justice for Barnstable County and was a county commissioner. In 1862 Governor Andrew appointed him as a local draft commissioner for the County of Barnstable. In addition to his legal career he was a member of the Cape Cod Historical Society, for which he wrote and lectured, and he was often called on to preside over social, business and literary gatherings. Ebenezer Whittemore died in 1892.

Scope and Contents Note: The collection consists of 22 diaries written by Ebenezer S. Whittemore. In general the diaries chronicle Whittemore's professional appointments, weather conditions and social calls. Some of the diaries have newspaper clippings pasted into the pages. The 1886 diary has a clipping about several different groups petitioning for a charter to build the Cape Cod Canal. Another diary (with an unreadable date) seems to be the text of a talk given at the Provincetown Lyceum on Theodore Parker, a noted transcendentalist, by Whittemore.

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Language: Material entirely in English.

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Provincetown Lyceum talk, handwritten text, bound, illegible date. |