

Miscellaneous Papers  
Finding Aid  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Miscellaneous Peabody Papers

**Accession Number:** 2007.5; 2007.12

**Dates:** 1752-1983

**Bulk Dates:** 1801-1881

**Location:** Sutton Room, Foster Family Papers.

**Physical Description:** One Half Box of Papers

**Abstract:** Miscellaneous Peabody Papers are those manuscripts and documents which relate to Peabody's history but are so few in number that they do not require an entire box. Included with these papers are the Peabody/Salem Express Papers 1895; 1983, Upton Papers, 1781-1857 and Miscellaneous Papers, 1752-1882.

## Search Terms

Upton family

Peabody/Salem Express

Hagar family

Hill family

Hill, Benjamin, (1791-1869)

Lotteries – United States – History

Osborne family

Moulton family

Dale family

Dole family

Felton family

South Danvers National Bank

## Provenance

The Peabody/Salem Express Company Papers were donated by John Wells sometime during the 1990s. The provenance of the Upton and Miscellaneous Papers is unknown.

## Processing

The papers were reviewed in 2006 and processed in March 2007.

### **Conservation Work**

Papers were unfolded and tears mended. One photograph of the Peabody/Salem Express was removed to Photograph Box 2,

### **Restrictions**

Property of the Peabody Institute Library and all copyrights belong to the library. Access is only in the Sutton Room and all research is supervised.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Miscellaneous Papers are comprised of those documents which relate to Peabody history, but are so few as to not require a box of their own. They have been filed at the end of the Foster Family Papers.

The Peabody/Salem Express Papers were created by Helen Hagar, the daughter of William C. Hagar, who bought the business in 1895. It was gone from Peabody by 1923. The papers were solicited by John Wells in 1983 and include a handwritten letter to Wells, a memoir of Helen Hagar's memories of the Express, a photograph of her father and the Express. She also included copies of the obituary of Benjamin D. Hill (1791-1869), Helen Hagar's great-grandfather who fought in the War of 1812 and was a prisoner at Dartmoor.

Upon his return to South Danvers from his imprisonment at Dartmoor, Benjamin D. Hill married Eliza Weston in 1818. Their son Benjamin D. Hill married Martha Clark in 1848. They had at least two children, George Dean Hill (1855-1930) and E. Florence Hill. It appears another brother was the father of Emma F. Hill, who married William C. Hagar. Helen Clark Hagar was born in 1896. On the back of the obituary Helen Hagar had copied from the Peabody Press, are her hand-written notes. These recount her the stories of Hill, as handed down to her by her parents.

The Upton Papers contain a 1781 agreement between John Upton, Jonathan Tarbel and Jacob Brown with Jonathan Gould for rent of a parsonage in Lynn; a partial 1820 tax receipt signed by Upton, a tax collector; an 1828 deed between James Batchelder and Elijah Upton; and an 1857 letter to Elijah Upton from Austin Phelps, professor at the Andover Theological Seminary, asking for help with their Beneficiary Fund.

The Miscellaneous Papers contain a pair of 1752 lottery tickets signed by James Porter of Danvers; a 1796 deed between Samuel Phippen and Jonathan Osborne; an 1801 inventory of Bartholomew Moulton's estate; an 1804 letter from Molly Dale (or Dole) from London to her children in the United States; an 1812 notice to Nathaniel Felton to summon the militia for duty; an 1820 note; an 1876 to 1878 account ledger between Warren Putnam and H. A. Wilkins & Sons; an 1881 note and letter from William H. Lee regarding John Patterson's history; an 1885 note from the South Danvers National Bank and miscellaneous papers of events held in Peabody by the Essex County Teacher's Association, 1907 to 1910.

They also include a diary by William Blaney Hammond, 1834-1895, written in 1857. It also includes his accounts until 1859.

### **Organization and Container List**

<b>Container</b>	<b>Contents</b>
<b>Foster Family Papers</b>	
Folder 10	Peabody/Salem Express Papers, 1983.
Photograph Box 2 Hagar.	Photograph of Peabody/Salem Express and William C.
Folder 11	Upton Papers, 1781-1857.
Folder 12	Miscellaneous Papers, 1752-1885.
Folder 13	William Blaney Hammond, 1834-1895, Diary. 1857.