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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.

Access: Advance notice required.

Alternative Form Available: Susan Adams letters, 1809-1834, available on microfilm; 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, 1799-1847
Ware, Myra
Slocum family
Social Debating Society (Medway, Mass.)