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Guide to the

**Samuel Lawrence reminiscences**

1875

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## Summary

**Creator:** Lawrence, Samuel, 1801-1880

**Title:** Samuel Lawrence reminiscences

**Date:** 1875

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** Prominent Massachusetts merchant Samuel Lawrence wrote these reminiscences of his childhood and early life in Groton and Boston while in Stockbridge in March 1875. The reminiscences cover the years 1803-1844 and mention James Madison, Noah Webster, the Marquis de Lafayette, Samuel Morse, Henry Clay, Rufus Choate, John Brown, a visit of Charles Dickens' and his wife to the Lawrence home, John James Audubon, the Agazzis, the War of 1812, disputes about nullification, and other matters. The reminiscences also include accounts of the early days of the Republic, heard from Lawrence's father, a soldier of the Revolution, and others

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Memoirs

### Subjects

Merchants -- Diaries

### Geographic Names

United States -- History -- War of 1812

### Names

Lawrence, Samuel, 1801-1880

Audubon, John James, 1785-1851

Choate, Rufus, 1799-1859

Clay, Henry, 1777-1852

Dickens, Charles, 1812-1870

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834

Madison, James, 1751-1836

Morse, Samuel Finley Breese, 1791-1872

Webster, Noah, 1758-1843