



# The New York Public Library Manuscripts and Archives Division

Guide to the

## **Adams-Slocum family papers**

1809-1867 [bulk 1820-1844]

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### **Summary**

**Creator:** Adams family

**Title:** Adams-Slocum family papers

**Date:** 1809-1867 [bulk 1820-1844]

**Size:** .6 linear feet (1 box)

**Abstract:** Charlotte, Levina and Susan Adams were sisters who lived in Medway, Mass. during the first half of the 19th century. Charlotte married Christopher Slocum of New York and Levina married Cephus Taylor. Slocum's sister Esther married Rev. Lewis Pennell. Collection consists of correspondence of the Adams sisters and other family members and friends, minutes, and financial papers. Correspondence contains information on social and economic conditions among women of Massachusetts and Rhode Island who worked in private homes as spinners, weavers, dressmakers, housekeepers, etc.; women who had shops; and women who taught school. Some letters depict religious activities in Massachusetts. Papers also include the minutes of the Medway, Mass. Social Debating Society and financial papers of Christopher Slocum.

**Alternative Form Available:** Susan Adams letters, 1809-1834, available on microfilm; New York Public Library

**Preferred citation:** Adams-Slocum family papers, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

Debates and debating -- Massachusetts -- 19th century  
Women -- Employment -- Massachusetts -- 19th century  
Women -- Massachusetts -- 19th century -- Social conditions

### **Geographic Names**

Massachusetts -- Religion -- 19th century  
Massachusetts -- Social life and customs -- 19th century  
United States -- Social life and customs -- 19th century

### **Names**

Adams family  
Adams, Susan, d. 1839  
Pennell, Esther Slocum  
Slocum, Charlotte Adams  
Slocum, Christopher  
Thayer, Cephus  
Thayer, Levina Adams  
Ware, Harriet  
Ware, Myra  
Slocum family  
Social Debating Society (Medway, Mass.)